

FORMATION AND DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

Minutes of February 20th, 2018 Meeting (rev #0)

The *Formation and Discipleship Committee* of the Pastoral Council called to order at approximately 6:50 p.m. Rich Vetrano was acting chairperson in Deacon John's absence.

Members Present: K. McQuillan – *Mom's Ministry*, K. Fischer – *Small Discipleship Groups*. R. Vetrano – *P. Council Liaison*,
S. El-Azem – *Children's Ministry*, B. Abler – *High School Youth Ministry*, M. Capper – *Trustee*.

Members Absent: F. Allen - *Mom's Group & Rel. Ed.*, A. Bonk – *School Comm.*, T. Garczyński – *P. Council Liaison*, M. Geary – *Small Discipleship Grps.*, R. Gerstl – *Mom's Grp.*, T. Morton – *School Advisory Comm.* and D. Williams-seminarian, C. Bannen – *Library*, Dcn. J. Ebel – *Comm. Chr.*, M. Pernice – *Pryr & Worship*, W. Rettko – *Men's Grp.*, Sr. K. Sawyer – *at large*. Other committees not represented included: *Marriage Ministry*, *Simply the Word*. M. Lenz – *SPRED*.

1. The Committee approved the January 17, 2018 meeting minutes.
2. Old Business:
 - a. Sub-committee/Ministry area reports:
 - i. Barb Abler reported on Tosa Trio Youth Ministry – Feb 11th Candidate Sponsor night, at which Nino Rebholz and Dave Kinsman from UWM Campus ministry spoke. Also, Barb gave reports of 2 very successful recent confirmation retreats (Jan 26-28 and Feb 16-18). She also talked about Upcoming candidate interviews – confirmants to meet with Fr. Paul Portland and Fr. Joe Jagodensky on Feb 25th. Letters of Intent to Bishops are in progress. Kelly Levenhagen will give a presentation re: Trip to Quitio Family Center in Ecuador for Sophomores – connecting it to “Do Cat – One World One Humanity.”
 - ii. Kristin Fischer reported that recently the small group facilitators got together to compare what each group is doing, and to get to know one another. They will be starting a facilitator “newsletter” to help each other stay connected and informed. They are planning a “Sip n’ Dip” social gathering to recruit additional small group leaders, as there are so many people interested in joining groups and too few leaders.
 - iii. Kelly McQuillan reported that the Mom’s ministry is still meeting the 1st and 3rd Fridays of the month and Coming up in Lent, Fr. Phillip has agreed to offer reconciliation to the group. Also, they are beginning to use the Alpha program with the parents of the 2nd graders.
 - iv. Sam El-Azem reported that Children's Ministry is using the *Catechism of the Good Shepherd* program for kids ages 3-12
 - b. Guest Visit:
 - i. None.
 - c. Continued discussion on the initiative proposed by R. Vetrano re: *College Bound Info. /Formation Opportunities*:
 - i. We reviewed the meeting notes from Deacon John's meeting with Peter Burds. We also discussed feedback from Confirmation students about “what might get them to show up for a college-bound Seniors program. We determined the following next steps:
 1. Schedule meeting with Steve Blaha
 2. Read Growing Young book (Rich has ordered the book)

3. Form a sub-committee to keep the project moving **(IF YOU ARE COMMITTED TO BEING INVOLVED IN THIS, CONTACT RICH at rich@corecreative.com. So far, subcommittee members are Rich Vetrano, Margaret Capper, Deacon John?)**
 4. Schedule meeting for sub-committee.
 - d. Discussed the Reflection Question (based on Transfiguration Reading): "How do our mountain top experiences of Christ help us in the depths of life's valleys?" We answered that our profound experiences with Jesus sustain us through difficult times. They also prepare us to help others through their Valleys and to recognize the need for a relationship with Jesus.
3. New Business
 - i. No new business was covered as Fr. Phillip shortened the meeting time by 15 minutes
 4. Other Business
 - a. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:45.m.

Submitted by: Rich Vetrano