

FORMATION AND DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

Minutes of May 16, 2018 Meeting (rev #0)

The Formation and Discipleship Committee of the Pastoral Council called to order at approximately 6:45 p.m.

Members Present: B. Abler – *H. S. Youth Ministry*, F. Allen – *Mom's Group & Rel. Ed.*, M. Capper – *Trustee*, Dcn. J. Ebel – *Comm. Chr.*, S. El-Azem – *Children's Ministry*, K. Fischer – *Small Discipleship Groups*, T. Garczynski – *P. Council Liaison*, [M. Geary, K. Kasmerchak, J. Landisch, L. Shears] – *Small Discipleship Groups*, S. Harrington – *Interim Principle*, W. Rettko – *Men's Grp*, C. Schmidt – *Trustee*, R. Vetrano – *P. Council Liaison*

Members Absent: A. Bonk – *School Comm.*, R. Gerstl – *Mom's Grp.*, K. McQuillan – *Mom's Ministry*, T. Morton – *School Advisory Comm.* and D. Williams – *seminarian*, C. Bannen – *Library*, M. Pernice – *Pryr & Worship*, Other committees not represented included: *Marriage Ministry*, M. Lenz – *SPRED*, [Sr. K. Sawyer, M. Hughes, K. Hughes, K. Meylink] – *at large*.

1. The Committee approved the March 21, 2018 meeting minutes.
2. Old Business:
 - a. Sub-committee/Ministry area reports:
 - i. Kristin Fischer gave a detailed report re: What (purpose), Why, Who, When & Where on Small Discipleship Groups. She highlighted the breath/scope of the groups, the growing numbers and the support (facilitator training, newsletter and manual) that the core team is providing to the groups. Initiatives include integrating the small groups within the school, exploring possibilities within R.C.I.A., religious education families and other sacramental preparation. They are producing marketing materials and creating a presence on the parish website.
 - ii. Barb Abler reported: *Mass with Class* held 4/29 ended the year with Fr. Joe Rodrigues presiding. Confirmation was held on 4/30. Mission Trip meeting held on 5/6 at CK with Mass, breakfast and "Safety & Skills Stations." Senior High – Graduates received first class mailing inviting them to a Blessing of Graduates at all three parishes at each mass. They received information on Newman Centers and a request for where they are attending college in the fall. St. Pius X- Human Concerns with the *Tosa-Trio* hosted "anti-bullying" session for parents 4/15 following the 6pm mass.
 - iii. Sam El-Azem reported that she has created a Parent Handbook that presents her working vision for the three parish Children's Faith Formation. Consistent with the mission of the parish to: "Proclaim Christ, Making Disciples through the Sacramental Life of the Church," the vision incorporates a monthly family gathering component. The family aspect supports weekly "Catechesis of the Good shepherd" for 3 & 4 year olds/kids small groups K5 – 5th grade; all of which leads to weekly small group meeting for sacramental preparation for first Reconciliation and Holy Communion.
 - iv. R. Vetrano reported that the "College-bound Sr.'s Program" has been put on hold.
 - v. S. Harrington reported the school has a new principal, Gina Brown. Ms. Brown will begin on 7/1. Two teachers are retiring; while all others are returning. Thirty-four eighth graders will graduate June 1.
3. New Business
 - a. Reviewed and discussed understanding of our committee goals taken from **Growing Jesus' Parish**. The committee: is **fostering deeper more authentic intentional relationships** with Jesus Christ in the parish. Parish **activities and initiatives faithfully adhere to Gospel values, fostering Church teachings** throughout ministries and organizations; **deliberate efforts to provide appealing, welcoming formational opportunities have a positive impact** on the parish and parishioners are **coming to see faith formation as an ongoing journey** in the Spirit.
4. Other Business
 - a. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm. Next meeting 12 September 2018

Submitted by: Dcn. J. A. Ebel