

FORMATION AND DISCIPLESHIP COMMITTEE

Minutes of November 16, 2016 Meeting

The *Formation and Discipleship Committee* of the Pastoral Council was called to order at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Members Present: B. Abler – *Youth Ministry*, F. Allen - *Mom's Group & Rel. Ed.*, Margaret Capper – *Trustee*, Dcn. J. Ebel – *Comm. Chr.*, K. Hughes – *Principal*, Amy Janiszewski – *Rel. Ed.*, T. Morton – *School Advisory Comm.*, Bill Rettko – *P. Council* and B. Scholz - *P. Council Liaison*.

Members Absent: Fr. P. Bogacki, A. Bonk – *School Comm.*, K. Fisher – *Core Team Small Discipleship Grps.*, R. Gerstl – *Mom's Grp.*, W. Krill - *P. Council*, K. McQuillan – *Mom's Grp*, W. Rettko – *P. Council*, M. Pernice - *Rel. Ed.*, Fr. D. Saran, Sr. K. Sawyer – *at large*, Committees not represented: *Baptism Ministry, Marriage Ministry, R.C.I.A., Home & School, SCRIP, Marketing, Alumni and Athletics*.

1. Approved the September 21, 2016 meeting minutes.
2. Old Business:
 - a. Sub-committee/Ministry area reports:
 - i. **Youth Ministry:** B. Abler reported; All high school students participated in: a *House of Peace* food drive - the 9th grader's filled 125 full and 15 partial boxes of food donations. For the *Repairers of the Breach*, 125 sandwiches were prepared and colored hard boiled eggs were provided. 250 place mats were made for the *Senior Meal Program's* Thanksgiving Day dinner. Junior's and their leaders volunteered to rake leaves for those unable to do so. They also celebrated the Rite of Commitment and Candidate Sponsor Night. The sophomore's heard a talk on the bioethics of abortion and the death penalty.
 - ii. **Mom's Group:** F. Allen reported that they continue to offer play time the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month, while offering an opportunity to pray the rosary or read the scriptures in preparation for the upcoming Sunday celebration. Coverage will be provided again for child-care during the Advent "between the Masses." K. Dorrington completed her program for the parents of 2nd graders preparing for 1st Holy Communion. She is considering offering it a second time.
 - iii. **Religious Ed.:** M. Pernice sent via email that: *Family ADVENTures* will begin on the first Sunday of Advent, which is Thanksgiving weekend. *Children's Liturgy of the Word* (K4 – 2nd Grade) will be held at the 10:30am Mass during Advent. If all goes well it will be offered for the five weeks of Lent. On the 3rd Sunday of Advent a *special kid/family "Between the Masses" event* will be held. Parents may attend either event- for kids/family or the adult speaker session in hopes the "dropping off" syndrome can be discouraged.
 - iv. **Day School:** K. Hughes shared that the initial feedback on the school accreditation visit is very favorable. To summarize "...Christ King is a Catholic, Catholic School." The report will be available in December. Service projects in the school include: *House of Peace* visit to the 2nd grade; for the *Women's Care Center* – a Student Council led "*penny wars*" fund raiser which gathered ~\$830.00 dollars and additionally, baby supplies were also collected and donated. For Advent outreach, once again socks will be collected and donated to the *House of Peace*.
 - b. The F & D Committee discussed the "Between the Masses" October offering entitled: *Holy Mass: Called and Sent – What Does It All Mean for All of Us?* The overall feeling was that the speaker struck a good balance of not being overly intellectual, but also not too simplistic in his presentation. It did not seem to reach a younger demographic (relevance) but many of the "reliable faithful" found the talks very enlightening and informative. The time frame may not have been convenient for younger families and millennials due to busy lives and conflicts. Perhaps more creative adaptation of technology could be employed; e.g. taping it for later viewing and offering a time to gather for facilitated discussion. The Advent series will begin on Sunday 11/20/2016 entitled the *Musical and Scriptural Roots of the Mass*.

3. New Business

a. With the time remaining we held a preliminary discussion on the whole area of moving a parish from "***maintenance to mission.***" Fr. Phillip's article on the subject was made available for everyone to read and begin to reflect on this important upcoming focus of the Pastoral Council and parish-at-large initiative.

b. Next meeting date is Wednesday, 22 February, 2016

4. Other Business

a. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m.

Submitted by: Dcn. J. Ebel