

Faith Formation Committee Meeting Minutes  
January 14, 2014  
10:00 a.m. Sister Bay

Present: Judy Dillman, Linda Cummer, Mark Kunstman, Sharon Brabson, Jan Liss, and Pat Gureski

Meeting began with prayer.

Up Date on Coffee with Matthew: Mark reported the Sister Bay group met with 19 in attendance on the 2<sup>nd</sup> week; good comments; good sharing but smaller group sharing could be better. Sharon reported at Jacksonport there were 5 persons in the group. Judy Dillman reported Fr. Dave had some concern about the cost of books, but the plan is for more use of the same books for upper grade faith formation.

The overall thought was the program is a success. The suggestion for the future was to not have conflicting events as some people would like to attend. The structure of not having to pre register is working for those who drop in at any given session.

Publicity for Faith Formation Activities: Judy Dillman reported she made posters for Coffee with Matthew and included it in the announcements. A hand out was included in a bulletin for the events. Information is also passed through the catechists to the families in youth faith formation. Sharon Brabson stated that the liaison of each of the committees is asked to pass on information unto other committees from the committee which they are the liaison. A suggestion was made to send a bulletin home with the faith formation students. Linda Cummer suggested she would like to see more mentoring done with persons on the adult and older faith formation students on a regular basis or at least quarterly.

Women's Spiritually Based Activities:

Judy Dillman spoke with Father Dave on suggestions such as an eight part program called, Circle of Catholic Women which includes prayer, scripture, journaling; encouraging spirituality.

([www.circleofcatholicwomen.com](http://www.circleofcatholicwomen.com)), the program is relatively simple. It uses two books each with eight chapters. Mark Kuntsman recommended the committee approve the program and recommended the program to Fr. Dave.

Sharon Brabson stated CRHP is sponsoring a morning of reflection on April 26.

Mark suggested the committee develop a long range plan for the start of the fiscal year beginning July 1.

Discussion from Vice Chairs:

Youth Programs: No report from chairs. Linda Cummer reported she is talking with Jane Burress of the Shepherd of the Bay Congregation regarding a mentoring program and older youth program. Jane meets with the youth of that congregation quite regularly. Linda suggested working with Jane to develop an ecumenical youth activity.

Adult Programs: Mark Kunstman stated the series, "A Talk with Mary" was approved to start after Easter and recommends The New Evangelization DVD program for fall of 2015 by the Very Rev. Robert E. Barron. It is suggested for a six week session and Mark recommends the location at Fish Creek. Mark asked the committee to consider an Advent program and suggests Rick Warren's program of faith sharing with small group discussion. Mark will research what other parishes within the diocese are using.

Linda Cummer stated St. Joe's is using Matthew Kelly's new book, Traits of a Dynamic Catholic for Lenten use. Mark suggests using it for a future Lenten program. Men's bible study is continuing Thursday mornings on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

Mark suggested scheduling men's and women's simultaneous sessions at the same location with combined fellowship following.

Sharon commented the planning is great and suggests having a speaker on a quarterly parish wide basis.

Research and Training: Sharon Brabson reported on the USCCB website with an objective of putting a plan together for Adult Faith Formation. She provided a copy of the USCCB guidelines for an adult Faith Formation Team. She suggests our committee research what adults we need to reach out to within the parish and within the community on an ecumenical basis. Sharon will share with the committee an article she has found on what adults are looking at today.

Mark suggests we look at on how we can expand on the already existing parish activities.

Expanding on mission trips and service activities for youth can also be looked at.

Update from Faith Formation Director, Judy Dillman Judy mentioned with some of our high school youth might help with the newcomer's brunch on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Dillman recommends a parish wide gathering with a speaker and suggests a gentleman from Madison.

Linda Cummer spoke to the issue of the technology update at Baileys Harbor site. Judy reported that Fr. Dave had some one come into the site to review the logistics. Mark suggested our committee ask the Finance Council to take action on this. Pat Gureski will ask this be put on the Finance Council's next agenda.

Sharon Brabson reported on a newly formed committee on Eucharistic Adoration had started. Next week is a national day of prayer for life and there will be a Eucharistic adoration on that day in Sister Bay. She suggested persons from each of the parish committees take responsibility for a half hour. Linda Cummer would like to include her class and have them meet at the Sister Bay site that day.

Mark recommends having the parish office check on the possibilities of an email broadcast newsletter. There was one several years ago and could be re-established. Linda added using the newsletter section on the website. Sharon stated this was something that was supposed to have come with our parish directory. Linda again suggested including the high school youth. This will be looked into further.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 4 at 9:30 a.m. at Sister Bay.

Meeting closed with prayer at 11:20 with prayer.

Recorded by Pat Gureski