

Stella Maris Education Commission Minutes Mar 15, 2016

Attending- Mark Kunstman, Jan Liss. Linda Cummer joined for the Youth Faith Formation discussion.

Adult Faith Formation Update/Review

- Lenten small groups- Five groups seem to be going well. Discussed suggesting to a few of the groups that they may wish to continue in some fashion after Lent, at least monthly.
- The presentation by Deborah Gretzinger, "Praying With the Women Who Walked with Jesus" had 20 attend, with several commenting on how much they enjoyed it. The Worship committee had Mother Mary Katherine speak, also on a Thursday and had about 40 in attendance; lunch was offered (stew, cornbread and dessert) which might be something to consider with another speaker. Important to remember is discussing future speakers with Worship committee, well in advance, to avoid any duplication or close scheduling.
- Deacon still plans to start the Married Couples program to run September to late Nov.
- Adult FF budget was discussed. Included in separate document.

Youth Faith Formation Update/Review

- Edge curriculum will continue next year
- Linda will be involved with SB VBS, but will not run it.
- Families of Faith –This is going well. Very good turnout when parents joined students for Stations of the Cross followed by a potluck dinner. Discussed how this program can, for the time being, take the place of a mentor program.
- Middle school student's visit to Scandia went well. Linda plans to establish an ongoing monthly connection between the students and Scandia residents with visits, letters, cards etc.
- Linda will not plan to teach next year but instead will assist with the 9th grade class. There will be a need for 4 catechists. Discussed recruiting some parents to teach.
- Linda is working with Michelle on the Feast Day; this year it will be themed on the symbolic flowers of Mary. Students will carry in 7 different flowers and give 7 different readings related to the flowers, on their symbolism to Mary.
- Annual safety talk to students is planned. Kathleen Kerwin, the parish nurse, will present to the grades 1-3 and 4-6. A sex trafficking video from the diocese will be shown to the middle school.
- Youth FF budget was discussed. Included in separate document.

Next meeting is Tuesday, April 19

Meeting closed with a blessing prayer.

Submitted by Jan Liss