

Faith Formation Commission Meeting September 21, 2016

This was a combined meeting of Youth and Adult Faith Formation Committees. In attendance: Mark Kunstman, Jan Liss, Jim Stollenwerk, Linda Cummer and Sharon Brabson.

Mark opened the meeting with prayer. All read the Mission and Vision Statements.

Adult Faith Formation:

A Walk with Our Blessed Mother

Discussion ensued regarding the program from Ascension Press, '*A Walk with Our Blessed Mother, Mary*'. A few of the Small Groups were looking for a Fall Program. Linda has researched this one and is planning to use with the Faith Formation Parents. The Ellison Bay and Sister Bay groups have also expressed a desire for this program. It is eight weeks which we will reduce to seven weeks by combining the Introduction and Week 1. Participants can buy a course book for \$20 but will not be required to do so. It was also felt we could purchase two leader guides and videos to share among the groups. Sharon expressed some concern this would run into Advent but the two groups starting this now wanted something for fall and they will be through by Advent. The 'Mary' program will run from the first week of October through the 3rd week of November. Sharon suggested it may be good to get a small group in Baileys Harbor and / or Egg Harbor which could then run the program after Lent from the 3rd week of April through the 1st week of June.

Meeting Christ in Prayer

Sharon also mentioned the 'Meeting Christ in Prayer' should be offered twice a year. This is a onetime 8 week session based on the Jesuit spirituality and prayer practices. This will be offered in January and June. Leaders should be recruited from those having participated.

Advent Small Groups

Mark shared some research on potential Advent Small Groups. The People of the Nativity is a four week session and seemed like a good fit. We will discuss further and make a final decision at our October meeting. In the meantime small groups can be recruited or reformed for the Advent season.

CRHP

Sharon said the CRHP Team is preparing diligently for the CRHP Weekend scheduled for November 5 & 6 at our Baileys Harbor site. This is recruitment time and if you have anyone in mind please let Sharon know.

Book Club

The Book Club continues to thrive with about 20 members. Many others who cannot attend the sessions are reading the books. The book club meets on the 2nd Monday of the month at 10:00AM in Sister Bay. October 10 they will be discussing '*Seven Women*' by Eric Mataxas. In November they will be discussing '*Change of Heart*' by Jeanne Bishop. They will also be asking for input to develop the list of books for the upcoming months

Men and Women Faith Formation

Two upcoming faith sharing opportunities were discussed. For the Men of the Parish, there is an evening of discipleship being planned on October 5th from 4:00PM to 8:00PM in Sister Bay. The women are planning a Retreat Day on October 21 with a Coffee Shop theme. Bulletin inserts and announcements will run in October.

Youth Faith Formation:

Classes Begin

Linda is preparing for the new term. Classes will start on October 5. Linda shared the year calendar with the team. We could still use another catechist. For now the classes are covered as Mary Moran will take both the 3rd and 4th grades and Mary Kate Mc Cormack will be covering 7th and 8th grades. Linda will be helping out with the Edge program.

Families in Faith;

Linda had a successful first year with this effort and is looking forward to finding new ways to involve the parents. She will continue to require them to come into the classrooms to pick up their children and is adding an opportunity this year to involve them during class by reading to the children. She has also developed a schedule for parents to volunteer

with their children to participate as greeters or readers at Sunday Mass. As mentioned above she will lead a group in the 'Walk with Our Blessed Mother' program. Shae is also distributing a letter inviting all the women to CRHP in November.

Christmas Program

The program this year will be the theme of Christmas Around the World. Each grade level will be sharing information and customs from a different country. The supper afterwards will also include food from around the world.

Confirmation

This year all 9th, 10th and 11th year students will be confirmed which will include 15 children. The Confirmation date is set for Thursday, May 25.

Other Issues Discussed:

Annual Calendar

Mark will develop a calendar for the upcoming year and forward to Michelle for the S\October 11 Leadership Meeting. This will list the known activities as they stand now. Linda's calendar for Youth Faith Formation should also be sent.

Faith Formation Committee Membership

Our committee is active but needs a couple more members. Please think about who may be of help and invite them to join us.

Meeting Dates:

After discussion it was decided we would meet on the third Wednesday of the month from 10:00Am to Noon in Sister Bay. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday October 19 at 10:00AM.