

Meeting Minutes

Date: Jun 3, 2010

Re: Faith Formation Commission Meeting of 24 May 2010

Members present: [Ken Maleck](#), [Joe McBride](#), [Katie Conner](#), [Mark Ristroph](#), [Dan McCabe](#).

Members absent: [Jennifer Bovitz](#)

Deacon Ken Maleck opened the meeting with a prayer at 7:30 pm.

Each member gave or submitted a report of the status of the ministries under their area. (See attached summary below.)

New Business:

Deacon Ken asked the group to brainstorm a response to an inquiry by an RCIA team member on how new parishioners coming in through the RCIA program can find a small faith sharing group that they will fit into. Joe noted that that are really only 2 or 3 groups that meet during the year or during Lent only. The appeal in the bulletin before Lent resulted in one new group being formed. Katie noted that most the small groups that we have are each listed separately in the ministry catalog (Fr Jerry's, Mike & Joe's Men's group, & "Together"), but they are not grouped in that fashion. Perhaps if the folks wanting to get in a group submitted the date/time most convenient for them would be a better approach to recruitment.

The group opined that an RCIA mentor (someone other than their sponsor) could act as a liaison to get each new member plugged into parish life based on their particular gifts, as well as their wants & needs.

Another suggestion was to offer a coffee & donuts after 10:30 Mass as a way of introducing newcomers (from RCIA & otherwise) to what St Mary's has to offer for adult faith formation in terms of small groups, large Group (9 am Sunday mornings). Presenting it as "let us find your needs" would help attract attendees.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

-Submitted by Deacon Ken Maleck

Faith Formation Commission—Mid-Year Report

February 16, 2010

Together (formerly Familia) – Contact & Liaison: Katie Conner

Katie will step down as leader of this ministry. Helen Rempala has agreed to be the new leader.

Small faith Sharing Groups: Contact & Liaison: Joe McBride

Joe will be stepping down as leader of this ministry. He suggested contacting Sara O'Neill to see if she would agree to be the new leader.

Family Night Workshops: Contact: Joan Purucker Liaison: Joe McBride

Erin Williams will continue to help Joan with the ministry.

Vacation Bible School: Contact: Joan Purucker Liaison: Jennifer Bovitz

Still needs more adult volunteers.

Catechesis Good Shepherd: Contact: Joan Purucker Liaison: Joe McBride

Believe that Carrie Roberts now attends St Joseph's, so Joan will need another assistant.

Second Wednesday & Retrouville: Contact: John McCormack Liaison: Dan McCabe

No changes, other than more participants are needed for both programs.

Sunday Morning adult education: Contact: & Liaison: Deacon Ken

Feedback from the group was that they would like to study the Letter of James and Psalms next year (both are dvd programs in the Jeff Cavins series).

Gathering: Contact: & Liaison: Deacon Ken

Activity has begun in anticipation of the diocese's "Catholics Coming Home" program. Deacon Ken attended a steering committee meeting in Savannah. The Gathering team will be re-forming to insure returning Catholics feel welcomed & have opportunities to integrate into parish life at St Mary's. Local TV ads will run on during Advent 2010.

Natural Family Planning: Contact: Rebecca Grady Liaison: Katie Conner

Rebecca reported that the diocese will no longer fund the ordering & purchase of brochures, & other materials for the program. That cost is shifted to the parishes. Also, the logistical burden will fall in her court.

Cursillo: Contact: Jerry Marcotte Liaison: Katie Conner

This deanery program is going well. No other need at this time.

Other ministries had no changes from the January update.