

Joint Faith Formation Commission Minutes

September 6, 2022

The Joint Faith Formation was called to order by Kara Backes with opening prayer at St Athanasius.

Members present: Sarah Anderson, Shelley Manternach, Kara Backes, Jennifer Thoma, Lori Schutte, and Anna Bader.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were approved from July 5, 2022.

Faith Formation Reports

- A. YFF-Starts 9/6/22. All catechists and associate positions have been filled. 123 kids are currently signed up for YFF. All curriculum is new except 2nd grade due to no longer having Formed.
- B. NCYC-no updates
- C. Baptism-Going well
- D. RCIA-Have a full team to teach but currently do not have any candidates

Pastors Report

- A. No Pastors report from Fr Benjamin

Items for Discussion

- A. Theology on Tap will be put on hold until after Fall. Will consider inviting Fr Ben or Fr Diehm to do a presentation at DeNali's
- B. Christmas in July had a small crowd but feedback was that kids had a lot of fun. Was a great way for the Totus Tuus leaders to meet people and get familiar with the church. People that attended were already registered for Totus Tuus. 36-40 kids participated in Totus Tuus over the week.
- C. Belle Even is stepping down from the Faith Formation Council. Will contact IC to see if they have anyone that would like to join FFC
- D. St. Francis asked if we would like to purchase books with daily devotions with them. It was approved to order 100 books and split with St. Francis.
- E. Had a donation for Christmas book to be *Holy Moments*. Ideas are if we do a bookmark again we could ask this person their favorite quote from the book. Other ideas were to hand out goodie bags for kids with coloring books and candy, peanuts and an apple, or a hot chocolate kit with hot chocolate, candy, and a candy cane with the story of the candy cane. Will ask IC and St. Francis if they would like to purchase books as well.
- F. The Endowment committee had the idea to start having youth masses to get kids excited and involved with mass. In partnering with the school and YFF October 9th and November 12th will be youth lead masses. Will start training 4th graders to be alter servers.

Meeting adjourned with closing prayer

Next meeting scheduled for October 4, 2022 at 7 pm

Submitted by Anna Bader