

## Minutes

### Wisdom of Our Faith Commission

January 30, 2014

#### Attendees:

Eileen Glynn-Tucker, Kevin Sullivan, Teresa Chiappone, John Brodarick, Jonathan Monroe, John Andrews, Kathy Andrews, Rich Schroedle, Des Paden, George Kashmar, Rich Nowson

Called to order at 7:05PM.

Opening Prayer: The First Principle and Foundation - Saint Ignatius of Loyola as paraphrased by David Fleming, S.J. led by Eileen

#### Announcements:

- We are beginning calendaring for vital programs and will add additional groups and more programs in March. Please send dates to Eileen. Thank you to everyone who has already submitted dates.
- Just Neighbors program is starting tonight. All are welcome; please see the Carpenter for details.
- Teresa was introduced as our Assistant Director of Catechesis and Youth Minister. She and Dave Burke will work as our Staff Lead. Welcome Teresa.
- Kevin may need to leave his role as Vice-Lead of WOOF. His other ministries are requiring more of his time and he has taken on several new parish responsibilities.
- A joint Wisdom of Our Faith and Stewardship Committee series of articles will appear in the Carpenter soon to define and explore the Attitude of Gratitude we seek in our Parish.

#### Introductions and Ministry Reports

- Kathy Andrews updated us on the progress of Women's CRHP. They have recently successfully recruited new members to their small team. The Spiritual Companions will have a visioning meeting soon to plan for the future of women's CRHP. There are plans to move the next women's CRHP weekend to Stritch Retreat Center (offsite) where women will have their private bedrooms. This is in an effort to attract more women to the weekend who may have been reluctant to attend in the past.
- John Andrews reported on his ministry with the Men's Council. The CRHP 10 year celebration and Mass were well-attended and provided both prayer and social opportunities. As photographer, he snapped 235 photos. He shared that Fr. Robert Barron will give the opening at the Men's retreat on June 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>.

- Teresa Chiappone introduced herself as a resource for Adult education, youth ministry staff lead and will be establishing a young adult program.
- Rich Nowson explained that the Men's Ministry has grown out of the Men's Council so it doesn't exclude people who haven't been on a CRHP weekend. Their #1 priority is to be open and inclusive to men who have not attended CRHP. He reported that the men had a great turnout at their January 14<sup>th</sup> Men's Meeting. Dr. Kevin Murphy is working on updating his Spiritual Companion Training Program to recruit more Spiritual Companions for both men and women. The men want to see CRHO move from 10 to 20 years, and are working on a marketing plan so the ministry does not die through neglect but flourishes because of active nourishing.
- John Brodarick reported that SPRED enjoyed a nice Christmas party. They planned last week and will be joined by the Friends next Wednesday. He updated the group on SPRED.
- Jon Monroe reported that SJS had a wonderful Catholic Schools Week (CSW) despite the shortened week due to weather. SAC has reached out to the families of Santa Maria del Popolo, to welcome their students, as the school in Mundelein will close at the end of this school year. Their recruitment plans are evolving and they welcomed new perspective families during CSW.
- Des Paden is planning a Speaker's Series to begin the end of August that will meet quarterly. He is taking the lead, but it will be sponsored by Men's Ministries. Audience is both men and women of the parish. Des has made contact with Matt Kelly to speak during Lent of 2015 on Purpose and Passion.
- Rich Schroedle leads the Continuation Committee of CRHP. They have some ideas of how they can change and enhance marketing to ensure the long term viability of the CRHP Ministry at St. Joes.
- Deacon George Kashmar reported on the Baptismal Prep Program. We do have a lay ministry component where couples with young children share their experiences in raising children in the faith. George will also assist in coordinating the CRHP Program for both men and women. He is still carving out his role. All parents attend Baptismal prep before each child is baptized.
- Eileen and Kevin shared that Fr. Ron Kunkel will give our 2015 Parish Lenten retreat on Sacramental Theology. More details later.
- Kevin Sullivan reported that he and Crystal attended conflict resolution training. They are building a training program that will be offered to parish staff and leadership and then other groups in the parish. There is a team building component to their workshops.
- The Vocations group meets in our Church every Thursday from 3-4PM to pray for vocations. They are working on Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

- Kevin Sullivan reported that 25 couples attending the recent Supper N Substance program sponsored by the Marriage Ministry. They are hosting a guy-friendly Marriage retreat on Valentine's Day weekend that will be offered as a self sustaining program where participants receive a weekend, go through formation and then give a weekend. World marriage Day will be celebrated at Masses that weekend.
- Eileen read Alan Hardenberg's report. There is not CIC this year but Alan and Janine are working with students with special circumstances who need to "catch up" receiving sacraments. Janine Wilson is working with a high school aged group of confirmation students and Alan is leading a family with two high school aged children in an independent study for the reception of first Eucharist. VBS materials were delayed from the publisher but just became available. Dates are set for June 16-20. Info on VBS will be placed in the Carpenter soon with registration 2-3 weeks later.

### Adult Faith Formation Plan

- A draft of our Adult Faith Formation Plan was distributed and discussed. Kevin and Eileen have developed it over several months but the recent assistance of Teresa and Fr. Matt accelerated the development process. The themes or foci of the next three years are tied to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the documents of Vatican II and the Matthew Kelly book on Dynamic Catholics that we distributed at all the Christmas Liturgies. The 3 year plan can be used by our Commission and others to define the formation activities they will implement in the next three years.
- The Commission Ministry Leads provided feedback that we need people to feel connected to our parish family or different groups in the parish. Once they feel a connection, parishioners are more likely to become and remain engaged.
- Any feedback on the plan can be given to Eileen or Kevin please.
- There was also discussion about implementing ideas as a Ministry Lead and how they will be coordinated within our Commission and among all the Commissions. Coordination and communication remain key areas in our Parish. The formation plan will be a topic of discussion at our March meeting as well.

Closing Prayer: We Go Forth As Disciples

Adjourned 8:35PM

Next Meetings:

March 20, 2014-Parish Library

June 5, 2014 – Loughry Room