

Wisdom of Our Faith Commission MINUTES

March 20, 2014 Parish Library

Attendees: Eileen Glynn-Tucker, Steve Moseley, Teresa Chiappone, Jonathan Monroe, Kathy Andrews and Tom Nield

Our meeting began with an Opening Prayer at 7:10: The First Principle and Foundation by Saint Ignatius of Loyola as paraphrased by David Fleming, S.J.

Announcements:

- All ministries can book meeting rooms at this time.
- Eileen gave an overview of the procedure for submitting new initiative summary and parish decision making model. The forms are available on the parish website.
- Kevin Sullivan will be leaving the Vice Lead role. We will seek a replacement.

New initiative proposal: Young Adult Ministry

We reviewed and approved a new Young Adult Ministry for the parish. They are working with YAM Lake County but will also have regular meetings within St. Joe's. After reviewing their purpose and the Commission structure, YAM prefers to become a part of WOOF. They will reach out to the young adults ages 19-40, single or married, to form community and friendships in Christ. This group would gather to meet and plan events at St. Joseph's and out in the community that would enhance commitment and understanding of the faith.

Eileen will bring the proposal to the April PPC meeting for final approval.

Discussion: Adult Faith Formation Plan

The current draft of the Adult Faith Formation Plan was distributed. We have created a multi-year plan focusing on the Mass and Prayer, Sacraments, Scripture and Tradition and Theology of the Body over the next 3 years. This Formation plan is based on: the documents of Vatican II, Matt Kelly's Engagement model and Sherry Weddell's Intentional Discipleship model. Formation is most successful when there is an intentional approach that meets the needs of parishioners in all stages of their faith journey. The overall objective is to equip our parishioners with the experience of encountering Christ. Ministries are encouraged to collaborate on faith formation programs within Wisdom of our Faith and across Commissions. All are encouraged to read and provide feedback on the plan.

Ministry Reports

Jon Monroe reported that the School Enrollment numbers are promising with many new families joining the school. The one large fundraiser for the Knight Fund exceeded expectations. A preschool open house is forthcoming. The new principal has made many positive steps and makes decisions and implements.

Men's Council is now lead by Steve Moseley and Bob Andrews. They are wokig on structure, planning the summer conference / men's retreat and continue to plan breakfasts and social events in addition to formation events.

Kathy Andrews provided an update on Women's CRHP, Continuation Committee and the Female Spiritual Companions. The current CRHP team in formation will offer a weekend in May off site. They have new members and are a good size for moving forward.

Teresa provided an update on formational youth activities and the Religious Education Program.

We closed with prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30PM.

Next Meeting: June 5, 2014 – Loughry Room