

Faith Formation Commission (FFC) **Minutes from March. 02, 2009 meeting**

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Mark Nowling.
Mark Nowling opened the meeting with a Prayer

Roll call was taken, those present were:

Jerry Wolfe,
Mark Nowling.
Deacon Mike,
Charlotte East,
Nathan Fry,
Karen Lenart,
Renee Hodge,
Bridget Molinari

Absent

Nicole Morgan (Excused)
Lisa Richart (Excused)
Donna Garrett (Excused)

Discussion Items

Fathers speaking series was discussed that will happen in March at OLP. Mark said that the OLP did not ask for assistance via email. Jerry and Karen were going to check with OLP and see if something from FFC is needed.

The event scheduled for April 28th has a conflict with the Parish Council meeting. Mark said he would contact Lisa to see if this event could be changed. It was also discussed as to what part of Grief is going to be talked about. Child care was also brought up.

Father requested that FFC look over his Catechism program scheduled for this summer. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

Holy Hour of Adoration was brought up because attendance is falling. It was suggested the K of C and the D of I both be contacted about this. Mark also suggested bringing it up at the Small Faith sharing groups going on now to bolster participation. This will be an agenda item for April.

Mark brought up that FFC needs new members. Mark & Jerry are both supposed to finish out their term this year. Mark, as well as Deacon Mike, said we could not function correctly without an acting Secretary, which we don't have. It was suggested to talk to others in the Parish to see if some would like to join our group. This is an agenda item for April

Father sent out a memo with the things wanted or needed at both St. Ambrose & OLP.
The list follows:

Church should be more of the center. How to make the Church the center of our existence...

- Better understanding of Faith (What does it mean to be Catholic? Why do what we do & believe what we believe?)
- Basics of Faith is lacking
- Privacy Acthospital etc. Knowing if a parishioner is hospitalized and asking for prayers in our parish community difficult because of Privacy Act.
- Broadening of getting to know parishioners
- Privacy limiting ability...
- Communication improved
- The parish/parishioners need a good 'shot in the arm'
- Why come to Church?
- Increase in presence of God
- Youth/Infertility (Not quite sure if this is the words Fr. wrote...)
- Grief....
- Divorced/Marriage
- Elderly
- How do I reach out as a Catholic?
- Why do we go to St. Ambrose? Our Lady of Providence?
- Bring us all in?
- Too many same faces...(at FFC events)
- Community - God centering
- Knowledge (of traditions) basics, prayers...
- Deepening faith of what we already have
- Marriage programs

Upcoming events

Father continues his presentation at OLP on March 11 & 18
April 28 Speaker series. Date conflict so this is being looked in to.
May 13 Concert at the Parish Pitch in at 6:30 Concert at 7:00

Future Meetings

1. Due date for Agenda items. Monday March. 23, 2009
2. Next FFC Meeting Monday April 6, 2009 6:00 PM

Closing Prayer

Deacon Mike closed the meeting with a prayer.

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Mark Nowling