

Faith Formation Commission (FFC)

Minutes from April 6, 2009 meeting

Call to Order

Mark Nowling called the meeting to order.
Charlotte East opened the meeting with a Prayer

Roll call was taken, those present were:

Mark Nowling,
Deacon Mike,
Charlotte East,
Nicole Morgan
Karen Lenart,
Bridget Molinari

Absent

Lisa Richart,
Jerry Wolfe

Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2009 meeting

The minutes were read by Mark. A motion to approve was made by Nicole and seconded by Karen. All were in favor.

Discussion Items

FFC would like to see a Marriage Program set up for the parish. Karen is going to evaluate the "Fireproof" program to see if it would work for us.

There was discussion on the FFC job description and membership. Mark is going to write a job description and if approved by FFC members and Father Todd he will present it to the parish before weekend Masses to generate interest and hopefully increase membership.

Having a Book Store has been approved. Eric Wilson of "In His Image" at Batesville has agreed to set up and take down a display of religious books and items on Sunday morning, April 26, 2009. Karen will check with Cheryl to make sure the Parish Center is available.

Parish Mission for 2010 has been approved. It will coincide with the 150th Anniversary of Saint Ambrose Parish. It will probably be in April. It was suggested that we have a priest present the Mission. Karen is going to contact Father Farrell at the Fatima House and Deacon Mike will see who might be available at the Archdiocese. The suggested theme by the planning committee is "Coming Home".

There was a conflict of dates for the Tom Yost Concert and the April Speaker Series. It was decided to reschedule the Concert. Marilyn Hess, who is presenting a grief program entitled

“Road to Emmaus – Walking With Those Who Suffer”, had already rescheduled from April 28 to May 13 due to a conflict with the Parish Council meeting. . Mark will check and let Charlotte know of suggested new dates for the Concert.

Lisa is going to present some information to the Parish Council at their next meeting on the Catholic Media display.

It was agreed that we would support Father Todd’s Catechist Training. It is of interest to more than just the catechists. We can arrange for childcare, pitch-in dinners, etc.

Information and reports

Mark’s term in FFC is up this year but he has agreed to stay. We definitely need his experience while we are restructuring.

Mark is working on the Budget. He will be asking for an increase over last year’s because of the 150th Anniversary.

Bill Sciarra videotapes the Sunday Mass and the tapes are distributed to the shut-ins. It would be helpful if there were someone to help out and do the taping on the weekends he is out of town. Also he could use old VCR tapes to recycle if anyone has any they would like to donate.

Bridget reported that there are 18 youth from our parish going to Lucas Oil Stadium to be confirmed May 3. It is the 175th Anniversary of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. On May 2, there will be a Youth Rally at Roncali High School. In November the National Catholic Youth Conference will be held in Kansas City, Mo. The youth are also arranging Egg Hunts for the children at all the Masses on Easter.

There will be buses going to May 3 celebration at Lucas Oil Stadium. They will be leaving at 1:00 p.m. The Mass at OLP will be at 11:30a.m. instead of 12:00.

Virtus Training will be offered at St. Ambrose on Saturday, April 25 and Wednesday, May 6. It was suggested by Deacon Mike that all in FFC that have not taken the class should attend one of the classes.

Future Meetings

1. Due date for agenda items: April 27, 2009
2. Next FFC meeting: May 4, 2009 @ 6:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer

Charlotte closed the meeting with a prayer.

Submitted April 15, 2009

Charlotte East