

Faith Formation Commission (FFC) Minutes from September 8, 2009 meeting

Call to Order

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

Roll call was taken, those present were:

Father Scott
Mark Nowling
Chris Smith
Renee Hodge
Nicole Morgan
Karen Lenart
Lisa Richart
Charlotte East

Information and Reports

Renee explained the “chaste living education” program for grades 5 & 6 that will begin after Christmas. It will involve books, training, and parent’s involvement. It was suggested “Theology of the Body” for the parents to help with understand and how to present. Renee will check on parental help and an available speaker and will report at the October meeting. Next year the program will be for K - 8.

“The mission of Faith Formation at St. Ambrose is to assist people toward holiness by providing lifelong learning experiences that lead to knowing, living, and sharing the Catholic Faith” is the updated Mission Statement for FFC.

Mark is going to make a handout for the Ministry Fair. It will include the Mission Statement, Purpose and Function (in paragraph form), and the activities FFC does in the parish.

September 26 & 27 is the weekend for the Ministry Fair. Mark, Karen, Lisa, and Charlotte are not going to be available to represent FFC. Nicole would be the only one available. There was discussion but no decision was made on how to have someone at FFC table.

It was mentioned having a Youth on Parish Council.

September 24 will be the first of the Speaker Series. Fr. Matthew Van Smoorenburg will present “Temperaments and Children”. It is not just for parents and childcare will be available. FFC members signed up to bring soup for the meal before the program.

Dr. Hans Geisler will give a program on Stem Cells on October 21. It was decided not to have the divorce program in November. Instead it was decided to have a family activity night to

make an Advent wreath. The date is to be established. There would be advanced sign-ups so we would know how many supplies would be needed.

“Ask Father Scott” was another program discussed. Parishioners could leave questions in a ‘question box’ and Father would give a reply at Mass, in bulletin, etc. Details will be worked out later.

We need to find a method for our programs to be bi-lingual. Fr. Scott mentioned some systems that were available.

The dates for the Catholic Shop have been set: the first weekend in Advent and weekend before Lent.

Lisa gave a report on the Lighthouse. There are 7 new CDs and she will put one new CD out each week.

Lisa has made a flyer for the “Holy Hour for Vocations” as a reminder for the first Friday service.

Nicole is the contact person for Spiritual Life. Instead of having to go to all their meetings, Mark will let them know to contact Nicole with information or questions.

Chris suggested the Chastity Ball be for guys and girls. She said there was not enough manpower to do this in our parish and suggested it be deanery wide. It would follow a theology of the body for teens program. Mark is to check with the deanery.

Youth program dates: Amazing Race --- September 13, 2009
We Care packages --- September 16, 2009
Pilgrimage to St. Meinrad --- October 25, 2009

Chris said she has a shortage of catechists. She is in need of three more people. Pray and ask anyone. It begins September 20 from 7 – 8:30.

Mark would like for FFC website to similar to Spiritual Life’s.

It was agreed to change the time of our meetings from 6:00 to 6:30 on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.

Future Meetings

Next FFC meeting will be October 13, 2009 at 6:30.

Closing Prayer

Mark closed the meeting with a prayer.

Submitted September 17, 2009
Charlotte East

