

Sacred Heart Faith Formation Board (FFB ) Minutes  
Wednesday, January 11, 2017

Present: Lara Cummings, Karen Johnston, Chris Owens, Sue McNamara, Theresa Paul, Joanie Thomas

RE Program Report: Theresa

**Children's Christmas Eve Mass** went well. Parents were very pleased with Colin Dreeves' leadership in keeping the kids busy till the program began. Attendance numbers seemed slightly down from previous years and may have been due to snowy weather. *"In the end, the kids living the story, makes it real."*

**Middle School Youth Rally** on Feb. 4 in Coeur d'Alene: Passed packet around, and Theresa & Chris answered questions. 7&8th graders will receive forms tonight and 6th graders on Sunday. Theresa will also send a letter to parents of 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Youth Group (YG) Report: Chris (attended parent meeting on Jan. 8)

**Just 5 Days** in the Summer in CA: Missionary work, driving down, calculated to be \$650 or less and there will be fundraising.

**High School Leadership trip to Notre Dame:** No High School students wish to attend. Kent Bachir would like to go for his own education. If Dan Glatt (trip leader from Spokane) comes down to talk, then area teens and our 8th graders would be invited to get interest for next year.

**YG calendars** are available now. They are in a bin outside the St. Mary room.

**Music:** Chris did talk with Jeanette Benson from St. Mary's in Spokane Valley and received the names of some contemporary Catholic artists. There has been some interest from the teens to have current Catholic music playing in the hallway or Church before or after Mass. Teens would like to have music that stimulates them. Karen added that the Know, Love, Serve survey(s) had suggestions about aspects of Liturgy. No one had volunteered to spearhead any changes.

Small Group's Temporary Liaison: With Bill gone until June, a temporary liaison is needed. Chris reported that 3 more people joined their 2nd & 4th Monday group (now 12-may split this group). The other one is the Friday evening couple's Nite. No one volunteered, but Chris will call the members of Jonathan Preszler's group to see if they are still interested.

Bad Weather Phone Tree: Jan. 8 Sunday School cancellation was the first time it was used in many years, but went fairly well nevertheless. Theresa had sent out an email, and Fr. Jeff posted the announcement on the Parish Facebook page as well.

Class Behavior: A member shared her disappointment, alarm and shock from the behavior of a few students in one of the classes. There was much discussion on how to deal with this situation. Theresa shared the guidelines from the Religious Ed. Handbook, and that will be followed after the teachers review the expectations at the first class. Also, parents will be asked in a letter from Theresa to review these expectations and to volunteer to take turns being in the classroom. It is hoped that with extra help, review and reinforcement, the classroom atmosphere will be such that the teachers can teach. If after all of this, individuals still cannot behave, the parent(s) will be asked to prepare their child at home.

Coffee & Donuts: Linhda will take care of this with her family. Please offer help if weather is bad.

Other Business: Members filled in some of the blanks on the prayer/snack list.

**Next Regular Meeting: Wednesday, February 1, at 7 pm in the St. Charles room.**

**Theresa** will be opening prayer leader.  
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**Nick** is snack provider.

**Karen** will lead the