

## **Sacred Heart Faith Formation Board (FFB) Notes** **Tuesday, December 6, 2017**

**Present:** Tammy Barry, Dan Jinguji, Mary Johnson, Sue McNamara (Notes), Chris Owens (led meeting), Theresa Paul, Gladys Rice. **Tammy** led us in the opening prayer, **Laura** brought snacks, and **Chris** led the closing prayer.

**Youth Group:** **Kent**- is ill, so there was no report.

**FF Report: Theresa – Women’s Retreat:** It went really well, and she has reserved the Farm House at St. Gertrude’s for the next 2 years on the Veteran’s Day weekends.

**First Reconciliation:** December 14.

**Feast of Guadalupe:** Lizette, (1 of the 4th gr. teachers) is putting on a Our Lady of Guadalupe party, and inviting the parents as well as the 3rd graders. Theresa will notify all of them.

**RCIA:** there are 2 enquirers on their journey and they will do the Rite of Acceptance as soon as they are ready. **Christmas Skit:** Dec. 24 at 4:30 pm. Several kids wanted the same parts, so names were drawn. Anyone who still wants to participate can add him or herself to the menagerie. There is also a **Children’s Choir** that practices at the same time. For next year, Dan suggested that the 2 groups be staggered, so those who wanted to could do both. The more we get the kids involved, the more they will want to be here. The kids will be invited forward and

Fr. Steve will bless the crèche at this Mass. There was a discussion about ideas (and concerns with those ideas) to make it better for next year, such as moving to a different location, advertising in the community (perhaps to entice people who have been away from Church), and thinking of other ways to involve the kids.

**Coffee & Muffins: Dan:** Went very, very, well, but 8 dozen muffins was not enough. The process is very flexible (can count how many people are at Mass and make more), the smell in Church was wonderful, and muffins are less expensive. Dan will write up the whole process and the other groups will be given the option of doing muffins if they wish. Tammy tried to make it more positive for the kids who were sad about not getting donuts (ones with nut allergies, or don’t like muffins). There was the usual discussion about parsing out the donuts so there is enough for both Masses and the kids who come down after Religious Ed. Plus there are kids who are ‘bingeing’, without the parents’ knowledge (?) (Perhaps a sign to limit to 2?).

**Bible Series: Tammy** showed a ‘teaser’ preview video last weekend. Almost 20 people signed up! The most popular time was between the Masses. The small faith-sharing group from Monday night may use it, too, and SHARE may use it as a supplementary source. Thank you to Tammy for making a handout and the sign-up sheet! The first set of ‘classes’ will be held after Jan. 21 between the Masses, and on a weeknight. The workbook cost is \$20 and a scholarship fund will be established, and people have the option to pay towards that as well. It will be well advertised, put in bulletin and will other groups will be formed as more people sign-up. There are other series, too, that we can consider doing at a later time.

**Dates of Meetings:** Sue pointed out that the January and April meetings are the second Tuesday of the month.

**Linhda Sagen** has resigned with great regret, because she is overwhelmed with the number of activities she is involved in. We understand! Gladys has agreed to take over the Faith Formation bulletin Board.

**Youth Group:** Members with teens will contact Kent with questions about the Youth Group Christmas Party and the High School Mission Trip that no one could answer.

**Next meeting is Tuesday, January 9 at 7 pm in the St. Charles room.**

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