

Faith Formation Board minutes
November 6, 2018

Present: Jon Parrish, Linda Heidenreich, Tammy Barry, Jane Hommel, Dan Jinguji, Mary Johnson, Penny Zimmerman, Diane Miller, and Linea Johnson subbing for Sue McNamara.

Jon opened with a prayer.

Dan talked about the **children's choir** that started recently. They have practiced twice. The first Sunday there were seven kids. The second time they had around fifteen participate. It is a volunteer choir and all are welcome to join.

Hally - Youth Ministry Report. October was busy for the youth. Ben and Linea took eight middle school boys to the North Idaho Youth Rally. The rally was a great experience, and they went to Mod Pizza after. It was a successful trip and everyone had fun! The youth group also served coffee & rolls, the ministry fair in October, and made Fr. Steve a "Thank You!" poster, which was a lot of fun. Attendance has been up recently. High School has ten to fifteen youth and Middle School has around ten each week. The switch to Sunday evenings has made some youth more consistent in their attendance, others less. Overall it seems to be working well. The thing they are thin on is adults. Ben has been fantastic, and helps out a lot. Linea helps when needed, but they could definitely use more help. If anyone knows some young, or not so young, adults who might be willing to lend a hand, let Hally know! This coming weekend 12 youth are going to House of Charity in Spokane to feed the hungry. The Barrys will help chaperone with Ben and Linea/Daniel. After House of Charity the group will get ice cream and play laser tag. This has been a really great experience for the youth in the past, so the group should have a good time. After this weekend Youth Ministry will wind down, and the next big thing is planning the high school mission trip. Hally polled the parents and was surprised when everyone chose Montana. It will require a little more planning than Yakima as it is a seven hour trip and is earlier in the year. Logistics aside there is a lot of interest in it this year.

Linea read Sue's report on the Diocesan Assembly: **Catholic Fall Assembly Report**

Sue & Linea attended October 5 at St. Thomas More Church in Spokane

The theme was 'Transformed': "So whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come." 2 Corinthians 5:17. The keynote was Dr. Edward Sri (his newest book is "Into His Likeness") and all of the talks spoke about Discipleship.

Disciple means learner or student. The best teacher is Jesus and we are to be imitators of Christ. Is the way I'm living worthy of imitation? We were made to be transformed in Christ.

To live as a 'missionary disciple' we use prayer, the Sacraments, fellowship & works of mercy, and struggle with the battle for your mind. We are to accompany those around us from wherever we are. Pope Francis says we are to be with the people as Jesus did. It is all very challenging! Basics of Catholic life is fine, and we are to strive for something more.

Linda and Dan reported on the **Romero celebration**. It was well attended and fairly easy to put together. Linda talked about a youth originally from El Salvador who attended. He was very excited to be at the celebration and see El Salvadorian decorations and food.

Dan asked about **collaborating more with the Social Justice committee** for events like this. Linda was asked if she could liaison with them so the faith formation board could provide more support. Linda cannot always attend their meetings but is willing to help bridge the gap as she can.

Coffee & Rolls. The board is scheduled for the weekend after Thanksgiving. Anyone in town and willing to help would be appreciated.

Jon, Dan, Jane and Mary will help at 8:30.

Penny, Tammy, Dan and Linda will do 11:00

Jane brought up a conversation she had with Hally and Linea at the Ministry fair about the **Catholic Couples: Date Night group**. They both participated in the group for over two years and enjoyed it, but due to busy schedules they petered off this past year. They both would like to revive it, and Linea hopes to do so soon. Hally feels it is a good ministry. Linea and Hally briefly describe how the group was started, and how they would like to bring more people in. The board discussed the need for a group for young adults in the parish. It was asked if the group would only be open to couples? Linea said no, and that it was purely coincidental that it was a couples group in the first place. If there is enough interest a name change would even be possible. Fr. Steve raised his concerns that new immigrant families have a hard time integrating. He mentioned that we currently have a few new families that might benefit from such a group as a way to get to know more people in the parish.

Jane closed the meeting with prayer.

Submitted by Sue McNamara