

**Faith Formation Board Meeting - Tuesday, September 7, 2021 - 7pm Social Hall**

**Attending:** L. Heidenreich, Betty Klover, Jessica Ortiz, Kat Harris, Dave Schneider, Jon Parrish, Wendy McCann, Tammy Barry, Jane Hommel, Charlotte Bosold, Linea Johnson, Theresa Paul, Anna Park

- 1. Welcome to new board members (Dave) & Role of Faith Formation Board Members (Theresa):** Advisors, eyes and ears of the parish, Fr. Steve is the primary decision maker, but likes to consult the board. The board supports the Faith Formation (FF) group, Youth Group, addressing and solving problems in regard to FF, being a welcoming group to new parishioners/getting them involved, adult Bible study, and more.
- 2. FF Theme & Classroom set up this year (Theresa) -** Theme: *My Soul Rejoices in the Lord* - wanted something life giving and positive. Classroom set up this year is in progress. Classes begin Sept 19 (Preschool-6th).

All the families that were in the program the last two years have been contacted with information. Have heard from 50%. Some want to work at home and some want to be in-person. Masks, limited class size (10 kids/room), air purifiers, distanced. The nursery room off the St. Augustine room will now be the new supply closet, and the parish will use the previous RE supply closet as chair and table storage. The nursery will be in the lighted corner of the social hall. Nursery will not open until a later date. Still in need of catechists as some have moved. If you know of someone or if you think someone would be a good gift, please pass on the name. Registration is on the website and hardcopies in the back of the church in a folder. Kat suggested announcing the safety protocols that will be put in place. Wendy shared a concern about whether catechists can keep children distanced and well-spaced from each other especially in the room with couches.

Will have sacrament prep - parents will work with their children at home just like we have in the past. Some parents say their child doesn't respond to them. Theresa isn't opposed to meeting with the family to help, but will require the parents to be there. The Bishop will confirm and give first Eucharist this school year to sacrament prep. children on May 15 at the 11 am Mass. The rehearsal will be held the night before.

RCIA will begin on September 22 - Kevin Johnston is going to help.

Mini-VBS was successful - the children enjoyed it and the youth group was a great help. It was a good alternative for this year.

- 3. Hispanic Community Engagement (L.) -** L. shared that encouraging and creating traditions to include our LatinX community is important and something to work on. Ideas are (not limited to): Saint celebrations, more inclusivity of Spanish at Mass, and incorporating Spanish culture more into the life of the church. Jessica shared that the Latin community needs to be asked to be involved or have activities - Spanish rosary, is one example. She also suggested getting the kids involved. Having the readings in Spanish is a great encouragement for the Spanish-speaking community. Our Lady of Guadalupe feast day is on Dec. 12. Dave suggested that a subcommittee be created. Wendy shared how Dan used to do Latin saint celebrations and Spanish celebrations. We could incorporate some of these ideas in this year's FF. L. suggested doing a rosary and a Spanish speaking Mass. Alex Amado does the outreach to the Spanish-speaking community for our parish, so she will be a good connection for L. and Jessica. Kat suggested a progressive rosary to accommodate our safety measures.
- 4. Youth Group (Linea) -** Linea was hoping to have a parent meeting, but was delayed. Linea served the youth this summer with the week-long camp for the diocese (Shoshone/Lutherhaven). It was a nice opportunity to connect with some new kids at both the camper and youth leader positions. Linea is hoping to get together with parents soon to plan for this year (days, times that work with schedules). Hoping to meet outdoors and in the social hall with the doors open. Zoom may have to resume during the colder months. Wendy shared that meeting in-person before going to Zoom would be good for kids to make connections before jumping to an online platform.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 5 at 7 pm in the Social Hall**