

**St. Joseph the Worker Cluster
Faith Formation Commission
Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2018 - 7:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception, Sumner**

ELECTED MEMBERS – Present: Amy Ihde, Justin Heins, (HN)
Stephanie Egan-Holtz (IC)
Tammy Ingels (SFA)
Michelle Schaefers, Justin Brincks (SP)
Absent: Hope Trainor (IC), Mike Yauk (SFA)

APPOINTED – Present: Pam Rochford (HN), Pam Schmitt (IC), Holly Streeter (SFA)
Deacon Michal Schemmel
Absent: Fr. Donald Komboh, Jamie Hoey (HN), Mary Olson(SP)

The meeting opened with prayer led by Chair, Michelle Schaefers.

Approval of the July 24, 2018 minutes was motioned by Heins and second by Ihde.
The May 15, 2018 minutes are still pending approval. Carried.
Approval of the Agenda was motioned by Brincks and second by Holtz. Carried.

Chairwoman Schaefers then opened discussion on the By Laws & Roles of this Commission. Schaefers reviewed Article V, Section 2 and noted to the group that a quorum is needed to conduct a meeting of the Faith Formation Commission. Schaefers asked that we communicate to each other if we will be present or absent so that we can determine if the meeting will have a quorum to proceed. In the By Laws under #3 & #4, Faith Formation Budget, it was questioned if the Faith Formation Leaders of each Parish are involved in making out the fiscal year budget. It was reported that they are not and Streeter acknowledged that she would like to be involved so she could adjust some of her FF categories and pay raises. The FFL's are to present their budgets to the Commission for approval and it was stated that this Commission has never seen a FF Budget. Next it was asked to explain the membership of this Commission in Article III, Section 1. Rochford explained that this Commission is made up of 8 elected members, 2 from each parish. These 8 members have voting rights to conduct meetings. The others in attendance, such as the FFL's, are here to answer questions from the Commission, give updates on their programs and ask for guidance or approval of certain activities.

In Services, FFL Study Day was held, Rochford, Streeter, Schmitt attended and reported it was good and informational. Teacher In Service went well, teachers seem to like the new textbooks, FINDING GOD series. Schaefers voiced her concern that she was disappointed in them and would have liked more time to review them before going forward. Holly & Michelle shared their concerns on the cost of new text books & teacher manuals and if their budgets were cushioned for this decision.

Registration and first class went well for everyone. SFA served ice cream afterwards, IC was excited to have funds to cover the book expense, HN went well, SP have some bugs to work out. It was asked if each parish charged the \$25.00 per student? HN – yes, IC-yes with no complaints & extra donations, SFA-yes, SP-no charge Schmitt recommended that each parish charge separately since our funds are different but then noted that the By Laws would have to be amended. (By Law #6).

Rochford reported on the Sacraments. Fees of \$20.00 per student, for the Sacrament of Confirmation & \$20.00 per student for First Reconciliation/Communion was received well and was an appropriate charge. Confirmation on 9/9 went very well with the Archbishop. Parent meetings are scheduled for Confirmation & Reconciliation.

Schmitt reported on CLOW. IC & HN are concerned about attendance with their Saturday evening Masses. They are not seeing the attendance of children and may need to disembark their programs until spring when they go back to a Sunday Mass.

NCYC – Rochford reported has started with recruiting students for the Conference in November of 2019.

Catechetical Sunday was on September 16, 2018. SP & SFA called their teachers to the front for a Blessing from Father and they received a gift. HN held theirs on Wednesday, 9/12 due to conflicts on Sunday. IC postponed theirs for a later date.

Youth Rallies upcoming on October 10th will be for 6th thru 12th grade at SFA with John Derryberry as our guest speaker. October 20th will be the Middle School Rally.

Each Parish FFL then reported on their programs. HN, Rochford had nothing new to report. IC, Schmitt had nothing new to report. SFA reported that they have received all the teachers needed, plan to go to Maple Crest monthly for Bingo and their Unbound student has left the program. SP reported that they will have their annual Taste of St. Peter's on November 3, 2018

A new program was introduced to Father, Jamie & Pam R. recently called FORMED. The program is similar to netflex, itunes & ebooks but only with religious titles & content. FFL's & catechists were asked to review the program. IC already has a similar program, SFA has no internet, SP has no internet and HN was excited about it but would rather see the parishes all get internet first.

In other business, discussion was held on having a mission statement for this council, new children's budget envelopes, adult faith formation ideas & communication between the FFL's, parents, teachers & council members & possible changes to the bylaws.

In closing, task assignments were to bring mission statement ideas to the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING: November 13, 2018, 7:00 p.m. @ Holy Name

