

Faith Formation Commission minutes
February 12, 2020

Call to order at 6:35p

Welcome/Attendance:

- Members present: Mary Dierich, Jeff Arthurton, Stephanie Gerds, Janet Matuszewski
- Absent: Cathy McFarland, Jane Ouillette

Opening Prayer: Janet

Review of January Minutes

- January minutes were reviewed and corrections noted. Jeff will update January minutes for record keeping purposes

Review of Parish Council minutes

- Parish Council minutes from January were reviewed

Faith Formation:

- A CGS student (1st grade) was able to connect Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a Dream" speech to the Good Samaritan story she learned in CGS level II. When the teacher asked the student where she got such an idea, the student replied, "at religion class."
- Youth Ministry: The middle school group continues to visit the Close to Home Assisted Living and will be attending a retreat in March at OLC. Hoping to plan a "baby shower" event for the middle school group, as a way to give the items to those who are in need of baby supplies.
- Lenten Program: over half of Fr. Cedric's books have been sold. Group sessions are being offered Mondays at 1:00 and Wednesdays at 6:00.

Discussion items:

- Mary's Retreat insights: Mary recently went to a retreat in Detroit and they spoke about how to change from the feeling of "staff" to the feeling of being part of a "family." They start by spending a weekend away together and tell vulnerable stories about their lives, so everyone gets to know who they are working with. From there, they begin to work as a team and look out for one another as family. They also pray before meetings for ½ hour and allow God to tell them what decisions need to be made, rather than asking God to let those decisions happen.
- Education Center update: Finance Council is looking into rooftop heating systems. Fr. Bob called a few places. The businesses came out to assess the cost and were working on estimates. Finance Council is also looking into the cost of wall units.
- Lent: covered in Faith Formation report

Planning Items: Confirmation & First Eucharist- Parent Sessions

Other: Cathy's Community Garden idea- TABLED until March 2020

Closing Prayer: Mary

Meeting was adjourned at 7:51p

Next scheduled meeting: March 11, 2020