

Family and Youth Initiatives Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2023 5:00 p.m.

Present: Kari Mathys, Jenny VandenLangenberg, Theresa Williams, Doug Wichman, Mitch Peterson, Amy Rouleau, Loren Vandenplas, Deacon Jeff

Minutes from the last meeting (1/10/2023) were approved via Flocknote and have been posted to the parish website.

- 1. Committee Update:** Donell Bonetti has decided it is time for her to leave our committee as she is leading the Parish Council and other large projects at POP. We thank her for her time and dedication on our committee for the last several years and know we will see her do big things for POP!

2. RE update

- Theresa provided a report/update in advance of the meeting, see below.
 1. The 5th and 6th grade RE programs were combined this year and it's working really well. We will do this going forward.
 2. Registrations are coming in for VBS in July. Registration for RE will be opening soon.

2. Youth & Young Adult Update

- Neil was unable to make it to the meeting today but had no major updates.
 1. A tour of the Cathedral took place on 3/12/23 for the 10th and 11th grade RE students. They will have 2 more classes and they will be finished with their RE year.

3. 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget for FYI Committee-

- We discussed as a committee our budget for this year's events and initiatives. We added in Care Packages for our teens in college, and scholarship funds for a few children to attend Camp Tekakwitha. We cut some other areas that typically are underspent so that we are still coming in lower than prior year for our budget.

4. FYI Committee Events & Initiatives

- Care Packages for POP Graduates: Mitch is contacting graduates and students that were confirmed last year through calling and email. Items such as a gift card

from POP, along with Mass times and ways to still be involved and connected to POP parish will be included.

- Children's Collection: Right now the balance is \$3,834. Our committee has decided to donate \$2,000 to our Feed My Starving Children mobile pack in April. Theresa will make vote sheets for the Gospel Time kids to vote 'yes or no' to donate to FMSC so they have involvement with the funds.
- Palm Sunday Family Event Details:
 - Jenny will read God Gave Us Easter to the kids at Gospel Time during 10:00 Mass. Jenny, Kari, Loren, Mitch, and Amy plan to run the event. Theresa will also look at options to teach about Holy Week to also be shown at Gospel Time. After Mass, families can go to the Fellowship Hall for Donut Sunday, paint a ceramic Easter egg (Mary Raleigh will be the point person on this), and Loren will teach people how to braid their palms. Eggs will be ready for pick up at church on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. Mitch will pick up paper bags and paper Easter grass. Jenny will connect with Mary on the egg painting logistics and reply back to the group about the layout and flow of the event.
- Outdoor Movie Night - June 8 - Start thinking of ideas for kids movie (Puss in Boots, Mario Brothers). The adult movie will be Mother Theresa: No Greater Love. Hotdogs, nachos, candy, popcorn, soda/water, ice cream will be available for purchase. The Young Adult committee can also be involved with this event. Jenny will submit the Event form to the Parish Office.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 5:00 pm.

Faith Formation/Religious Education Report to FYI

March 13, 2023

1. **REGISTRATIONS** - Registration for the 2022-2023 year to date remain at 234 students.
2. **GRADE LEVEL MASSES** – Our last grade level Mass is Sunday, March 19, at 10:00 AM with our 2nd graders taking part.
3. **TOGETHER IN FAITH** – On Wednesday, March 8, we will be had our last Together in Faith for the year. It was titled “Stations of the Cross Through Mary’s Eyes.”
4. **VBS** – The VBS registration is open. The VBS theme for this summer is Wilderness Adventure: Through the Sacraments. It has the kids gear up for a one-week hike through the wilderness and lead them to discover amazing things about Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Marriage, and Holy Orders. The goal of this program is to help children better understand the seven sacraments and deepen their love for Jesus. The kit has been arrived, so we will be planning the week out in more detail.
5. **SCRIP TUITION CREDIT FOR 2022-2023** – I have received the amounts for the Scrip Tuition Credit earned and have sent that amount to the participating families to deduct off of their tuition when they register for the 23-24 RE year.
6. **REGISTRATION FOR 2023-2024 RE YEAR** – Registration for the 2022-2023 year will open on March 20th through Faith Direct. I sent this information out to all current families through Flocknote and have posted it in the parish bulletin with the QR Code included.
7. **FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN MOBILE PACK EVENT** - I have sent a Flocknote to parents about the upcoming FMSC event on April 27-29 with a reminder to encourage their children to do kind acts, help others, and add to their FMSC coin box. We also presented it at TiF. Sign ups begin March 10th in the Gathering Space or online at <http://give.fmsc.org/princeofpeacegb> to volunteer to help pack meals. Our priority code is: Hope. There will also be a link on our parish website. FMSC T-Shirts can be purchased in the Marketplace at the MobilePack event.

8. **FIRST COMMUNION** - The First Communion Retreat for students and parents was February 25 from 8:30-10:30. The Bread Mass will take place on the weekend of April 15-16th at all Masses. First Communion is April 23rd at 1:00 PM.

9. **23-24 CALENDAR** - We will soon be looking at the calendar for next year. We are using Edge for grades 5-6 and LifeTeen for 7-9. Purpose is for the 10-11th graders. We will be looking at what additional core team members we will need. I would say it has been a wonderful addition to our program. Although we had a few kinks to work out, all-in-all it was a huge success.

10. **UPCOMING DATES/EVENTS**

March 16 Lenten Penance Service 6:30

March 19 Grade 2 Grade Level Mass @ 10:00 AM

March 22 Spring Break - No Classes

March 26 Purpose Grade 10-11 Last Class 7:00-8:30 PM

March 29 Faith Formation Classes at 4:15 (Gr. 1-6), 5:30 (Gr. 1-6), 7:00 (Gr. 7, 8, 9)

April 5 Faith Formation Classes at 4:15 (Gr. 1-6), 5:30 (Gr. 1-6), 7:00 (Gr. 7, 8, 9)

April 12 Faith Formation Classes at 4:15 (Gr. 1-6), 5:30 (Gr. 1-6), 7:00 (Gr. 7, 8, 9)

**April 15-16 2nd Grade: First Communion Bread Mass at all Masses
this weekend**

April 19 Faith Formation Classes at 4:15 (Gr. 1-6), 5:30 (Gr. 1-6), 7:00 (Gr. 7, 8, 9)

April 23 First Communion @ 1:00 pm

April 27-29 Feed My Starving Children Packing Sessions

VBS July 24-28, 2023

POP Picnic August 13, 2023