

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMITTEE MINUTES FEBRUARY 11, 2008

Meeting opened at 7:00 PM in church. Peggy Kolonko presided.

Present: JoAnn Presta, Diane Miller, Mariangela Pledl, Edna Stevens, Amy Golden, Julie Davies, Karen Amini, Fr. Ralph Gross, Janet Shanahan, Debbie Gresser, Barb Winiecki & Katherine Winiecki

Excused: Youth Council Representative Brian Drout

Minutes: February 11, 2008 minutes were read and approved.

Religious Education Report:

Janet Shanahan: Janet reported that Religious Education attendance is getting better. First Reconciliation was on Saturday March 8th. Each family received a blessing. More families need to go to First Reconciliation. The First Communion Students will receive a certificate when they do their Reconciliation. Let the Religious Education Program know when he/she does their Reconciliation.

Fr. Ralph Gross attended our meeting and was introduced to all. We appreciate all of his input.

Janet reported that they are gearing up for next year's classes. She also reported that the Family Program is going great. Last week each family discussed how they care for each other. Next time the families will wash each others feet.

Pre-School & Kindergarten books will soon be reviewed. We are ready for a new series. New material will be researched for the future. They are looking for more Bible stories and prayers. Also, they are looking for more Old Testament stories. Samples will be sent for the committee to review.

The teachers were asked if they will return for next season. There was a good response; they were also asked if they would like to change levels.

Amy Golden: Amy reported that retreat went well. Having it at the church is a big savings. There 59 candidates for Confirmation. Steubenville registration is still coming in. So far there are 14 people signed up. It is not too late to sign up for Steubenville.

St. Bruno's has invited St. Paul's youth to participate in the Lenten Food Fast. No food for 24 hours but you can consume beverages. At the conclusion of the fast, the group will go to St. Ben's and participate in their meal.

RCIA Report: Mariangela reported that the Soup and Substance program has been great. The largest group was around 70 people. Everyone reports that it is so nice.

Saturday morning for Women and 2 men will be April 26th. The topic will be "Healing Memories". Adult confirmation will start right after Easter.

Council Report: Julie reported that the council is working on nomination weekend. There will be a description of all the committees in the bulletin. People can nominate themselves or another person. Nomination weekend will be April 6 & 7. The council is looking for volunteers to help with sorting and with the form letters.

The Archdiocese will be having an orientation on May 15.

Old Business:

Scholarship packets were given to all members for review and input. Seven students have responded and only two scholarships of \$500.00 each are available. April 14th is the deadline for returning the results to Janet.

The budget was reviewed by the committee and approved. It will now go to the council for approval. There are approximately 577 students and the Family Program also contributes to the cost of the program.

New Business:

Our goals will be worked on by Janet and JoAnn. A description of our committee will be created and given to the council.

Closing Prayer: The Serenity Prayer was given.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

E. Stevens