

St. Joseph the Worker Cluster
Faith Formation Commission
Meeting Minutes – July 21, 2015
St. Peter, Clermont - 7:00 p.m.

- I. Opening Prayer – A decade of The Rosary was said for Elizabeth Goddard

- II. Roll-Call – Fr. Jim, Justin Brincks, Beth Schellhorn, Sam Christensen, Pam Rochford, Pam Schmitt, Holly Streeter, Billie Cowley, Justin Heins, Kathy Wenthold, Mike Yauk, Jamie Hoey

- III. Election of Chair / Vice Chair – Father explained to the group how Faith Formation Council is set-up and how the information feeds into Pastoral Council and Finance Council. Beth Schellhorn agreed to be Council Chair and Mike Yauk agreed to be Council Vice-Chair. The next Pastoral Council meeting is Thursday, July 30th. Schellhorn will attend. The next FF council meeting will be held in Sumner at IC.

- IV. Approval of minutes (05/26) – Pam Rochford asked a question regarding Intentional Disciples and Jamie Hoey noted that the March meeting should be the 15th rather than the 13th. Motion to approve by Rochford with a second by Christensen. Motion passed.

Approval of agenda (07/15) – Holly Streeter asked to add Fr. Jim’s email communication to Program Managers/DRE’s as a topic under Other. Motion to approve by Hoey with a second by Brincks. Motion passed.

- V. How are things going?
Pam Rochford – Working on deep cleaning of the center and Vacation Bible School which will be held August 17th – 21st.
Pam Schmitt – Has signed up to attend Renew and is also considering a closer look at TEC. Additionally, she is looking for a couple of teachers for the 2015-16 year.
Holly Streeter – Is touching base with teachers. Mike Yauk will teach Confirmation and Irma Kime is uncertain about teaching this year. Singewald’s are likely moving, so she will be seeking a teacher to replace them, as well.
Jamie Hoey – Looking at curriculum for this year. Is busy working on NCYC.
Mary Olson – Mary was absent, but Fr. Jim reported that summer reading camp and Vacation Bible School are coming up for Clermont.

- VI. NCYC (Hoey) – The fund for NCYC began with \$500.00. After all debits and credits are applied, if all gifts are received, we will have a positive balance of over \$1800.00. There are still presentations that need to be made and other fundraising activities going on. Fr. will ask the NCYC team to consider donating 10% of funding to Elizabeth Goddard and her family. Jamie mentioned she will likely try to have a couple of fundraisers next summer to begin working toward 2017. Father also mentioned that we could consider doing Catholic Work Camp in 2016.

- VII. Diacore (Any meeting dates yet) – Olson – Mary Olson will head up all DIOCORE and youth rally activities for the cluster this next year. The youth rally will take place in Elkader in September with Rich Curran as the featured speaker.

- VIII. Program Handbook (Wenthold) – Father would like one handbook created for the cluster with specific sections for each parish. Kathy will call Martin at Christ Our Hope to see if he will allow us to use his handbook as a template. The handbook will also be put out on the web and handed out at Registration Night. DRE's/Program Managers should send all content requests to Kathy.

- IX. First Confession / First Eucharist (Rochford) - Pam Rochford will work with catechists at all four parishes to align the programs. There will be one ceremony for Reconciliation and First Communion for the cluster. It will rotate on an annual basis. The weekend following First Communion will be a special recognition for each individual parish.

- X. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Schmitt) – Pam Schmitt will head up children's liturgy and will begin programs in West Union and Fayette. The age range for children's liturgy is 3 through First Grade.

- XI. Confirmation (Hoey) – Jamie will work with all confirmation teachers to streamline the process and the workshops. She will also study the sacramental guidelines from the Archdioceses for inclusion in the plan.

- XII. Data Czar (Streeter) – Holly Streeter will be in charge of collecting all data from the cluster parishes and sending to the Archdiocese.

- XIII. Impact Program – Wenthold/Hoey/Schmitt are signed up with Rochford likely to sign-up, as well.

- XIV. Other – Holly Streeter will order all gifts for Catechetical Sunday on September 20th. Directors/managers should email their numbers to Holly.

Next Council Meeting: September 22, 2015 – 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Parish,
Sumner