

Attendance: Pam Rochford, Amy Fettkether and Beth Shellhorn were absent. We were joined by a St. Francis Confirmation Student, as well.

- I. Opening Prayer – Holly Streeter led the council in the Hail Mary
- II. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve by Hoey with a second by Reichter. Motion carried.
- III. How are things going?
 - a. Olson – An Ecumenical Lenten Service was held at St. Peter with the Stations of the Cross followed by a reception. There were roughly 50 people in attendance. Adoration will be held with the students on Wednesday, March 16th. St. Peter is preparing for the Middle School Youth Jam and the baby shower, which will be held on April 20th. A Pro-Life speaker will present.
 - b. Schmitt – Parents have been patient with the class schedule due to the demolition. Working on Protection of Children. A nurse will come in to speak. Youth group is working on community service. Preparing for Middle School Youth Jam.
 - c. Streeter – Protection of Children is complete. Due to the weather, reconciliation has been switched to April 20th. Students are busy preparing for the sacraments.
 - d. Hoey/Rochford – Shadow Stations have been an ongoing Lenten activity. Protection of Children is coming up March 16th. Older grades are performing service projects and will do presentations at the last class of the year. Early discussion has taken place regarding the possibility of adding a summer movie night or Bible study.
- IV. Faith Formation Leader Evaluations – Results should be turned in to Fr. Jim before Easter so they can be passed on to the Archdiocese. Fr. Indicated he is very pleased with how the year has been going.
- V. Data Report (Streeter) – Protection of Children must be completed and turned in to the Archdiocese before the end of March.
- VI. Diacore (Olson) – Due to the resignation of the President, who will be moving, Diacore is in flux right now. Discussion is taking place within the cluster regarding attending the Fall in-service in Elkader and holding a cluster in-service for the January session.
- VII. Children’s Liturgy of the Word (Schmitt) – The children’s bulleting is being sent to the program managers for distribution during Mass. Overall, the program is going well. Notation was made that teachers will need to complete VIRTUS training. Confirmation was also given that any parish who wishes to keep children’s liturgy going during the summer is welcome to do so.
- VIII. First Confession/First Eucharist (Rochford) – A teacher’s meeting will take place on the fifteenth of the month to discuss details of the April 16th retreat.
- IX. Confirmation (Hoey) – Prayer & pasta went very well. Catechism & cookout will be held June 5th. Students created questions for catechism and cookout at prayer & pasta. A meeting will take place in May for Confirmation teachers and CRE’s.
- X. Senior Mass/Graduations – With the exception of St. Francis, all senior masses and receptions are scheduled for May 15th. Because there is only one junior at Saint Francis, they will need some assistance with the event. A date will be secured when Holly knows who is available to help. Fr. Jim suggested that each parish consider recognizing each student, individually at Mass this year.
- XI. Catechist Dinner – Fr. Jim is requesting that all parishes secure RSVP’s for this year’s dinner. We have had a significant number of no shows, in the past. This year’s dinner will be held at the Town House in West Union on April 17th. Jamie Hoey will contact the Town House for a reservation. A representative from each parish Faith Formation Council will send invites. We will invite substitute teachers and helpers, as well as weekly teachers. Kathy will create the invitation and mail them to each representative. RSVP’s can be mailed or turned in to the CRE. .
- XII. RCIA (Yauk) – A retreat for RCIA candidates will be held on March 26th from 10:30am to 1:30pm. Several baptisms and confirmations will take place at the Easter Vigil. Fr. Jim and Mike are discussing possible adjustments to the program, in the future.
- XIII. Other Business? – Fr. Jim noted that the Todd Becker Foundation will be coming to NFV on Wednesday, April 13th. The school is sponsoring the afternoon session at the high school. The evening session is faith based and focused towards 5th through 12th graders and their families. Some of the parishes in the cluster will hold class at this event which will begin at 7:00pm. Several local Priests and Ministers will be in attendance at the evening session.
- XIV. Adjourn – Next Meeting – Tuesday, May 17th, 2016 – Holy Name, West Union