

St. Joseph the Worker Cluster Faith Formation Commission
Meeting Minutes – May 17th, 2016
HN, West Union – 7:00pm

Attendance: Fr. Jim Brokman, Pam Rochford, Pam Schmitt, Mary Olson, Holly Streeter, Jamie Hoey, Kim Reichter, Mike Yauk, Beth Schellhorn

Absent: Sam Christensen, Justin Brinks, Justin Heins, Amy Fettkether, Billie Cowley

- I. Opening Prayer – Fr. Jim led the group in the Our Father for our cluster graduating seniors
- II. Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve by Hoey with a second by Rochford – motion carried
- III. How are things going?

Rochford – Working on closing out the year. Working on new initiatives for 2016-17. Will be extending the length of classes from 2-4pm with 3-4pm to be with catechists. August 24th will be teacher in-service and September 14th will be the first day of class for 2016-17.

Hoey – Will be starting at 6:45pm next year. Subs and service went very well. We learned about the many things our students did for service this past year.

Streeter – Classes will begin on September 14th for the 2016-17 year. The year ended well.

Schmitt – Will not have a start date until July. IC ended the year early due to construction.

Olson – June will be Catholic Kids Camp, July will be Bible Camp and August will be Reading Camp.
- IV. Data Report (Streeter) – No Report
- V. Diacore (Olson) – Next meeting will be August 8th. The Archdiocese sent a survey to all CRE's asking for advice on how the Diacore should be run, going forward. We may want to think about doing a cluster in-service rather than the Diacore in-service this year. Proposed dues are high.
- VI. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Schmitt) – All worksheets have been ordered for the next year. All programs are done for the year.
- VII. First Confession/First Eucharist (Rochford) – First cluster 1st Communion went well and was well attended. A few adjustments will be made for next year. First Communion will be on April 30th, 2017.
- VIII. Confirmation (Hoey) – A meeting will be held this Sunday with catechists and CRE's. June 5th is catechism and cookout. We will propose September 10th, 17th or 24th to the Archdioced for the 2017 Confirmation date.
- IX. Senior Mass/Graduations – Attendance was good at some parishes and quite low at others. The pastor will send a letter to all juniors and seniors this next year inviting seniors to attend the breakfast and reminding juniors of their significant role in sending the seniors forward.
- X. Catechist Dinner – Attendance was up this year, but the meal was more expensive. We will re-visit, next year.
- XI. Work Agreements – CRE's will receive a 2.5% raise. Father is very pleased with the direction our programs are going. Father will meet with everyone in June to go thru the 2016-17 work agreements.
- XII. RCIA (Yauk) – There was a great group of participants this year. Mike will step down for the 2016-17 year. Father is planning on having an Introduction to the Catholic Faith class this fall for 6-8 weeks. Please let Father know if you are interested in assisting.
- XIII. Other Business? – Terms are up for Amy Fettkether and Sam Christensen. Nominations for replacements will be made this weekend with elections the weekend of May 28th and 29th.
- XIV. Adjourn – 8:20pm – Hail Mary was led by Mike Yauk.