

St. Joseph the Worker Cluster
Faith Formation Commission
Meeting Minutes– September 20th, 2016
Immaculate Conception, Sumner - 7:00 p.m.

Members present: Justin Brinks, Michelle Schaefer, Justin Heins, Kim Reichter, Mike Yauk, Billie Cowley, Pam Schmitt, Pam Rochford, Jamie Hoey, Mary Olson, Holly Streeter, Kathy Wenthold (secretary)

Members absent: Fr. Jim, Hope Trainor, Beth Schellhorn

- I. Opening Prayer – The Prayer to St. Michael was said for peace in the world.
- II. Election of Chair / Vice Chair – After some discussion, a motion was made by Cowley with a second from Yauk to elect Justin Heins as Council chair. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Rochford with a second by Schaefer to elect Billie Cowley as Council vice-chair. Motion Carried.
- III. Approval of minutes (07/16) Approval of agenda (09/20) – Motion to approve the July minutes was made by Hoey with a second by Reichter. Motion carried.
- IV. How are things going?
 - Hoey – Year began with class on 9/14. We are starting 15 minutes early this year. There will be no high school youth rally this year. The archdiocese is instituting Act 2.0 for interested juniors and seniors, instead. The middle school youth rally is November 19th in Waterloo. Confirmation parent meeting will be held 9/28. Preparation for 2017 NCYC is beginning.
 - Rochford – The year began with a tailgate. Everything is going well. Students meet with Pam from end of school until 3:00pm and with their teachers from 3:00pm – 4:00pm.
 - Schmitt – The new building is working out well and the kids seem to like it. There are 89 registered students this year.
 - Olson – There were three main activities over the summer. Class began the week of the 14th. There were a few issues that had to be dealt with but went well, overall. The outgoing and incoming Confirmation classes assisted with a 9/11 meal as a Confirmation project.
 - Streeter – The year started well. A helper will be needed in one of the classrooms. Holly will check her connections with Upper Iowa to find a suitable candidate.
- V. Vacation Bible School Recap – Holy Name invited the cluster to attend this year. Thirty kids were in attendance with several from SFA and Immaculate Conception. A part of the Cave Quest curriculum, a trip was made to Spook Cave. St. Peter's had three events. The first was Catholic Kids camp with roughly 15 in attendance, VBS in conjunction with Clermont Lutheran with roughly 45 in attendance, and Reading Camp with five other parishes. Forty to fifty students attended this camp throughout the week.
- VI. Policy Review (Discipline/Travel) - (Wenthold) – A first reading of the cluster Discipline and Travel policies was done. A few changes will be made for review at the November meeting.
- VII. First Confession / First Eucharist (Rochford) – A meeting was held in August to create the schedule. Dates for 2016-17 are as follows:
 - First Reconciliation – all events at St. Peter
 - October 9th – Parent meeting
 - November 13th – Retreat
 - December 4th – First Reconciliation
 - First Eucharist – all events at Holy Name
 - March 12th – Parent Meeting
 - April 23rd – Retreat
 - April 30th – First Eucharist (2pm)

- VIII. Children's Liturgy of the Word (Schmitt) – Started at all but St. Francis the weekend of September 17th. St. Francis will begin September 24th. The Seeds program will be used, again, this year.
- IX. Confirmation (Hoey) – Confirmation for the 2015-16 class is Sunday, September 25th at 3:00pm in Fayette. There are 25 candidates being presented. Parent meetings for the 2016-17 class are happening over the next few weeks. Jamie attended a meeting in Mason City on September 20th to learn of the new Archdiocesan guidelines for Confirmation.
- X. Other – The meeting ended with an Our Father.

Next Council Meeting: November 15, 2016 – 7:00 p.m. at Holy Name Parish, West Union