

St. Joseph the Worker Cluster
Faith Formation Commission
Meeting minutes – January 17th, 2017
St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette- 7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance: Fr. Jim, Mary Olson, Holly Streeter, Pam Rochford, Jamie Hoey, Kim Reichter, Justin Heins, Justin Brinks, Michelle Schaefer, Mike Yauk, Billie Cowley and Hope Trainor.

Members Absent: Pam Schmitt, Beth Shellhorn

- I. Opening Prayer – Fr. Jim led the council in a prayer of thanksgiving.
- II. Approval of minutes (11/15) Approval of agenda (01/17) – Motion to approve the minutes from the November 15th meeting made by Schaefer with a second by Hoey. Motion carried. Motion to approve the agenda with two additions made by Hoey with a second by Brinks. Motion carried.
- III. How are things going?
 - Rochford – The Christmas program went well. Gospel bags are being well received by the younger classes.
 - Hoey – First semester went as expected. There are many events coming up for second semester. Several classes have been working hard on their service projects.
 - Streeter – The Christmas program was fantastic. The children worked hard and did a great job.
 - Olson – The Christmas program had to be moved to the Opera House due to weather. In spite of the change, everything went very well.
 - Sumner – The originally scheduled date for the Christmas program was moved to Wednesday due to weather. Everyone adjusted and the program was a success.
- IV. Catechist Recognition – Rochford suggested that the program be held at one of the parishes this year and that the event be catered. After some discussion, it was determined that the Catechist recognition dinner will be held Sunday, April 23rd at Holy Name Parish, 5:30pm. Reichter and Hoey will check into pricing. Wenthold will create invites and send to the program managers for distribution. Replies will be given to the program managers and passed on to Wenthold for an official count by April 12th.
- V. First Confession / First Eucharist (Rochford) – First Reconciliation was rescheduled for January 8th at St. Francis. Attendance was excellent and participation was high, as well. We will now move to preparation for First Eucharist which will be held at 2:00pm on April 30th at St. Francis.
- VI. Children's Liturgy of the Word – With the change in Mass dates/times, Children's Liturgy may not continue at Holy Name, but will begin, again, at St. Francis.
- VII. Confirmation (Hoey) – Prayer and Pasta is set for Sunday, February 19th at Holy Name. Leaders are working on the retreat, which will be held on April 9th. Students and a parent or sponsor will travel to the Basilica in Dyersville and the Monastery near Peosta.
- VIII. NCYC (Hoey) – NCYC will be held in November of this year. Meetings have begun. 25 students and 6 adults are committed to attend. The first group meeting will be Sunday, February 26th, 4:30pm at Holy Name.
- IX. Other – Schaefer presented a program to be held at the Middle School called Prosper, with the intent of strengthening families. It is a 7-week program for 6th and 7th graders. Organizers would like to make everyone aware that it is taking place. Schaefer also noted that Adult Training to assist Boy Scouts in their preparation for the Catholic Religious Emblem, Ad Altare Dei, will be held March 11th from 9:30 to noon at St Francis of Assisi church in Fayette.

Next Council Meeting: March 14th, 2017 – 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi, Fayette