

**St. Joseph the Worker Cluster
Faith Formation Commission
Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2018 – 7:00 p.m.
St. Peter, Clermont**

Elected Members - Present: Mike Yauk (SFA), Tammy Ingels (SFA)
Michelle Schaefers (SP)
Absent: Amy Ihde (HN), Justin Heins (HN)
Hope Trainor (IC), Stephanie Egan-Holtz (IC)
Justin Brincks (SP)

Non-Voting Members - Present: Pam Rochford (HN), Pam Schmitt (IC),
Holly Streeter (SFA)
Absent: Fr. Komboh, Deacon Schemmel, Jamie Hoey (HN), Mary Olson (SP)

The meeting opened with reflection on recent tragedies in our world and the sufferings of others followed by prayer, Hail Mary.

Introductions were made for our new member, Tammy Ingels. Only three members were present from the twelve-member council so there was not a quorum to continue the meeting. It was expressed by the Faith Formation Leaders that some decisions needed to be made in order for them to move forward with preparations for the upcoming 2018-2019 school year and the next meeting would be too late. It was suggested that we continue the meeting in discussion form only and no voting would take place.

Approval of the May 15, 2018 minutes was tabled until next meeting. Michelle and Tammy agreed upon proceeding with the agenda.

Next, Pam Rochford discussed some handouts she had for the twelve member Faith Formation Commission and asked members to keep them in a black binder and then they will be passed on after each member has served their three to six year term. This is to prevent confusion in the future on the location of By-Laws, Constitution and record retention of elected councils.

Leadership roles for 2018-2019 was then discussed with Michelle Schaefers volunteering to be Chair and Amy Ihde was suggested for Vice-Chair, pending her approval to accept. Pam Rochford is the Secretary appointed by Father and the Business Manager.

A 2018-2019 Roster with scheduled meetings for this Commission was handed out to be retained in the binders.

Next, the Faith Formation Leaders present discussed with the Commission the calendar and registration plans for 2018-2019. After some discussion about registration fees and working towards a Cluster fee for Faith Formation and the Sacraments for 10th Grade Confirmation and 2nd grade, First Reconciliation/Communion. It agreed to have Mike Yauk ask for input at the Cluster Pastoral Council meeting on Thursday, July 26.

All Faith Formation Leaders were reminded to attend their Parish Council meetings coming up in August and to pay attention to their Faith Formation budgets.

Individual FF reports started with IC. Pam S. reported she is busy with startup for 2018-2019. IC did not have a summer religion program and may try again next year holding it in the evening. Parents at IC will be responsible for the Christmas Program this year as Pam S. is stepping down from this activity. Holly reported for SFA that she will need two teachers for the school year and will be asking for names of any new kindergarteners who will be attending. HN reported that three teachers are still needed. The students

will be doing a fall fundraiser of compiling and selling cookbooks. Vacation Bible School is coming up August 13-16 for only four days this year.

Sample copies of a new textbook, FINDING GOD from Loyola Press was passed around. Some really liked them and felt that our current series was geared more to Catholic schools. Other concerns about the new series was extra activities, the copyright 2013, that it is possibly too late to change and more input from teachers was needed. It was decided that everyone should do some research and reply to Pam R. by Monday, July 30. Pam R. would research some of the concerns with Loyola Press and if the individual programs wanted to go forward with new then the FFL's would each place their own orders for textbooks ASAP since time for delivery by our first class may not be possible.

The 2018-2019 Handbooks will be on line this year. Each parish will receive six hard copies to pass out if necessary and the Handbook will be on the Cluster Website. In order for Pam R. to complete the handbooks each FFL needs to get their calendar and teacher list to her.

For C.L.O.W., Pam S. reported that the parishes are still determining if we will continue with "SEEDS" or go to a C.L.O.W. book that the volunteers will teach from.

In Cluster Sacramental, Confirmation 2017-2018 Retreat will be August 26th 4:00 to 8:00 pm at St. Peter, Clermont with practice. Confirmation is September 9 ,2018 with the Archbishop. Dates for Confirmation 2019 have been submitted and we will receive our definite date by mid-August. Dates for parent meetings, retreats and celebrations have been set for 2018-2019.

In services are set, FFL's will be at BMAPS in Waterloo on August 8th from 8:30 am to 3:30 pm. August 29th in service will be for our Cluster Catechists at 7:00 pm at Holy Name Parish Center.

In other business, Michelle reported that she is currently working with three Boy Scouts on their religion award. Pam R. reported a Youth Rally is being planned for October 10,2018 with guest speaker John Derry berry.

Those present then adjourned at 8:40 pm. With closing prayer.

Submitted by:

Pam Rochford
Secretary