

Minutes Liturgy & Faith Formation Committee

March 7, 2024 6:00 PM

Members Present: Underlined

<u>Greg Hansen</u> , Server Coordinator 23-25	<u>Bob & Alice Mayers</u> , EMHC Coordinator, 23-25
<u>Tess Koltes</u> , Chairperson	<u>Julie Ortloff</u> , Business Manager
<u>Scott Wallner</u> , Lector Coordinator 23-25	<u>Dan Ortloff</u> , Sacristan Coordinator, 23-25
<u>Brian Eisenschenk</u> , Usher Coordinator, 23-25	<u>Other Members: Ben Pflueger, Patty Dumonceaux, Tasha Pflueger</u>
FF Coordinator: Tess Koltes	
Other members: <u>Maya Beumer</u>	

Old Business:

1. Breaking Bread: Caroline Linz heading it up with Dottie and Gene Eisenschenk; there will be 2 in 2024—February 25 and March 10; Parish life will do the final meal in April **Goal: To do about 4-5 each year**

New Business:

1. Suggestion of older students—grades 9-10-11-12 already completed a field trip to the reliquary and saint chapels at the Abbey Church;
 - a. Perhaps a trip to the St. John's Bible—not sure if it is open on Sunday mornings??
 - a. Tour of Liturgical Press
 - b. Tour of new Wood Shop
 - c. A tour of Fr. Jerome Tupa's art work
 - d. Assist with caramel roll making
 - e. Have their own family to donate to for Advent
 - f. Lenten collection for certain items—create a list of what the local Food Shelf needs
 - g. Sponsoring a family from India—each class could have their own separate family—have Dave and Kathy Rennie from We Share come and give a talk
 - h. Table at the Craft Sale: create crafts to sell, sell Knights of Columbus cards, tie blankets, each class create a craft or two to sell, donated money goes to send students to bag rice protein bags for Kids Against Hunger in Sauk Rapids
 - i. Mission trip to another country—talk to Maureen Frame at SJP, Spanish teacher, she is chaperoning a trip next year, problem—who would be responsible for the liability??
2. Lenten Bible study on Faith Formation Sundays—will be hosted by Tess—2 topics; another speaker, Jon Armanjani from SOT talked about the history of Israel
3. Suggestions for upcoming sessions or events 2024-25
Email received from Julianne Heller for ideas for Adult Enrichment:

As for dynamic speakers - hmmm . . . I know plenty of folks in the DOT and the SOT - the issue is always how busy all of them are! One option might be to ask some of the folks who have retired recently or who are semi-retired? Not sure if they go south for part or all of the winter, but it would be worth asking at least. Kathleen Cahalin is great - she taught pastoral theology and (logically!) worked a lot with grad students who were going to go out and work in parishes. Sr. Ephram Hollermann is perhaps less "dynamic" (i.e., maybe not as *energetic* a speaker?), but she is a real gem, and has done some very interesting work in local church history - folks who are from the area would enjoy hearing about her research (she could also do some nice stuff on Benedictine values, I'm sure!). Vincent Smiles is excellent and could do a number of different things - anything related to NT scripture, but also contemporary issues like how science and faith are compatible, or how one can disagree with a teaching of the Catholic church and still remain a faithful Catholic. John Merkle has done a lot with interfaith dialogue - especially the relationship between Judaism and Christianity. He also has done many classes on what is God/the problem of God/questions about God. His presentations might be a little more on the academic side? Jeff Kaster is absolutely wonderful - very accessible, very down-to-earth, tells good stories. He taught a lot of the undergraduate classes on how to do youth ministry, work in a parish, etc. He could talk on many different topics, including anything related to Lent. Martin Connell is a retired liturgy prof - he is also very personable and very passionate about what he teaches! He lives in the Cities now, so might not be interested in coming up here, but on the other hand, he does still have friends in the area, so who knows - maybe he'd be up for it?

I'll list emails below - let me know if you have any follow-up questions!

Blessings,
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****Other additional options will be shared at a later date. Check in with Kristn Colberg, Jon Armanjani, and two ideas given to me by Caroline and Mary Pflancan.

4. Discussion of what to make for the Craft table in November: Christmas cards, ornaments, cube snowmen, things made in the classroom. Invite kids to come in over the summer and do crafts. Proceeds will go to send the older kids to Kids Fighting Hunger Center.
5. Discussion of Calendar and Teachers for 2024-25:
September 15 and 29
October 13 and 27
November 3 and 24 (blanket tying on the 24th) (Craft sale on the 9th)
December 8 (decided to only have one session this month)

January 5 and 26

February 9 and 23

March 16, 23, 30. (District 742 on spring break March 1-9)

April 13 and 27 (Looking at First Communion on April 27 during regular mass--there may only be 1 candidate)

May 4 or 11--hopefully Confirmation--will be at St. John's Abbey

I am going to propose these dates to the Parish Advisory Council on April 10.

Teachers in the following classrooms:

Preschool: Wendy and Tonya

K-1: Cheri Beumer and Maya

2: Patty and Damian (Becky would be the sub)--may be only 1 student??

3/4: Tracy and Randon

5/6: Kari and Becky Backes

7/8: Ben and Jen Burg

9/10: Greg and _____--will be mostly grade 9 students--possibly one grade 10