

WATERLOO CATHOLIC FAITH FORMATION COMMISSION

November 8, 2016

[Preliminary Report – This document has not been officially approved]

The WCFFC meeting was brought to order by Harland Robsinson at 6:30 p.m. The meeting was held in Putz Hall at Blessed Sacrament Church.

Present: Harland Robinson, Anne Sergeant, Margaret Hiesterman, Vanessa Gomez, Fr. Tom McDermott, Ellen Voegele, Kelleryn Rauzi, Annie Zeets, Julie Niemeyer and Dave Cushing

Excused: Laureen Sandoval, Brenton Kuchera, Dale Patnode

Vacancy: second representative from Queen of Peace Parish

1. Prayer: Dave Cushing led the group in prayer. Members shared how they think faith formation leaders are challenged by Jesus' words about the end times.

2. Introductions: Harland welcomed Peter and Rosario Gonzalez who are the faith formation liaisons to the Latino community. Team members explained how Peter and Rosario contribute to the faith formation effort and Commission members expressed their appreciation.

3. In-Service: The Team explained faith formation opportunities which will be offered during Advent.

4. Minutes/Agenda: The Commission accepted the October minutes and the November agenda as submitted.

5. Continuing Business:

a. Commission Role and Responsibilities – Harland reported that he has received comments on the Constitution and By-Laws from the Team and several Commission members but has not had time to process the information. He will be contacting Commission members who did not respond.

6. New Business:

a. Commission agreed to meet at COR for a reception with Archbishop Jackels for COR donors in lieu of the December meeting. The reception is Tuesday, Dec. 13, 5:30-7:30pm at COR.

7. Reports

a. Additions to the Faith Formation Team's written report:

--Ellen reported that Sacred Heart Church was full for the closing of the Year of Mercy

presented by Agnus Dei Music Ministry Oct. 30.

--Kelleryn reported that over 200 people attended the family night Nov. 6.

--Annie reported that 61 youth and 14 adults have already registered for next year's National Catholic Youth Conference.

--Dave reminded Commission members of the post-election prayer service for unity and peace sponsored by Cedar Valley Interfaith Council on Sunday, Nov. 16, 3:00pm at the YWCA in downtown Waterloo.

c. Pastor's Report: Fr. Tom reported that he is working with the pastors and Team on adjustments to comply with a new federal law on hourly pay.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Next Meeting: January 10, 2017.

a. pending issues: Commission Roles and Responsibilities

b. Prayer Leader: Brenton Kuchera.

c. Inservice: TBA

Respectfully submitted,

Dave Cushing

Acting Secretary