

ST. JOSEPH PARISH COMMUNITY COMMISSION

FORMATION/EDUCATION

5/13/02 Meeting Minutes

§ REVIEW OF STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION

GENERAL

Idea: Do this presentation at mass and at school and parent meetings as well. It is really about the whole parish. Help everyone see what we are about.

Idea: Have the Parish council do the stewardship thing plus an orientation to tell parishioners more about the parish and what we have available.

Idea: Reevaluate the bulletin for content and get inserts as to what we have to offer.

Idea: Have people talking after the mass about their specific areas of interest.

Idea: Put the homilies on the website.

Make sure there is always follow through and that no one ever signs up and is never contacted.

§ HOW DO WE APPLY THE STEWARDSHIP MESSAGE TO OUR COMMISSION?

Change of intent rather than content.

We don't want to just put this message into what we are doing already. We want to go out into the other 80% lives. We want to get our message 'outside' the parish grounds.

In trying to teach the message of stewardship to our parishioners, education is a first step as our parishioners need to have education in order to be good stewards.

We can also provide opportunities for introspection so people can discern their call. They can learn that education is only the first step prior to using this knowledge.

Idea: We can provide recommended reading as a means of reaching those who cannot come to us.

§ ANNE MARIE hired as new head of Formation/Education for St. Joe's

§ **REVIEWED MINISTRIES** within the Formation/Education Commission. We verified the contact for each ministry and which ones had been contacted. Open or closed.

Cursillo - Nancy Cytron (contacted ok) open to Cursillo members only.
Ignatian Exercises - Anne Marie Fourre – ok - open
Ignatian Exercises – 5th Week - Anne Marie Fourre – ok – grads only
Parish Retreats – Sandra Russum - open
RCIA – Anne Marie Fourre – ok - open
Resource Library etc. – Therese Hauer
School of Faith – **CHANGE** – Anne Marie and Sandra Russum (working ok)
Scripture Group (Thurs) – Therese Hauer
Scripture Group (Tuesday AM) – **CHANGE** Therese Hauer
Women of Spirit – Nancy Cytron (contacted ok) – closed.
School of Pastoral Ministries – Mariano Jauco
Friday Morning Renew - Sandra Russum
Marriage Prep. – handled at Deanery level. Sandra Russum checking into what they do and if this is adequate for us.
Tues PM Renew Group ?
Youth Bible Study – there is none

CHILD/YOUTH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Confirmation – Mariano Jauco
HS Religious Education – Mariano Jauco
Religious Ed – Mariano Jauco
RCIC – Anne Marie Fourre
SPRED – Therese Hauer

PARISH SCHOOLS

Russell Connacher will handle all contacts with 1-8th grades
Renee Sheehan will handle all High School contacts

§ **ACTION PLANS**

A. School of Faith – ready to go and will give a fall class.

B. Small Faith Groups – Scripture Study

Idea: Offer to the whole parish the breaking open of the Word that the Lectors are already doing. Saturday 8:30 AM after mass. A facilitator is already in place. This is not a practice session. It is breaking open of the Word, like in RCIA. This should be separate from the Tuesday and Thursday groups and can be a drop in deal. This is available Thursday night, too as the Lectures meet twice a week.

Questions on this:

Q. Does facilitator have the ability to lead this group?

A. Lector preparation is used. Experienced but not trained. People that have done it for RCIA.

Q. Lector team is now working on their own logistics. The facilitator may not show up.

A. **ACTION PLAN** Start with facilitators. Bring them together and have a training workshop for them so they are working off the same page. They are doing that now with the lectors.

C. **Providing Opportunities:** People are busy with families and kids and are without time to go Saturday AM. Capitalize on the most opportune time for them to get there. Define the group. Provide the means for them to get there.

§ Have more Women of Spirit-type groups. Groups for women with small children with a babysitter.

§ Father Rich would like a men's group. Fr. Jeff had a Saturday 7:30 AM class for men with many in attendance.

§ Nora Peterson, at the Diocese works with small faith groups.

D. **Go out to the people** who don't have the time to come to us. Religious education doesn't happen here in the classroom. It happens every moment of your life.

§ List the magazine articles that can help people who cannot come out.
List Websites. Find resources.

§ Shall we **meet more often?** – not yet.

§ **Idea:** New people – tell them what we have to offer at St. Joe's in with the basket we'll be presenting.