

Faith Formation Committee Minutes for 11/4/07

Present: Eileen Beuler, Al Clowser, Doug Fackelman, Jennifer Osterholser, Juliet Pattulo

The meeting was begun with prayer and then each committee member reported on their area of responsibility.

Movie Night- Jennifer reported that we had a small turn out of about only 30 people but they all had fun. We agreed the potluck was a good idea and are looking to set a date for spring movie night. We may consider other options such as Family game night or meeting at another location to attract families. Jennifer will explore options.

Fundraisers- Juliet is going to set up a prayer block fundraiser to be available at Christmas time through Creator Mundi giftstore. She is working on setting a price for selling them individually or as a group of three. There will be a grace prayer block, night time prayer block and a Catholic prayer block available. We are looking to have these for sale after December 2nd weekend Masses. It was discussed that any profits might go towards buying more books for the library or to reduce the price of the Lenten book club selection. She is also going to set up a book sale/gift fundraiser with The Fountain Bookstore in early March, perhaps the 2nd, to coincide with Easter & RCIA, Confirmation and First Communion.

Why Catholic?- This group is scheduled to finish up in early December. Doug reported the groups were going well and that there is a retreat this Saturday for anyone in the parish to go to which is sponsored by Renew International who runs Why Catholic? There will also be another retreat in Spring. The next Why Catholic? book (#3 of 4) is scheduled to begin in August with the groups meeting again for 12 weeks in the fall. We have 90 adults registered in our parish!

Book Club- We will be starting a new program entitled "The Parish is Reading". This program encourages all parishioners to grow in our faith by reading the same book at the same time. It is similar to a parish-wide book club. We are exploring offering book titles and discussion questions for Advent, Lent and Summer reading. Eileen was able to get a 150 copies of Matthew Kelly's book Rediscovering Catholicism for free (retail price \$23) which we will begin distributing the first weekend in December. Eileen plans on visiting the WC? groups along with committee members and other Parish Core Committees. The two following weeks (Dec 8/9 & 15/16) the books will be distributed to the parish after Masses and to RE parents. There is a scheduled discussion group of this book on Jan. 27th and Feb. 3rd from 9:15-10:15am in the Parish Center/gym during the Adult Ed time. There also will be a discussion booklet given with each book and a Four Part Book Club Format for anyone who wants to form a group to discuss the book in their WC? Groups. Parishioners will also be given the opportunity to recommend books for the next book club selections.

Then at the beginning of Lent Al has recommended the book The Prodigal Son by Henri Nouwen as the next book to read. Al will research questions and gather the information for the next program booklet for this book. If the adult book club is successful it is suggested that possibly a youth book club could be started. Another book suggested by Al was by GK Chesterton on the lives of St Augustine & St. Francis. Al also suggested the movie "Love Comes Softly" as the next possible video for movie night.

Jennifer brought up that she would like FFC to print the Candy Cane story and present it with a candy Cane to RE students. The committee agreed. Everyone will progress with their projects and let us know decisions. Next meeting will be in early December.