

Adult Faith Formation Committee Meeting September 15, 2009

Present: Dave Vickery, Ann Schoren, Joe Schoren, Sue Stanko, Kyle McRae , Betty Zeestraten

Opening Prayer & Reflection

Old Business:

1. Summer Golf Outing
35 golfers participated. All had a great time. Currie's food service was very good. Suggestion for next year is to once again have it earlier in the summer.
2. Adult Faith Formation Committee Membership
This is the last year for Dave. We will need to recruit a couple of new members for next year.
3. Advent/Lent Soup Suppers
The Women's group and the K of C will continue to provide a meal during the Advent and Lenten season. However, since the AFF committee is so small, it will be difficult for this committee to provide for all of the other meals. So, we will have "Pot-Luck" soup suppers for the reflection evenings. Sign up forms in the church will have a space for participants to write what they may want to bring.

New Business:

1. Conversation on Balancing Activities in Life.
As a committee striving to assist parishioners' faith journeys, it is becoming ever more evident that all of our lives are becoming increasingly hectic. The question is how this committee can help parishioners reflect, and maybe even readjust what activities they are involved with. Five initial areas were identified as 1) Family Responsibilities, 2) Employment Commitments, 3) Civic Involvement, 4) Church Stewardship (active involvement), 5) Personal Growth and Enrichment. Suggestions have come forward as to have various "witness" talks of how busy people manage all of these categories (and their struggles). How can we encourage this discussion on a parish level and make it hopeful? How do we help people/families who are confronted with job-loss, extremely active children's lives, over or under involvement in commitments that pull them away from important aspects of their lives? In the next month, the AFF committee will brainstorm on some approach to bring this issue into the conversation in some way to others in the parish.
2. Advent Reflection Series
This year's theme is *finding meaning in Advent with our Catholic Tradition*. The 3 weeks of Soup Suppers will fall on these Wednesdays: December 2nd, 9th, and 16th. Each of the evenings will focus on some aspect of our Catholic Tradition which has influenced our celebration of this time of waiting. December 2nd will have St. Nicholas visiting our parish. December 9th will have a conversation about the Immaculate Conception. And December 16th will highlight the Incarnation. AFF assignments are Dec 2nd, Joe and Ann; Dec 9th, Sue and Dave; and Dec 16th, Kyle and Betty. Some of these sessions may be coordinated with elementary and youth group faith formation sessions, too.

Next Meeting: November 3rd at 7 p.m.

Closing Prayer