

**St. John the Baptist  
Faith Formation Commission Minutes  
February 17, 2016  
6:35 PM in Room 201**

**Members Present:** Marcia S., Suzanne V., Michelle S., Leslie B., Stephanie W. and Tom P.

**Members Absent:** Jackie S.

Rob J. joined us for our meeting as a possible future member of the commission.

**Staff Representative:** Jessica B. **Recorder:** Jean R.

Leslie B. opened the meeting with prayer. We read the Parish Mission Statement and the Faith Formation Mission Statement as a group.

Minutes from the January 20, 2016 meeting were approved.

The members had a discussion of chapters four and five of "Love is our Mission". This discussion was about vocations and celibacy. We went through the questions at the end of the chapter. Leslie B. will lead the discussion of chapter seven next month. We decided to put this discussion at the end of our agenda for future meetings, so that Marcia S. (PLC rep) hears all of the business before leaving for the PLC meeting.

**Agenda Items:**

1. Program Reports
  - a. Jessica shared reports from Sunday School, Elementary Formation and Youth Ministry. The parish administrator's report was also shared with the commission.
    - i. Upcoming events:
      1. Living Stations – March 4
      2. Easter Egg Hunt – March 26
2. Marcia S. reported back from last month's PLC. Major topics that are being discussed are
  - a. Father will be putting together a Mission Statement team
  - b. Still looking for one donor for the last stained glass window
  - c. Need for more outdoor lighting
  - d. School freezer needs repairs
  - e. Parking lot cracks
  - f. Bell tower has a crack that needs fixed
3. Michelle S. gave an update on the Cana Dinner. 128 people are registered. Set up will take place on Friday night after the soup supper. Five young adults from the parish will be helping serve and with clean up.
4. Pastor's Tasks – Small Group Initiative
  - a. Small groups
  - b. A way for new people to connect
  - c. Helps us become a "Dynamic Parish"
  - d. Meet people where they are. What fits their needs now.
  - e. Faith sharing is an important component of a small group's ability to stay together after the "study" is over.

5. Mission Statement
  - a. We will keep this on our agenda as direction comes from Father.
6. Youth Fundraiser
  - a. Divine Mercy Sunday kick off
  - b. Talking with graphic designers, etc. to set up marketing for the campaign
7. Marketing – Archdiocesan Year of Mercy campaign
  - a. Our priests may be part of a billboard marketing campaign
  - b. Billboard will be placed somewhere along 35W or 694 in New Brighton
8. Marketing – SJB Faith Formation programs
  - a. Sunday School round up in the spring
  - b. How do we keep families engaged after the baptism of a child?
  - c. Stockyard Days parade
  - d. We should try to do one thing per month
9. New Membership for Commission
  - a. We only have seven members of a possible nine.
  - b. Three members will be done with their service in June.
  - c. Members are asked to think of possible candidates and invite them to come to our meetings to find out more about us.

Marcia left at 7:40 for the PLC meeting.

Jessica B. ended our meeting with prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Action items for our future meetings:

- Parish Mission Statement
- Ways of promoting our programs
- New members – we will begin recruiting process again soon
- Small Group Initiative
- Formation discussion will take place at the end of the meeting

Prayer Assignments for our next meeting – March 16, 2016

- Opening prayer – Tom P.
- Closing prayer – Jessica B.