

**St. John the Baptist
Faith Formation Commission Minutes
January 20, 2016
6:35 PM in Room 201**

Members Present: Jackie S., Marcia S., Suzanne V., Michelle S. and Leslie B.

Members Absent: Stephanie W. and Tom P.

Father Skluzacek joined us for our meeting.

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

Suzanne V. opened the meeting with prayer. Jackie S. read the Parish Mission Statement and the Faith Formation Mission Statement.

Minutes from the December 9, 2015 meeting were approved.

The members had a discussion of chapters four and five of "Love is our Mission". This discussion was about marriage and family. We went through the questions at the end of each chapter. Suzanne V. will lead the discussion of chapter six next month.

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. A new bible study will begin in Lent. Mary – A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother by Dr. Edward Sri. It will run for eight sessions on Sunday evenings starting February 14.
2. Marcia S. reported back from last month's PLC. Major topics that are being discussed are
 - a. Lighting Project
 - b. Contact person in place to handle pink information cards from Church pews
 - c. Discussion on location of Archives display – not really visible
 - d. Discussion on having ushers and greeters assigned
3. Volunteers will be needed for the Lenten soup supper on February 12 and for the Cana Dinner on February 20.
4. Michelle S. gave an update on the Cana Dinner. Invitations are out and reservations are now being taken. Also, Brad and Libby DuPont will be at St. Charles in April for their weekend retreat for married couples.
5. Pastor's Tasks – New Goal
 - a. Jessica shared that our ideas were given to the PLC regarding Adoration and so we could look at tackling another one of the tasks.
 - i. The members decided to take a look at the Small Group Initiative/Discussion Groups next month.

6. Sacramental Prep Policy
 - a. Jessica presented a new policy that would ask families who have been away from church/the faith to enroll their children in a Faith Formation program for one year prior to enrolling in either First Sacraments or Confirmation.
 - b. A concern was voiced that this may make it harder for people to be Catholic. It may turn people away to look for an easier process somewhere else.
 - c. It was suggested that we try different ways of marketing our programs.
 - i. Faith Formation Round-Up in the spring
7. Youth Fundraiser
 - a. We will be having a fundraiser called Invest365 to raise money for youth. In this first year, funds raised would help offset the cost of World Youth Day and Extreme Faith Camp and possibly renovations to the Youth Room.
 - b. Jessica is looking for ideas on the display that will be seen by the parish community during the fundraiser.
8. Bus for the WINE Women's Conference on February 6
 - a. Since the conference is already sold out, it was decided that having a bus would not help in getting women to register if they hadn't already done so. We also don't want to conflict with SJB's time at Feed My Starving Children. We will look at this for future events.

Marcia and Father left at 7:40 for the PLC meeting.

Jessica B. ended our meeting with prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 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

Prayer Assignments for our next meeting – February 17, 2016

- Opening prayer – Leslie B.
- Closing prayer – Jessica B.