

**Saint John the Baptist
Faith Formation Commission
December 2017 Minutes
Room SJH**

Date:	December 12st 2017	Chair	Tom Pomeroy	Staff Liaison	Jessica Balzarini
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Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Cheryl P.		Mary K (Staff)	X
Jackie S.		Jessica Zingsheim	
Jessica B (Staff Liaison)	X	Michelle Stori	X
Joni M.		Max Robbins	X
Melanie D.	X	Tom P. (Chair)	X
Mary Beth L.		Jodie W. (recorder)	X
		Guest: Adam Rooble	X

Agenda

- I. Opening Prayer – **Max R.**
- II. Focus Statements –aloud together
- III. Approval of November Minutes – Max-1st, Melanie-2nd - *approved*

- IV. Reports
 1. Live Report
 - a. Michelle Stori -Circle of Women:
 - i. Group meets on Thursday from 9:15-11:30 am, child care is provided by ODM, it's open to all ages of women. Overview of meetings: outside speaker each week, prayer, fellowship, and they do have information on Facebook
 - ii. This year is year of JOY
 - iii. The under 40 age group has tripled since last year, all ages are represented in the group, group is not a bible study or service ministry -no homework, they can be found on Facebook
 - iv. Question, “can ODM commission do anything to help Circle of Women?”
Answer “Invite all women to come”
 2. ODM Department
 - a. Adam Rooble -Mission Trip
 - i. Mission trip to Green Bay, WI for service and then onto Steubenville Conference at University of St. Thomas, 48 people went on trip
 - ii. Feedback: great trip, both mission and Steubenville rewarding, service work could have been done here in cities, exhausting to combine mission & Steubenville
 - iii. A survey went our regarding to do Mission and if Mission which location or Steubenville
Survey feedback:
 - a. offer both mission and Steubenville Conference
 - b. 100% voted for Mission to Montana Ranch vs Detroit Lakes MN
 - iv. Mission Trip Date – July 8-14, 2018 to Montana, ~40 people & Youth 365
 - v. Steubenville Date – July 27-29, 2018

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vi. Fundraising – Youth 365 will go into scholarship fund, any youth interested must be at all youth 365 events/masses mandatory, talk to Adam about scholarships, Adam can help any people interested in “other” fund raising ideas or opportunities -see/talk to Adam

b. Women’s Night – Jessica Balzarini

i. Women are asking for a counterpart to Men’s “Watchmen” similar to “Circle of Women” one day/week in evening, opposite week of watchmen, looking to create a core team of women

c. 2018-19 Program planning starting

V. Calendar of Events:

Reviewed Past Events:

- Journey to the Inn – November 29th -great response~100 attended -hot chocolate after was big hit -felt like community
- Advent Family Retreat – December 10th Fr. Paul -39 RSVP’d & ~100 attended- well received
- **Lifeline Mass Dec 2nd**: -Per Adam R. well received, a group of parents taking children ea. Month ages 8-12, SJBC will not bring 8th grade youth, Question from Adam: take what Net offers or keep local?
- 1st Reconciliation Retreat – *started ahead of schedule other than that feedback all went well and wonderful volunteers helped after.*

● Upcoming Events:

- Charismata, December 15th 8:00-10:00 p.m.
- 1st Reconciliation on Saturday, December 16th at 9:30 am.
- Advent Communal Penance Sunday, December 17 at 3:30 pm
- Sister Clarinda’s Winter Bible study: “Luke”, Wednesday mornings & Thursday evenings, starts January 10th /11th.
- Fr. Paul series “Christ, Mary, Church”, Wednesday evenings, starts January 10th (total of 4 Wednesdays in January)
- Charismata, January 12th 8:00-10:00 p.m.
- Catechist/Volunteer Retreat, 9am -Noon of January 13th - **All ODM Commission members are invited to attend 9:00-Noon**

2. New Business:

a. Article -Jessica B.

i. Review, structure, and vision for adult formation pathway for discipleship

1. Discussion included:

- a. How to evolve to fill in the gaps, reach out, invite and begin conversation as it relates to adult formation
- b. All in favor “say I” – 100% in favor
- c. We would like to say “invite” and ask new parishioners “where do you feel invited” Catholics are not always equipped for that question, its challenging

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- d. Jessica asks commission to come with ideas in January to continue discussion.

3. Old Business:

a. Updates:

i. Max Robbins – Connect Groups

1. Result: “Group it” does not do text messages so recommend “flock note”, continue to collect emails and conduct surveys

2. 2nd Result: Max recommends move forward and not to delay, PLC recommendation form completed by Max, Michelle S. brought to PLC tonight

3. 3rd Result: Tom recommends piloting 1-3 small groups as pilot for program

ii. Adam Roeble- Young married couples – a group of newly married couples who came up through youth ministry programs at SJBC has requested to make sm. groups for discipleship faith sharing. Adam explained focus on 5 value areas of discipleship within the new mission statement. This is a start and we can grow & evolve.

4. Action Items:

- a. Specific Item: Speech before congregation regarding connect groups and surveys
Who to accomplish: Max & Jessica

VI. Prayer Assignments – Opening: Closing:

VII. Date of Next Meeting: [January 23rd, 2018 – Standard Schedule \(Dinner @ 5:30 p.m. Prayer @ 6:05 p.m.\)](#)

VIII. Closing Prayer: [Jessica Balzarini](#)

IX. [Adjourn: 7:50 p.m.](#)

2017-18 Meeting Dates:

~~Aug 25, Sept 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 12,~~ [Jan 23](#), Feb 20, Mar 20, Apr 17, May 15, June 5