

**Saint John the Baptist
Faith Formation Commission
January 17, 2017 Minutes
Room St. Joseph's Hall**

Date:	January 17, 2017	Chair	Joni M (in Stephanie's absence)	Staff Liaison	Jessica Balzarini
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Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Jessica B (Staff Liaison)	X	Jackie S.	X
Leslie B.		Michelle Scherer	X
Mary K (<i>Staff</i>)	X	Michelle Stori	X
Mary Beth L.	X	Tom P.	X
Joni M. (Chair -in Stephanie's absence)	X	Stephanie Waite (Chair)	
Cheryl P.	X	Jodie W. (<i>recorder</i>)	X
		<i>Steve Blum – Guest</i>	X

Minutes

- **Opening Prayer** -Michelle Scherer
- **Focus Statements** – Read aloud
- **Approval of December Minutes** - approved

- Items for discussion:
 - a. Reporting
 1. Report from Michelle Stori December PLC meeting
 2. Updates from Ministry Leaders
 - i. Live Presentation – Jessica Balzarini
 - Vision and Mission for ODM office
 - Vision: Discipleship, Daily prayer, Study/Formation, Sacramental living, Generosity, Small group ministry
 - Mission: Question posed “What is the first place we want to send a new parishioner to?” 30-minute discussion around “big church, difficulties making connections”
 - Ideas – *Create a welcome packet – have at welcome desk*
 - Ideas – *Group connections – What Group?*
 - Ideas – *Experiencing a group vs Reading about a group ex. Circle of women, Catholic Watchmen, Alpha, etc.*
 - Ideas – *Mentor – take them in, get them going*
 - Ideas – *Appeal to larger parish, old members go through new member process – goal to meet new people & provide feedback, personal invitations, Stretch & be vulnerable to try something new, engage the “one spirit many gifts campaign” to add a box – this year I will try something new & someone from ministry calls and personally invites the new person in to experience the group....*
 - Ideas – *mindfully pray for it*
 - Catechist/ Leader Training
 - ODM staff and Sunday School through Adult Volunteer leaders were all invited. 1st event combining all and positive feedback received.
 - RCIA
 - Recently completed a pilgrimage to Cathedral
 - Adult Ed Ops
 - Oremus and Alpha on Mondays to offer an adult formation night, our new program “Oremus” to be offered starting Jan. 30th
 - We will come together for common meal then programs break out

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- Baptism Prep Class update
 - goal is to engage families early prior to preschool/sports/etc. so families can form relationships with their fellow church families. Example: families bond over kids in same sport or school we would like to provide link to bond between baptism and preschool.
 - Safe Environment Update
 - a new component required in 2017, a video on code of conduct for all new staff/volunteers working with both children and adults. This video will be a required update every 3 years as well.
 - Pentecost Mission
 - A 7-week study on Holy Spirit leading up to Pentecost Vigil
 - Commitment and needs discussion included: childcare, start/end times, date/time, time commitment for small groups
3. Written Reports
- i. General ODM Report
 - see updates above – no written report for January meeting
- b. Calendar of Events
1. Review events:
- ii. January 30th - Kick off of Alpha and Oremus: a Catholic Guide to Prayer
 - iii. February 10th - Charismata
 - iv. February 18th - Cana Dinner
 - Need help with setup on Friday 6:00 -8:00p.m.& Saturday 4:00- 5:30 p.m.
 - Please email Jodie
 - At tables after masses on February 4th & 5th to promote – need to have attended to effectively promote event – Let Michelle Scherer or Jodie know if you can help.
 - v. February 24th – Middle School Youth Event
 - a bit of fun and a bit of spiritual – lots of relational ministry
 - vi. February 23rd – Fr. Ubald Healing Mass at SJB
4. Review past Ideas
- i. Advent Theme – feedback received it was “a bit confusing as event and Journey to Inn named the same”
 - Adoration Night –discussed in December
 - Journey to the Inn – discussed in December
 - Evensong - discussed in December
 - Communal Confession with several priests – event each week
 - December 8th Holy Day – event each week
 - ii. Evangelizing Bulletin – good feedback received
 - iii. Matthew Kelly Event – Tabled
 - iv. VBS & Extreme Faith Camp & Adults – focus for all is Jesus’s Life
5. New ideas
- i. Pentecost Mission – see live presentation section
 - ii. Summer Bible Study – Encountering Jesus in the Gospel of John
- c. Updates on goals for this year:
- 1. Communication update: screens going into the Plaza area
 - 2. Baptism Preparation Gift Bag Ideas
 - i. A subcommittee: Joni, Michelle S, and Mary K was formed to create a sample to bring back group.
 - ii. Product “safety” discussed

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- iii. Time line and potential for small budget discussed.
 - iv. Holy water, font and tie blankets added to ideas
 - 3. Tabled until February - discussion how to reach out to families not registered in parish programming: school or faith formation (ongoing brainstorming)
 - i. Create a subcommittee to work on reaching out – to meet between meetings
 - 4. Tabled until February - discussion on Policy Handbook – possible sample
 - 5. Any additional items?
 - i. No new items discussed
- No Action Items for next meeting
- Prayer Assignment: Opening prayer is Jackie Sawyer for February 21, 2017. Meeting begins with dinner at 5:30 pm, prayer at 6 pm, meeting at 6:30 pm, PLC meeting at 7:30 pm.
- Closing Prayer: Jessica

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

2016-2017 meeting dates:

~~Aug 30, Sept 20, Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 13, Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 14, Apr 18, May 16, Jun 6~~