

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

<b>Date:</b>	May16, 2017	<b>Chair</b>	Stephanie Waite	<b>Staff Liaison</b>	Jessica Balzarini
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Member/Attendee	Present	Member/Attendee	Present
Cheryl P.	X	Mary K ( <i>Staff</i> )	X
Jackie S.		Michelle Scherer	
Jessica B (Staff Liaison)	X	Michelle Stori	
Joni M.	X	Stephanie Waite (Chair)	X
Leslie B.		Tom P.	X
Mary Beth L.	X	Jodie W. ( <i>recorder</i> )	X
		Guest:	

- I. Opening Prayer – Mary
- II. Focus Statements –aloud together
- III. Approval of April Minutes - Approved
- IV. Items for discussion:
  1. No live ministry updates
  2. ODM Commission Membership- two new members confirmed for next year, Chair position currently remains open
  3. Written Reports
    - i. General ODM Highlights reviewed – Wild Goose Study, Confirmation, 1<sup>st</sup> Communion, Family Formation, ODM kick off, Volunteer Appreciation, Summer Bible Study -geared toward new RCIA Candidates
  4. Legacy Committee **Case Statement** – *committee asked to review and provide feedback to Jessica on below:*

**Attempting to engage every demographic within our parish boundary and provide each person opportunities for an encounter with Jesus Christ and continued growth in faith.**

Monies would be used for: additional staff: parish life coordinator, adult formation position; development of family programming for families with young children, provision for small group ministry for adults, ongoing training for volunteers and staff, outreach activities offered to the not yet engaged,

**Youth Specific**

Youth Ministry at St. John’s seeks to engage young people in a life of Christian Discipleship through fellowship, prayer, and evangelization. Creating a place where young people can flourish as the person God has created them to be.

Monies would be used for: opportunities for teens to attend multiple faith experience (it takes 6-8 experiences for teen faith to take hold.); ongoing training and development of parish staff and volunteers both adult and teens; Young Adult Intern team to outreach to local high schools and colleges; Middle School Youth Minister/SJB School Campus Minister, Confirmation Coordinator, provide opportunities for each teen post confirmation to be mentored by a more mature adult Christian.

5. OPCY On-Site Visit reviewed
6. ODM Program for year 2016-17 evaluation discussion
  - i. Survey – Discussed these questions: should it be done, what tool, to who, questions to ask?
    1. Should it be done points: yes, survey would be a great tool for evaluation
    2. What tool: Survey Monkey can be free and is very common, easy to use, anonymous responses
    3. Who: Instructors, youth grades 9-12, parents, volunteers
    4. Questions to ask: rate program, instructor, material, # sessions, session length too short/long, would you recommend to friend, interested in volunteering next year, best/worst/most impactful event you attended, did your child get the message, was the message affective, mass attended most often
7. Calendar of Events
  - i. Upcoming events:
    1. OPCY on site visit– Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> in afternoon
    2. **FF Hospitality after all Masses (except 5:30 pm Sun) May 20 & 21**

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- a. **4:30 Mass**
    - **Member-** Joni
    - **Member-** Cheryl
  - b. **8:30 Mass**
    - **Member** – Michelle Stori
  - c. **10:30 Mass**
    - **Member** – Michelle Scherer
    - **Member-** MaryBeth
    - **Member** – Mary Kohlhaas
- *Jodie put up commission banner on Friday*
- 3. Pentecost Vigil - Saturday, June 3 at 7 pm
  - ii. Summer Calendar: Continue Promoting
    - 1. Vacation Bible School – June 13-15
    - 2. Extreme Faith Camp – June 26-30
    - 3. Summer Bible Study -Gospel of John June 14-Aug 2
    - 4. Totus Tuus Children - July 10-14
    - 5. Totus Tuus Teens – July 9-13
    - 6. Totus Tuus Pot Luck Dinner – Wednesday, July 12/17
    - 7. Youth Mission Trip – July 23-30
  - 8. Ongoing goals for this year:
    - i. Policy Handbook –Handout reviewed
    - ii. How to reach out to families not registered in parish programming: school or faith formation.
      - Discussion tonight around idea of: requiring one year of formation prior to receiving/qualifying to register for sacramental preparation and receiving the sacrament(s)?
      - Responses: continue discussion next month and brainstorming
- V. New- Goals for 2017-18 Commission-
- a. All commission members to be E3 trained
- VI. Action Items:
- 1. **Specific Item:** Review Case Statement send feedback to Jessica  
**Who to accomplish:** ALL Members
  - 2. **Specific Item:** Review survey information & bring additional feedback to next meeting  
**Who to accomplish:** ALL Members
- VII. Prayer Assignment – Cheryl
- VIII. Date of Next Meeting: June 6th, 2017 Dinner at 5:30 p.m., Prayer at 6:05 p.m., Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- IX. Closing Prayer: Jessica
- X. Adjourn: 7:50 p.m.

2017 meeting dates:

Jan 17, Feb 21, Mar 14, Apr 18, May 16, Jun 6