

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

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| Date: | October 17th, 2017 | Chair | Tom Pomeroy | Staff Liaison | Jessica Balzarini |
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| Member/Attendee | Present | Member/Attendee | Present |
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| Cheryl P. | | Mary K (Staff) | X |
| Jackie S. | X | Jessica Zingsheim | X |
| Jessica B (Staff Liaison) | X | Michelle Stori | X |
| Joni M. | X | Max Robbins | X |
| Melanie D. | | Tom P. (Chair) | X |
| Mary Beth L. | X | Jodie W. (recorder) | X |
| | | Guest: Adam Rooble | X |

- I. Opening Prayer – Max
- II. Focus Statements –aloud together
- III. Approval of September Minutes
- IV. Items for discussion:
 - a. Reporting: Live Ministry Report: Mary Kohlhaas -Family formation
 - i. Overview of Family Formation Program
 - i. Meets 1x/month, Mass 5:30 pm, Dinner 6pm, 6:30 pm program, 6:45 pm Parents have a speaker & Kids go to class, wrap up at 8 pm *all adults from parish are invited to the speakers beginning at 7 pm
 - ii. Catechist Training – 1x/month, hear the speaker and lesson planning
 - iii. Reviewed lesson packet
 - iv. Discussion
 - a. Tom’s question: “Do you have feedback on the program or packets each month?”
“How do you evaluate this program?”
 - b. Mary response: “No feedback because the home lessons are done at home, if families do not pick up their packets that says they are not doing the home lessons, the parents I have talked to give good feedback, Adam would see the knowledge of the kids as they moved to his youth ministry.
 - c. Question: Shouldn’t we use some form of feedback mechanism, electronic would be best, a card they return each month, etc
 - d. Jessica Z Question: Do you use WOG in the program.
 - e. Mary response: “No”
 - f. Mary is working on creating a CORE team
 - g. Feedback: Jessica Z loves this program because the children use the hands and minds in activities while learning, Totus Tuus leaders shared our kids were well formed, Adam stated in 8 years he has been at SJBC the kids are better formed and knowledgeable
 - b. Ministry Reports: Jessica - *tabled*
 - c. Discussion Continuation:

Topic for discussion:

 - i. Continue the conversation about connecting new (and old) members based on common interests to create opportunity for people connect and bond.
 - ii. Commission Do Item in order to fulfill the title as the “Fun Commission”: Do we want to rally around a fun event? Brewery tour, Movie night, Volunteer events - feed my starving

Action Item: A subgroup was created to pull together the “who, what, when, how, investment, goal, financial needs, complete the PLC form

Who Accountable: Max-subgroup leader, Jessica Z and Adam Rooble

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d. Calendar of Events

- Review Past Events:
 - ODM Hospitality OCT 14 -15
 - All Saints Party October 25th
All Saints Party. Just a few reminders.
 - Set up can begin at 5 pm in the Cafeteria and at 5:30 pm in the Youth Room. Your spot will be marked with the Ministry Name and the person who emailed us.
 - Your ministry will provide candy/item to hand out to the children. You may also decorate your spot. Your spot will be ½ of an 8 foot table. It will have 2 chairs available for sitting.
 - You are more than welcome to stay for all the fun! Dinner will be provided by the 8th grade students from SJB School. It is a fundraiser for their trip to Washington DC. Pizza slices will be \$2 and a whole pizza for \$12.
 - Volunteers: Joni, Mary Beth, Cheryl
 - Need more volunteers: Please sign up for a game, craft, or clean up via the sign up genius. <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30eod49aabb23aafdo-allsaints>
- Upcoming Events:
 - Butter Braid Orders Due Oct 23rd!
 - Butter Braid Distribution Nov 11 & 12th after each mass:
 - 4:30 helper:
 - 8:30 Helpers: Michelle Stori
 - 10:30 Helpers:
 - 5:30 Helpers: Mary Beth L, Michelle Stori
 - Journey to the Inn Event: Wed, Nov 29th

2. New Business: "PLC Representatives should provide a brief report on how their commission plans to be living our new parish mission."

- ODM Commission focused on Formation Values and the TEACH aspect of the Mission Statement. Discussion on ongoing Formation Value included:
 - Intellectual- bible studies & speakers
 - Spiritual -volunteering with young & ODM/SJB combined activities
 - Human- speakers on live items ex. Dave Ramsey or funeral planning
 - Pastoral – Catechist training, formal Pastoral training (lectors, servers, eucharistic ministers, etc), informal Pastoral training (youth group, catholic watchmen, circle of women, etc)

3. Old Business: *Tabled*

- a. Goals for 2017-18, Policy Handbook, Discuss how to reach out to families not registered in parish programming: school or faith formation,
- b. Create a wish list for youth programs – so parishioners can donate. Example Pool Cue's or Ping Pong Paddles/Ball
- c. Create a wish list for ODM programs

V. Prayer Assignments – Opening: Max Closing: Jessica Z

VI. Date of Next Meeting: [Nov 21st, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.](#)

VII. Closing Prayer: Jessica Z

VIII. Adjourn: 8:03 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