

St. Patrick's Catholic Church  
Religious Formation Committee Minutes  
May 17, 2005  
7:00 p.m.

Present: Wendy Anderson, Jackie Coco, Jim Greufe, Dave Schonder, Gina Higgins, Kelly Brown, Mary Jo Lofgren, Tammy Morrissey and Mary McMahon

Absent: Dionne Housley, Colleen Gawley, Vitus Schmidt, Krsiten McCarville and Mari Hellerich

Opening Prayer: All

- 1.) Mary McMahon welcomed new members: Kelly Brown, Kathy Burney, Michaela Jackson and Deb Schroer. Gina Higgins was also welcomed—she is completing Kimm Schumacher's term to expire in 2007.
- 2.) Outgoing members were thanked for their service---Wendy Anderson, Vitus Schmidt, Mari Hellerich and Colleen Gawley.
- 3.) April Minutes were approved with one correction: Jackie Coco was in attendance.
- 4.) Mailing from the parish to all RF families regarding tithing was mailed out on May 16, 2005. Letters were also sent to 5-day school families and all other parishioners.
- 5.) 2005-2006 RF Committee calendar was handed out. The meeting times have been changed to 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
- 6.) The Bylaws were handed out, but there was an error in photocopying. Mary will distribute a corrected copy to all members at a later date.
- 7.) Handbook Recommended changes:
  - o No cell phones, game boys etc. If these items are brought to class they will be taken from the student and their parent will have to come to the RF Office after class to retrieve the item.
  - o Home Schooling— two parent meetings will be put on the calendar for the 2005-2006 year. These meetings will be mandatory for the parents to attend. Attendance by the students at the poverty meal, Seder meal and other RF events will be required.
  - o Clothing—mid drift and short lengths—Mary will check into the guidelines the public schools are using.
  - o Cones will be placed in the center islands to prevent traffic driving through the center islands.
  - o Mary will ask Don Ridder to remind parents of 5-day school students not to park in front of school drop off lanes on Wednesday evenings.
  - o The importance of attending meetings and retreats needs to be stressed to parents.

- 8.) Key dates for the beginning of the 2005-2006 RF year for Catechists is August 17, 2005, the Night of the Roundtables and August 31, 2005, Catechist In-Service.
- 9.) Goals for next year were brainstormed:
- ◆ Generations of Faith—1 event planned for next year. Jenni Vankat, Mary McMahon and Mary Ann Wolfe will attend one additional training session.
  - ◆ Open House in November 2005
  - ◆ Priest involvement in RF program.
  - ◆ Prayer services and incorporation of music.
  - ◆ Review Mission Statement.
- All members were asked to think of additional goals over the summer. A determination of goals to be worked on during the 2005-2006 year will be made in August.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Next meeting: August 16, 2005 @ 6:30 p.m.