

Faith Formation Notes - September Meeting 2022

Sue will be providing updates from the board chair meeting to attempt to keep all of us informed about what's happening around the church. Feel free to reach out to her with any questions or clarifications needed.

Updates from Board Chair Meeting:

Finance & Facilities - work is being done on doors and fobs, there will be future work on the annex and in the balcony; initial inputs to budget are done, next will be stewardship drive and adjustments will be made pages on pledges; draft use of parish hall space is in progress (no plans to make it available to the community at large; sound dampening work is in progress in parish hall; final mortgage was \$478,000.

Outreach - needs co-chair; seeking additional "at large" board members; was to communicate to community that grants are available; updates have been made to grant requests; can include requests for sweat equity; would like checks that are made to the food pantry to be made out so SOIIFM can use them for human needs (utilities and other needs) instead of only food. Provided grant to Good Shepherd homeless shelter for \$5000.

Parish Life - Saturday, Dec 3 11-2 ECW annual meeting; Homecoming ready; coffee hour starts Sep 18; some talk about each board taking a month at a time for coffee hour set up

Pastoral Care - October training session coming for Lay Eucharist Ministers

Worship - beach services averages 45-50 people; choir practice is back; adults can volunteer to serve as acolytes (talk to Ricky Evans). There is a need for Lay Eucharistic Ministers.

Communicator - any items wanted in the newspaper goes to Lorraine (through board communicator); booking rooms for meetings can go straight to Lorraine, not through board chair; include dates, times & expected # of people so room will be right size

Fr Eric - vestry will not be micromanaging ministry boards; vestry will be focused on visioning; day to day operations will be coordinated through ministry boards; chaplain roles are ending

Updates from Faith Formation Team

Share Groups - George is working with Sue & Fr Eric to determine best time to launch the initial share group

Theology Uncorked - started on Wednesday with about 25 in attendance

Adult Formation - started Sunday with a study series on Celtic Christianity to learn more ahead of the start of a Celtic service in November

Autumn Equinox event - happening this Wednesday; Debbie had volunteers and a good group of community members offering various programs

Library - Deborah Miller will be writing a job description for the librarian so we can recruit a new volunteer. If you know of someone who might be interested in taking over the organization of the church library, please reach out!

Linda Humphreys has volunteered to be our communicator! YAY!!!!

Youth - Sue and Maitland are going to try to put together a meeting for youth on the last Sunday of each month, starting after the 10 am service. Sue is trying to find out what Model Policies we have to comply with regarding training and background checks. Sue plans to send out invitations to students and parents that we will be starting in October. We had wanted to start in September, but Sue didn't get information out soon enough. Our plan is to offer meetings for 3 months and see how many kids we can get to come. If we can't average at least 3, we will end the program.

Sally Learned would like to offer a class based on the national church's social justice and advocacy platform. Her goals:

1. Navigate the site with the group and gain an overview understanding of justice and advocacy and the topics listed.
2. Pick 3 topics that may be relevant to our region/diocese and dig in.

3. Determine if there are points of action that can be taken and practice justice and advocacy.

Sacred Ground, is a faith based course on walking together through America's history of race and racism, while weaving in threads of family story, economic class, and regional identity. The course meets on zoom beginning January 5, 2023 and continuing every other Thursday for 11 weeks. Linda Humphreys and Lisa Ritchey from Grace Episcopal church will co-facilitate.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Humphreys