

Christian Formation Committee Meeting Minutes-March 23, 2010

Present:

Claire Hoffmeyer	Linda Kroll	Erik Anderson
Mariann Van Winkle	Maria Pascente	Christine Crossman
Mary Michael	Andrea Knopp	

I. Opening Prayer: Mariann Van Winkle

II. Review of Fishsticks Event: Huge success. Everyone give yourself a pat on the back. Positive feedback received from people. Great intergenerational event. Also a success on the catechetical side. All the CF classes liked doing the silent auction themed baskets. Good teambuilding for the classes. Recommended to be more organized before the final week. Big learning curve for the 1st time. Estimate event profit \$3760.

III. Discussion of Proposed CF Class Schedule Changes

- A. Directives and pastoral opinion-Fr. Ken and Fr. Phil have a very strong voice for having all programming at SJV in order to maintain “Safeguarding all God’s children.” Big safety issue. Keep students on campus with staff present at SJV.
- B. Relocation of all CF Classes and Confirmation Groups to SJV- Discussed pros and cons of CF classes hosted at homes vs. SJV. Homes provide comfort and openness vs. “institutional setting.” The home setting for Confirmation students was viewed as a rite of passage. Homes more conducive to prayer vs. classroom setting. Discussed variety of prayer spaces available at SJV. Discussion of how teachers impacted our lives despite sterile institutional settings. Concern addressed if we want to draw students to SJV –why do we want to send them out to homes. Discussed if we would lose catechists if CF not taught in homes. Youth ministry team and priests more accessible if classes re-locate to SJV. Catechists that meet at SJV can collaborate more. Catechist subs more accessible at SJV. Classes at SJV would also allow special worship opportunities among several classes and would increase use of the new, renovated youth space. Erik addressed biggest issue of having classes on campus for protection of students/safety.

C. Program times for '10-11-Discussed Sunday mid-day programming (12:15-1:30pm) in lieu of Sunday evening (6:00-7:15). Families complain of Sunday evening classes interrupting dinner time or homework completion. Sunday afternoon classes would promote 11:00 mass attendance. Discussed pros of Sunday evening classes- students more available Sunday evenings with many sport/family events going on during the day. Recommended the proposed changes for Sunday evenings-6:10-7:20pm for 6, 7, 8, and 9 grades. 7:30-8:40pm for 10 & 11 grades. Wednesday maintains the 6-8th grade classes from 5-6:15 pm and additionally provides the opportunity for high school youth to attend TILT from 8-9pm and social hour afterwards.