

# Formation Commission

Tuesday, March 11, 2008

7:30 pm MC Room 106

## Minutes

Members - Deacon John, Vera Zielinski, Pat Sellick, Frank Alvino, Lissa Schellinger, Doug Kasper, Jason Theobald, Hank Steermann

### Scripture Reading/Reflection – Group

#### Update on New Pastor

- Deacon John spoke about our new Pastor, Fr. Jerry, saying he was energetic and would be good for St. Isidore
- Fr. Jerry is bilingual and that would help to serve the Hispanic community
- Fr. Jerry would begin to appear at certain meetings here prior to officially taking over in June

#### Parish Strategic Plan

- Hank discussed the importance of updating the Parish Objectives with information from each of the Formation Ministries
- Vera provided data to update the chart
- Some members asked if Hank could provide a chart that they could update periodically with the necessary data points needed from each ministry – Hank will provide

#### Update on the Joint Commission Meeting

- Discussed the issues arising from the February meeting:
  - Overall good support
  - Complimentary on the thoroughness of the process
  - Concern about how we can raise the necessary funds
  - Concern the Chapel will not be ADA compliant for many years
  - The kitchen in the Ministry Center needs attention now
  - Need to set targeted dates
  - Agreement that Town Hall Meetings would be good

#### Update on Called & Gifted Program

- Deacon John stated this program is continuing with the over 100 people who participated last year
- A new 1 ½ day session will be announced shortly
- This program does not work as well with the youth because they are in an early stage of developing and understanding knowing their charisms

### **Update on Development Project Team/Communication**

- Hank spoke of the actions being taken to provide effective communication within the parish
- A Development Project Team is being assembled to assist with the hiring of a Development Director and Development Consultant

### **Deep Team**

- Commission discussed how Faith Formation is too disjointed currently – we need to bridge the gap
- Deacon John spoke of a new Team he is designating as the “Deep Team”
- This group will be focused on Adult Education and help in identifying programs needed with the Parish.
- The Deep Team with John will focus on 4 basic ideas:
  - Education
  - Discipleship
  - Planning
  - Evangelization
- More information will be forthcoming as this initiative moves forward

### **Pizza with the Pastor**

- This event was conducted to give anyone an opportunity to ask Fr. Tony questions related to the church in an informal setting
- 1000 invitations were sent out, there were Bulletin notices, pulpit announcements and signs
- 15 people actually attended, however, the conversation was viewed as beneficial by those in attendance

### **Closing Prayer**

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Hank Steermann