

Faith & Evangelization Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2012

Attendees: Melissa Hicks Katherine Schrenk Brian Payne
 Pam Rozanski Fr Jenkins *

* came near the end of the meeting.

Melissa will send a thank you not to the KOCs for setting up the table. On a side note, it was Pam that set up the table, but agreed we should support the Knights and a thank you is in order.

Portia Morris, has had to step down as Committee secretary as she has conflicting work commitments. Pam, will take meeting minutes until someone else steps forward to assume this role.

Katherine suggested using our advertising materials from the Pancake Supper at all the upcoming Soup Suppers. This is to promote our efforts and help draw in new members. A suggestion box may also be available to see what interests the parish may have. Pam, asked about Carol's survey that was going to be used at the Pancake Supper. Melissa, will follow up on this as Carol was not in attendance at this meeting.

Bible Study – Brian presented information about his discussion with Fr. Jenkins regarding an upcoming Bible Study. He would continue using the Little Rock series, but had schedule conflicts with some of the weeks if the series chosen was 10 weeks long as it was last year. Via internet, we were able to find a possible topic: The Passion and Resurrection Narratives of Jesus. This is only a 7 week session and seems to fit liturgically with the season. Brian, will follow up with Fr. Jenkins to get this started.

It was noted that Thursday evenings would be the most ideal for the Bible Study, this will conflict with 1-2 of the committee's meetings. It was agreed that on those nights, we would stay after the Bible Study ended to meet or use the phone conferencing feature.

Melissa discussed plans for resuming the Catholic Book Group. She plans to research a few options for the book club and present them to Fr. Jenkins.

Katherine, discussed holding a few sessions on Marriage. She would like to take the lead on this and estimates that this could be a 2 session talk (each session maybe 2 hours each). One of the talks would be on the dignity of marriage and the other bio-ethics. The talk on marriage would be where she would like to begin. Melissa, asked about the process of getting her course vetted. Pam, advised that all programs, whether it was a book club, bible study or any other educational program first had to be presented to Fr. Jenkins for his approval prior to being held.

Pam, asked if there was a budget for our committee and if we were responsible for fundraising to create start up funds. She also mentioned that we did not have to always create an activity that we could “plug in” to events around the Archdiocese or contact other local parishes and share. The two upcoming retreat days, being planned by the Archdiocese was a good place to start. It was too late to promote the Men’s retreat. For the women’s retreat, Melissa was willing to encourage a group to go. Flyers were created and a sign up sheet for Mass and the Soup suppers was posted.

Fr. Jenkins, joined the meeting. He brought samples of printed pamphlets that are currently available in our church pamphlet rack. He asked the committee to maintain the rack. Another publication, *The Word Among Us*, is used for Advent, Lent and June. This will continue, but the monthly subscription was cancelled.

Fr. Jenkins addressed the budget issues. There should be a budget for our committee, but for now, the parish would provide the start-up.

Final discussion for the evening was creating a parish blog.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting _____