



**Spires of Faith Cluster**  
Faith Formation Commission Meeting  
July 18, 2022  
7:00 PM Dyersville Rectory Living Room

Present: Christina Rudd (P) 2024, Mavis Engler (W) 2024, Jenn Helle (D) 2023, Amanda Kluesner (NV) 2024, President-Joan Steger (E) 2023, Tami Kelchen (FF), Fr Gabriel Mensah Not Present: Julia Mertz (D) 2023, Jeff Nefzger (E) 2022

Opening Prayer: Fr. Gabriel

Approval of Minutes & Agenda: April meeting minutes forwarded to committee 7/19/22

**Reports:**

- A. Formation Reports
  - a. Dyersville FF - attendance of the 2 week program was an issue - competition with vacation, sports, convenience. Tami will discuss with Fr. Chris and create a survey. Questions for consider: What are the barriers? Timing? What is drawing families to Farley's program? Consider 1 week full days? Carpools, snacks, lunch, paperwork?
  - b. Youth Ministry - reviewed in report
  - c. Totus Tuus - reviewed in report
- B. Catholic Schools Reports - reports will be sent later

**Discussion Items:**

1. Theology on Tap
  - a. Speakers and topics - Joan's was great! Recommendation for a repeat.
  - b. August- 25th - Fr. Chris - Tami will suggest his vocation story for a topic.
  - c. October-13th - Jason Reed was recommended. Tami will speak to him about a topic.
  - d. December 15th - still in discussion
2. Adult Faith Formation - \*this will be Tami's next focus\*
  - a. 99 Experience - Tami will look into this for fall/winter by contacting Ben Valentine.
  - b. Marriage Enrichment
    - i. Local Programs - Tami contacted Janet Francis
    - ii. Start up a Program- Tami will contact Family Life Program to ask for resources and assistance.
  - c. Christ Renews His Parish Update - This requires Fr. Chris's approval and experienced volunteers to set up a team overnight retreats. Has had a lot of support in the past.
  - d. Exodus-Tony Digman - Tami will ask Tony if he would run this again.
  - e. Magnify-Dee McCaraHer - Tami will ask Dee if she will run this again. Joan said she would help.
  - f. Bible studies - Formed is a great resource. Maybe call it "Adult Faith Group". Tami will ask Fr. Chris
3. Generations of Faith - dates are scheduled for this year. 3 people have indicated they are interested in volunteering to help.
  - a. Theme for next year - "Formed"?
  - b. Program revamp/brainstorm - "Search" is a 7 session, 20 minute video presentations by Chris Stephanic
4. Earlville Faith Formation
  - a. registration is open, but past registrations have been lost in the system. IT is working on it.

- b. Looking for more teachers. Daniel Meyers was a possible candidate. Tami will contact.
- 5. Youth Ministry ideas/roadblocks -
  - a. Kickoff Sept 11 th at Ben Hokamps - soccer game in the mud - mix of fun and worship
  - b. Liability form must be filled out by parents for kids to participate.
  - c. HyVee donating food. Tami to check with Steger Construction and Dyersville Fire Dept. if they will help get the field ready for the soccer game.
- 6. Steubenville report
  - a. 23 kids, 1 drop - 3 from Dubuque.
  - b. 3 or 4 Chaperones
  - c. Pizzas ordered, food lined up and t shirts ordered
- 7. Totus Tuus...worth the \$\$?
  - a. Price and time management (over time) are issues.
  - b. Checking to see Totus Tutus team would be willing to help collect the registration fees.
  - c. The program also needs to be more structured.
- 8. Formed vs. ydisciple
  - a. Need to renew by the 24th of July. Fr. Chris not a fan of ydisciple – use Formed for Generations of Faith
- 9. Confirmation
  - a. Parent meeting Aug 3rd - Emails and letters sent out to parents reminding them
- 10. Christmas Gift ideas - \$1.00 for 2 books – Tami will order
- 11. Next Meeting:

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting - October 10th, 2022