

Attended: Annette Van Dyke, LeeAnn Balbirona, Carmella Barger, Marcella Rockenbach

Old Business: none

Reports / Sharing

Lee Ann / Children's Religious Ed

- Successfully using "Celebrating the Lectionary"
- Using 2 sided LTP take home sheet; side one is topic to compliment the Sunday readings (Word to Go / La Palabra para llevar") and side two is "Take Me Home" which is directed to the parents with ideas to help them celebrate feast days and liturgical seasons at home.
- Successfully using "Prayers for the Catholic Child" put out by the Archdiocese of Seattle.
- New children are still being registered.
- Paulist Press "Catholic Family Book Club" flyer was presented and it was suggested that it be passed by Father Jay before being included in the RE take home material.
Update: No book club flyers were returned with orders, so we won't be going forward with offering this program.
- Lee Ann spoke about having to cancel one of the Sunday classes last week because of sick teachers and went over what might be the best possible way to handle illness of teachers in the future.
- RCIC: no candidates
- Also working on developing a RE page for the parish website as well as usual newsletter article.

Annette / Middle & High School Programs

- Jr High has +/- 27 kids. They are using "Celebrating the Lectionary"
- Jr High will have a Halloween Party here at Holy Cross Oct 23rd in the Hall. Todd Rogers will be the DJ / Karaoke.
- 7th & 8th graders have a group of kids that are acting as mentors to new kids coming in.
- Advent wreaths will be sold again this year in Mid November.
- It was mentioned that Fr Jay does not want any fundraising on Holy Days at locations away from Holy Cross.
- High School Convention is Nov 6-8.
- The need for a paid youth minister was brought up. It was thought that volunteers simply cannot, or do not have the time to keep up with all the networking that is required for participation in Archdiocese functions. Annette has reached out to the North County Director, Bridget Harris, and there has been some proactive response.
- There was also discussion as to how a paid youth minister might be an asset to the community by being available to talk with the youth, and recognize potential "at risk" youth, as well as being a welcoming presence in the different youth programs.
- Young Adult / age 18-25 We have a few in the parish, but no specific program for them at this time.
- Mission trip Ministry: Monte and Carole Marti are leading the 2010 mission trek, anticipating that new leadership will begin transitioning into this role the following year.
- The 2010 mission trip is scheduled for July 16-26, 2010; and they will be going to San Francisco, California to work with the downtown homeless.
- Confirmation Class: 4 candidates, and it is up and running.

Carmella / RCIA

- “Returning Catholics” / this is yet to be determined. The archdiocese will be unfolding their ad campaign in Lent, and we are waiting for more details. There are some returning Catholics programs already being used in some parishes. We currently do not have a program here at Holy Cross. It was pointed out that the needs of the returning Catholic are very different from the RCIA candidate or catechumen.
- We have one RCIA member who will be baptized on Oct 21, 2010.
- We have one Catechumen, and one candidate, with the possibility of 2 more candidates.

Marcella / Adult Formation

- The Scripture Study on Romans facilitated by Leo DeBruyn is in the 3rd week and it is going well. We have 23 signed up. More than half of those who are in this study it is their first time signing up for a study here at Holy Cross. We are using the hall and the conference room.
- It was brought up that there are a number of people who for one reason or another cannot attend the Monday evening study even though they indicated on the Time, Talent & Treasure form and on the Adult formation questionnaire that went out to 2009 participants that they were interested in Bible Study. After contacting those individuals I learned some of the reasons :
- Can't drive at night
- Monday evening conflicts
- Not interested in the 25 week study or can't make that long of a commitment.
- Can't afford the material. (Even though they were assured that their material costs would be taken care of if they wanted to come).
- We explored the idea of bulletin inserts such as “Catholic Update or seasonal for Advent and Lent that all parishioners could benefit from be inserted in the bulletin. Lee Ann suggested we use the LTP “The Word to Go” that she is currently using with the children's program. The Word to Go is directed towards adults. Everyone seemed to like the idea of putting it each week in the bulletin; and even more so because Holy Cross already owns the program. Carmella is going to present it to the Parish Council.
- “Life in the Spirit Seminar” A question arose regarding what was known about the “Life in the Spirit Seminar”. Currently it is not scheduled on the Holy Cross calendar.

Meeting adjourned @ 4:30pm

Respectfully submitted, Marcella Rockenbach