

CHRISTIAN FORMATION COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 6, 2011

The meeting was called to order by Karen Jennings who gave the Opening Prayer. Members present included: Agatha Peterson, Deacon Gary Harmeyer, Elenore Castellano, Dorothy Traub, Cyndy Pannullo, Ann Abrams, Karen Jennings and Carolyn Rye.

Karen welcomed everyone back after the summer break.

REPORTS:

Cyndy reported that the Middle School Leadership Training Camp had to be cancelled because of low turn-out. Ten students attended a Water Country trip with youth from Holy Spirit Parish. Many of our teens helped with Vacation Bible School.

Twelve teens and two adults attended the Diocesan Youth Conference in Richmond.

Cyndy also reported that Emily Hoke, a senior scout will adopt as her project organizing supplies in the upstairs rooms and painting murals in two of the rooms.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Teens will help with the Fall Festival on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>.; Diocesan Youth Day at Busch Gardens on October 1<sup>st</sup>; Blessing of the Animals October 4<sup>th</sup>; and Holy Ghost Weiner Roast on October 28<sup>th</sup>.

One Catechist is still needed for first grade. Father Pitt will give a Blessing to Catechist on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

Ann Abrams reported that there will be a Baptism preparation session on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Three families are scheduled to attend. She is working on seven other Baptisms for the near future. Ann is working with a family with two children ages 7 and 10 who will probably be coming into the church during the coming year. Registrations are slow this year for Family Faith Formation. The sessions will begin on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

Karen reported that there are two adults in the RCIA program, with possibly four more joining the group. They will meet on October 5<sup>th</sup>.

She distributed copies of the Preliminary Christian Formation Calendar for the year. The committee was asked to decide on what program to select for continuing education. Pathways – “Echos of Faith” was the one selected by the committee. We will meet once a month and the sessions will begin on September 21<sup>st</sup> from 7-8:30 PM. New people who sign-up on Stewardship Week-end for the Adult Christian Formation Committee will be invited to join there sessions.

Karen announced that the speaker for our Lenten Retreat will be Debbie Stollery. More details will be made available in the near future. A proposal for an Adult refresher on Reconciliation during Lent was also discussed.

On Sunday October 9<sup>th</sup> from 10AM until 10:55 there will be a Video Presentation featuring Father Michael Himes.

The next Adult Christian Formation Committee meeting will be held on October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Dorothy Traub, Acting Secretary