

Faith Formation Minutes–Monday, Dec. 13, 2021

Members in attendance: Kris Dobratz, Kris Hartman, Ron Johnson, Hans Peterson, Katie Weisenberger; Members absent: Krista Picha, Sara Shorter

As a table, we will take turns reading different chapters from the book Let's Kill Sunday School Before It Kills the Church by Dr. Rich Melheim. Ron reported on one chapter. Katie will read and give a synopsis of the next chapter for our next meeting.

- A church in Florida has added an intergenerational service in addition to their traditional Sunday worship. This service includes improvisational sermons, crafts lead by different ages, etc. They use Faith 5 terminology. They focus on a topic (i.e. John the Baptist) for 2 weeks at a time. Families go home after the first service and focus on that topic throughout the week at home. Then they come back and revisit that same topic during the following service. The different generations work together to make the Bible come alive.
- We talked about what these ideas might look like for RoH. We were skeptical about being able to add another service but thought we could make our Wednesday nights a Faith Formation Night. This led us to talk about Headwaters and how this could possibly be part of a more intergenerational evening. Just brainstorming for now.

Confirmation:

- They'll meet the first two Wednesdays in January, February, and May. There will not be confirmation during Lent. Instead, students and their mentors are encouraged to attend our new Lenten services in March and April.

Fun for All Events:

- Christmas Caroling–Sunday, Dec. 19 at 4pm. We'll meet at the RoH offices and visit 6-8 different homes to spread some Christmas cheer. We'll stay outside and drive from place to place. At the end, all are welcome to join us at Main Street Sports Bar for some dinner. We've reserved the back room at no cost. Hans is connecting with Jim about using Beer & Hymns Caroling song sheets. He will also ask some new visitors if they'd like us to stop by and sing to them. Katie is checking with Sandy Tracy, Andy Koenning, Jim and Jan Schaefer, and Nancy Schaefer to see if they'd like us to stop by. Ron is checking with Verlyn and Carol.
- Pondy–Wednesday, Feb. 16. We're looking at a possible Pond Hockey event at Park Elementary. We could use the warming house, but it costs \$50 to reserve for 2 hours. It's open 3:30-8pm. Otherwise, we might just show up. We're still deciding about food or not. There will definitely be hot cocoa, but Hans was going to check with Tiffany Bernard about possibly making soup. Maybe the Gathering Table could help with this.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, Jan. 24, 2022 at 6:30pm on Zoom, but we just found out Hans cannot be there, so this may change.

Respectfully submitted by Katie Weisenberger