

St. Isidore Cluster Faith Formation Commission
Approved Minutes
November 8, 2016 – Visitation Parish Faith Formation Center
Written by Mary Streit

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM

1. **Opening Prayer:** Leaders' Gram
2. **Members Present:** Jayne Havig, Christine Hackenmiller, Mary Streit, Beth Hoppel, Barb Brumm, Father Burkle, Glenda Ross, Julie Brumm, Jen Christensen.
3. **Agenda approved:** by consensus
4. **Approval of minutes:** by consensus

Report Highlights:

5 & 6: **CRE/DRE REPORT** – See attached reports

Barb: see report:

Youth Highlights: Facebook up and running – “Visitation Parish”. The 8th grade catechists sent prayer letters to the Urbandale police force in light of the recent shooting of police officers.

Adult Highlights: First Arch Women's Conference Feb. 4, 2017 – Will take a bus if enough people are interested.

Beth: See Report:

Highlights: Disappointed in parent attendance for Mary Adam's presentation on her experience volunteering with Mother Teresa in India. Have collected and bagged pairs of shoes for the shoe drive. Family Night to be hosted by the classes on November 30th and December 14th.

General: Barb and Beth made mention of their initiative to visit the homebound and other community services.

7. **Pastor Report:** - Reflection on Reflection of October's Leaders' Gram: Like light pollution, our daily lives can be polluted to obstruct our view of God. Gave summary of the new salary rule mandate.

8. **FFC Monthly Expense Reports** – Sacred Heart approved by consensus. Visitation approved by consensus. Barb mentioned that toilets have been maintenance after episode with running toilet that was hooked to water softener.

9. **Old Business:** Received updated abbreviation list.

10. **New Business:** a. Discussion on the evaluation protocol. b&c. discussion of new salary changes made by the U.S. government and how it applies to St. Isidore's salary employees (Beth, Barb and Annette). Glenda brought forth the question, “ why do men not come to faith formation events?” Discussion on ideas for affective ministry for men in the parish. This circled back around to having liability insurance for “work groups” or volunteering for local needs of the community. Beth volunteered to look into how much the extra insurance would cost.

11. **Leader's Gram:** Discussion on busy lives and priorities. Discussion on sending letters to the state to let the school system know that family and worship time is being encroached upon by excessive school activities.

12. **Closing Prayer:** Leaders' Gram - November

13. **February 7, 2017** Tuesday, 6:30 PM at Sacred Heart Faith Formation Center.

14. **Meeting adjourned** at 7:40 PM.

