

Faith Formation Team Meeting Notes  
Meeting May 14, 2020  
Met via Zoom

**Attendees:**

Danelle Andrews, Donna Norris, Kelly Falck, Michael Good, Peter Fox, Ania Shepler, Serena Fedor

**Meeting Minutes:**

1. Opening: Kelly opened the meeting with calling out all of the amazing work Danelle has been doing. She has led and drove the change needed in March to get the church online and has been continuing to help with the programming. It is with her leadership we were able to pivot so quickly to get our church community online and stay connected during this time. A big shout out to her and all of her efforts.
2. Staff Updates:
  - a. Kelly:
    - i. Great response so far from the zoom chats with the pastors coming.
    - ii. Best Us: Launched Marriage programming that is online and a do at your own pace.
    - iii. May 31<sup>st</sup> – Butterfly event last year was such a hit that the plan is to do a drive through event this year. Each family can pick-up a packet and a butterfly to release at home. Details still being finalized.
  - b. Peter:
    - i. Doing zoom meetings to help the youth know the church is still here for them. Continuing to get the word out so they feel supported.
    - ii. Confirmation classes – 5 online classes and they went well. Planning confirmation for the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September.
  - c. Danelle:
    - i. Large group opening is being still being produced by Miss Amy and put online weekly. Involving kids from Sunday school to keep kiddos engaged.
    - ii. End of Year/ Butterfly event upcoming. See above.
    - iii. VBS – Considering some online activities for VBS in July. Nothing final determined, so more to come.
3. Committee Feedback:
  - a. People and longing to be back at church and connecting with people. Understand that is still far away. One idea of watch parties was shared. When in yellow small groups could gather to watch the streaming service on a weekly basis. Provides a way to connect with people since we can't have large groups.

- b. Suggested to consider an earlier church service time online. With warmer weather people are looking to get out and enjoy the weather and 11 cuts into a full day to enjoy with family.
  - c. Overall parents are feeling zoomed out. It has been hard juggling everything during this time. More screen time activities is causing burn out. Asked if there was ways to mail things like the bulletins that you could read at your own pace.
  - d. Looking for ways to share our church with neighbors since they are the people we are seeing the most right now. Suggested the potential to include something people could hand out to neighbors in the butterfly packets.
  - e. Like the featuring of staff on FB page. Is there a way to feature member families? Potential to feature Sunday school teachers, council members, etc.
  - f. Is there a way to share prayer requests on Facebook so members can pray from those in need?
  - g. Some members of the group feel like they are not getting communications and don't know everything that is going on. Recognize that some of it is seeking out the information and need to be more proactive.
  - h. Overall very positive feedback on the programming and the ways the church has been keeping us connected. The staff has done an amazing job given the circumstances. Not everyone can make all the activities because of times being offered, but recognize there is no perfect time for all. (Staff will be testing different timeframes for offerings to see what works best for different groups of people.)
4. What can the committee do to support staff?
- a. Share content on social channels to help get the word out about our programs.
  - b. Staff will reach out once Fall plans start coming together for feedback/ input where needed.
5. Peter led the committee in prayer to close out the meeting.

**Meeting Schedule for the Remainder of the 2020:**

September 10: 6:30-7:30 PM