

October/November 2019 Formation Liaison Report – Marlene Bumgarner

Adult Formation

The Formation Work Group (Jane Dawson, Liz, Judith, Bill, Charles, and Debra) met on November 13 and set future meetings as being on the third Wednesday of each month at 10:30 a.m. in the office. Their next meeting will be December 18.

Topics of discussion at the November meeting included Bible Study, a four-week study of Richard Rohr during Advent, a Study of Paul's Epistles from January 5 to February 26, and a possible New Members Class. Dates and speakers were set through February.

Aptos Community Youth Program

New financial policies took place in November, giving the director more purchasing ability. Youth from both Aptos Junior High School and Aptos High School have been working with Lisa to actively plan a launch party for December 13th. The youth picked the theme of "Cozy Winterland" and they plan to have a DJ, hot chocolate bar, campfire and Smores, a Taco Truck, and other games and activities

The director is awaiting the delivery of a couch and a beanbag chair which will complete the furnishing of the youth. She hope to start having programs on the campus of St. John's for youth come back to school in January, starting with offering programs about three times a week, with at least one of those days being on campus at Aptos Jr High.

Sunday School

The fall Sunday School program kicked off on November 10 with the first Sunday afternoon session from 3:00-4:00 p.m.. Younger children (ages 4-7) met in the Kenny Room with Alysa Rowe and Lorie Showalter, and the older children (ages 8-10) meet with Lisa Freeman and Mother Tracy in the Youth Center.

Future dates for Children' Afternoon Sunday School will be on the second Sunday of the Month except December and April.:

January 12
February 9
March 8
May 10

2020 Budget

In preparation for the special Vestry meeting held on December 3 to set budget priorities for 2020, I suggested raising the Sunday School budget from this year's number of \$270 to \$10,000 to pay a part-time children's ministry coordinator (\$7800 for 10 hours a week; the remainder for marketing, materials, and mileage (for family visits).

Karen Greenleaf responded by writing "In my experience the only times we have had a vibrant children/youth program was when we had a hired person for 10-15 hours per week or a full-time curate." Mother Tracy added a line item in the amount of \$10,000 in the tentative budget, which will be discussed in more detail at tonight's Vestry meeting and finalized at the Vestry Retreat in January.

Hours volunteered for St. Johns in October and November - 5