

Education Commission Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2018

Members Present: Bill Manthe, Lynn Crooks, Marianne Giesen, Juli Boughton, Jeanne Reidl-Zenz, Father William, Josh Jensen, Michelle Strobush, Kitty Mumm, Nick Crosby

Members Absent: Gretchen Hauck, Mike Tenneson

The meeting was called to order at 6:06p.m. and Father led the group in an opening prayer.

Members approved the May agenda and April Minutes

Kitty Mumm reported on Religious Education, K-6:

- Vacation Bible School will be held in Fennimore; Perhaps St Clement could host Vacation Bible School during a different month than Fennimore
- Totus Tuus: Offers a program for younger children and one for middle/high school age. The program for younger children was more well attended as older kids have a lot of competing activities. Father can look into the Totus Tuus program as it is an alternative to Vacation Bible School.
- First communion: Went well with the children receiving communion first. This approach put the focus on the children receiving their first communion. Father is open to making adjustments for next year if needed. It might be nice to have a photographer so parents don't have to worry about taking pictures.

Nick Crosby – Religious Education, 7th–12th

- Confirmation went well.
- Steubenville: Meal fundraiser is coming up June 13th and 14th. T-shirt design night will also be in June.

Josh Jensen – St Clement Parish School:

- Graduating high school seniors came to St. Clement for lunch.
- Many things are happening this month with field trips, camp grey, music program, the curriculum fair.
- At this point all teachers will be back next year, however this often changes.

Bill Manthe - Adult Faith Formation:

- Bill is planning to have offer a Fatima program. Will offer morning sessions as there is little interest in the evening sessions.
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- May offer an adult study on Wednesday nights when religious education sessions are in session. Would be open to all adults, not just parents with kids in religious education.

Father William:

- Father William offered thanks to everyone on the commission. As he has mentioned before, he would like us to reconsider the purpose of the commission moving from just providing feedback on the education related reports to becoming more actively involved in the parish education process.
- Possible projects or things that the commission members could become actively involved in:

- Take on leading some of the educational series
- Help with catechesis
- Get involved in some of the school activities
- Offering a program for families when kids are dropped off for religious ed
- Looking at ways to keep teens involved in the parish after confirmation
- Christmas caroling and pizza
- Reaching out to families that are no longer attending mass
- During the September meeting we will discuss an Education commission project; possibly how to invite parishioners back into the parish.

Wrap Up:

- New members will be added to the commission beginning in August: Linda Ihm, Kate Reuter, Stacie Stowe
- Current council members –Terms complete for Jeanne in 2019, Lynn in 2020, Marianne and Juli in 2022
- Officers for 2018 school year:
 - Jeanne Reidl-Zenz – Chairperson
 - Michelle Strobush – Co Chair
 - Marianne Giesen – Secretary

Next regular meeting will take place on Sept 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer lead by Father.

Adjournment at 7:05

Respectfully submitted:
Marianne Giesen