# Education Commission Meeting Minutes April 14, 2016

Members Present: Father John, Bill Manthe, Kitty Mumm, Josh Jensen, Jenny Winter, Mike Tennesson, Lynn Crooks, Marianne Giesen, and Juli Boughton

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 P.M. with Bill opening with a prayer.

Members present approved the agenda and March minutes.

### Bill Manthe reported for Adult Faith Education.

- Just finished the adult education study, Book of Exodus.
- The next adult education study will be a video series on Devine Mercy. It will be 10 week study and will begin in May. Fr. Michael Gaitely will narrate the videos.
- Jenny spoke with St. Mary Parish in Fennimore about have a joint online subscription to the "Formed" program, a faith formation series of programs. The yearly cost is \$1100 and could be shared.

## Kitty Mumm reported on Religious Education.

- June 6-10, mission camp, little ones attend days, teens evening
- July 18-21, Vacation Bible School at St. Mary's, Fennimore
- Felt 2<sup>nd</sup> grade meeting went well; retreat April 23, First Communion April 24
- Confirmation students have been coming up with ideas for service projects and other fun activities such as movie night, trips to other churches.
  - Confirmation is May 7
- There are 11 little girls who completed the Little Crowns program
- Consider another visit to the Door of Mercy in October 2016
- May crowning is May 1; mass followed by refreshments on the playground, followed by processional
- Confirmation at the 9<sup>th</sup> grade level is supported by Bishop Morlino.

## Josh Jensen reported on the School.

- Josh thanked the committee for completing the self-study surveys. He passed the compiled results out to members present. He felt by looking at those areas answered "don't know" or "strongly disagree" would be areas for us to make improvements.
  - Would like to survey parish through e-mail with a link and paper perhaps
- Pizza fundraiser Saturday, April 16, very successful, around \$2200 raised. Josh will sleep on roof
  of school as incentive to sell.
- Josh encouraged school families to do their part in supporting the parish as we all need to do.
  - Discussed possible increase in tuition if families don't give the minimum and other ideas that the Stewardship Committee is looking at.
- Many events coming up: Spring music program, speech contest, Eco Meet, Camp Gray,
   Curriculum Fair, Test Drive, Field trips, picnics, Graduation
- Enrollment is up for next year and all the teachers are returning

- Will look at 7<sup>th</sup> Grade as a possibility if we get our finances in place
- Discussed Scrip and other alternatives to purchasing Scrip through use of Presto Pay
  - Need to encourage families with graduates and parishioners to buy Scrip

### Father John reported.

- We have 200 books to sell during the Year of Mercy. We will donate profit to Family Promise.
- Kitty introduced the Good Shephard Program for 4 year olds.
  - \$185 for training, each helper needs training
  - Training is in May and July at Diocesan Office.
- Mike spoke with Tim Francis recently; author of Reason to Believe
  - Program "Science Tests Faith"
  - We would pay for travel expenses and lodging
  - Would do 3 talks
  - Promotional program prior to coming

Next regular meeting will take place on Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer by Father.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55.

Respectfully submitted: Juli Boughton