

Education Commission Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2017

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 P.M.

Father John led with an opening prayer, *Hail Mary*.

Members approved the February agenda and December minutes.

Kitty Mumm reported on Religious Education.

- The Clarity Clinic was at St. Clement for a presentation.
- Religious Education students are gaining good habits around going to confession.
- 11 boys and 11 girls are signed up to go to the Steubenville conference the weekend of July 28th. Most of the confirmation students will be attending. Will be going as one group with Mt. Horeb and Fennimore. Joe Phalen has volunteered to be a chaperone if we are short. He has a lot of previous experience as a Director of Religious Education. Will need to raise approximately \$6000 to fund the conference. Carwash would be an option.

Josh Jensen reported on the School.

- Catholic Schools Week
 - Kicked off with Mass followed with a social, book fair, and 4K roundup.
 - Theme this year was around reading
 - Talent show
 - Spaghetti Supper
 - Field trip to the Memorial Library
 - Jazz Band/Song Spinners performed at the school
 - Friday kids went to the water park in Dubuque to finish out the week
 - Tied into service with coin wars; money to be used to buy books for the library. Scholastic to provide matching funds.
 - Offered healthy snack for sale with proceeds going to the UW Children's Hospital. Anonymous family matched \$600.
 - Held book drive and over 200 books were donated to the UW Children's Hospital.
- An all diocese Catholic school mass is planned for October. Will be held at the Alliant Energy Center in Madison. Grades 5 through 8 can participate. St. Clement students will be attending. Josh has letters he will be sending out to ask for donations to help with the costs of sending the students. Mass is at around 10:00, the students eat lunch, and then participate in some activities. Cost is \$20,000 which is split equally between all the schools.
- Feedback from the visiting team was good and the school will receive full accreditation. Comments and recommendations are in the full report. On 3/7 principals are invited to go to the Bishop O'Connor Center to review.
- May have the St. Clement School and Religious Education teachers attend a joint retreat.
- Josh to prepare an action plan for the next 6 to 7 years.
- Blood Drive will be held at the school on February 17th.

Bill reported:

- RCIA program; First Sunday of Lent they will participate in the Rite of Election and the Call to Continuing Conversion with the Bishop in Waunakee.
- Study of St. Peter went well and is just wrapping up.
- St. Clement will be sponsoring a movie night (St. Ignatius of Loyola) during lent. Bill will be distributing ads around the area. We are the only church in the diocese and in the Dubuque area that will be sponsoring this movie. Movie will be run on Tuesday 3/21 and Wednesday 3/22. We could add Thursday night if there is enough interest. St. Clement will be charged a flat fee for each night. The theatre holds 147 people and tickets will be sold for \$7.00 each. Tickets will be presold at the parish office and also on the night of the show. Ads will be put in the Catholic Herald. Kitty may take some of the religious education students to the movie. Knights of Columbus could possibly subsidize the event for the students.
- Bill may be offering a study of St. John during lent.

Father John and Kitty reported on the plan for the upcoming August 2017 through July 2018 year:

- Reviewed some of the items listed on Kitty's document.
- Many ideas for events with the goal of engaging active and inactive parishioners, as well as, those who have left the parish. Want to offer person to person contact.
- Looking for people to lead and help with the events.
- Kitty would like feedback from the group around each person's top 5 events and if people are interested in leading an event.

Father John reported:

- Father will be leading a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2018.
- Planning a procession for the 100th anniversary of Fatima. Hoping to get all parish groups represented.
- School giving auction is planned for April.
- We will have a seminarian this summer. Will find out more details in April.
- 2nd grade reconciliation retreat will be held on March 4th.
- CCW Catholic Women's Conference is coming up March 11th.

Other:

- Father made a motion that the Education Commission be renamed to the Evangelization Commission. Motion accepted.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:25.

Next regular meeting will take place on Thursday, March 9th, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

Closing Prayer lead by Father.

Respectfully submitted:
Marianne Giesen