

Education Commission Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2016

Members Present : Fr. John Sasse, Mike Tennessen, Josh Jensen, Julie Boughton, Kitty Mumm, Jenny Winter

Members Absent : Maryann Giesen, Ashley Crubel, Lynn Crooks, Bill Manthe, Denise Vesperman

Meeting began at 6:05pm with opening prayer.

Acceptance of Agenda

Approval of April minutes

Adult Faith Formation Report – Divine Mercy program will start next week, with a daytime and evening meetings.

Religious Education Report - Love Begins Here this summer, only 1 student going from our parish. No seminarian will be at our parish this summer. Confirmation kids came up with some ideas for gatherings over the summer and fall. Possibly a movie night. There will be Schoenstatt retreats over the summer for girls of all ages. VBS will be held at St. Mary over summer. Catechesis of Good Shepard Program will be held off for this fall, we would need more volunteers to train and commit.

School Report – Camp Gray retreat went well. Discussion was held on possibly adding more prayer time, a Rosary, Mass and/or more dialogue with students incorporating our Catholic faith along with the theme of the retreat. Curriculum fair next week and the Les Mack Drive Challenge.

Fr. John's Report – Pledge Drive still going on. Finance Committee looking at doing a "Financial Peace" course by Dave Ramsay for the parish. Would be a 9 week video course. We will host a "Science Tests Faith" Mission at our parish in the fall. After much discussion, it was decided to have it at the end of August to get the most participation. Discussion ensued about the details of days, times and possible places to hold the event. Will hold 3 offerings: 1 for Religious Ed. Kids, 1 for a Couple's Date night, and 1 in the afternoon for the older crowd. The cost is for the speaker's travel only, and the speaker is paid by free will offering. Donations will be sought to cover advertising expenses.

Next meeting will take place on Thursday, September 8th, 2016 at 6pm.

Closing prayer by Fr. John.

Meeting ended at 7:25pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Jenny Winter