

EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

April 04, 2016

Commission members present:

Father John Kopson, Karen Mitchell, Rebecca Bridgnanan, Ellen Salter, Tess Noonan, Annie Lybik, Marti Biscaro, Kelly Hodorek

Absent: Tom Mitchell

Committee Reports

1. Religious Education:

- Easter Vigil went very well, 8 Baptisms including an infant and 5 year old.
- 3 neophytes want to be engaged and active with their faith and D.C. Parish
- Final Preparations for the Sacraments: May 3rd -116 people to be confirmed, May 7th -57 children for First communion and May 8th - May Crowning.

2. Youth Ministry:

- Middle school –Sacrament of Confirmation fast approaching
- April 23rd, Detroit Zoo visit with youth group and Catholic Youth Trek
- High School - Successful fish fry Fridays!! Many students participated and helped serve
- Lock in on May 22nd and Timothy awards to honor teens for their service on April 17th

3. Vocation Awareness:

- Travelling Chalice and Sign up Genius going well.
- Divine Mercy prayer service was well attended.
- A suggestion was made to provide a brief instruction prior to the service and include all the prayers in chronological order on a prayer card.

4. Faith Formation:

- “Beautiful Mercy” books were distributed during the Easter masses. 700 books were ordered. The books were well received and 80 more orders have been placed and can be picked up at the Rectory. List of people to contact about their book orders were distributed amongst the commission members to follow up with phone calls and advise them to pick up the books at the Rectory Office and Marilyn will check off their names
- Faith Formation evening on April 25th has changed topics to “Angels” led by Fr. Jim. Fr. John shared that he will be out of town at “Pope Paul VI Institute” for the study of Reproduction in Omaha Nebraska. Possible future Faith Formation topics may come out of Fr. John’s experience and tour at the Institute
- Fr. John to present “The real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist” on May 23rd. Tess to book the Gathering Space if not already booked
- Q & A will be held at Knights of Columbus, date TBD
- Fr. John explained to the members that we all receive a missionary mandate at baptism & encouraged us to think of ways to evangelize & to carry this through to the people who have fallen away from the Church.

- Suggestion put forward of having parishioners set aside one Tuesday a month to pray for the families that have fallen away much like we do with the Eucharistic Adoration and vocations
- Marti discussed having Faith Formation needs assessment survey online to reach more Parishioners as we are working off of the needs assessment from 2014.
- Tentatively set 2016-2017 Education commission meetings and Faith Formation Calendar:

-08/29/2016-E.C. meeting	-01/09/2017-E.C.	-05/01/2017-E.C.
-09/26/2016-Faith Formation	-01/23/2017-F.F.	-05/22/2017-F.F.
-10/03/2016-E.C.	-02/06/2017-E.C.	
-10/24/2016-F.F.	-02/27/2017-F.F.	
-11/07/2016-E.C.	-03/06/2017-E.C.	
-11/28/2016-F.F.	-04/03/2017-E.C.	
	-04/24/2017-F.F.	

5. Lighthouse Catholic kiosk:

- Marti discussed the book rack outside of the bathroom and would like to supply the book rack with more lighthouse materials. Members are all in agreement to make better use of that space
- Fr. John to discuss with Fr. Jim about the book rack

6. Parish Council:

- No report as there was no Parish council last month; April 18th will be the next parish council meeting

7. Evangelization committee:

- Kelly reported on 6 parish committee that they are working on a Facebook page and are using this as a means of communication across the diocese.
- 6 Parish Committee is requesting if D.C. can host a St. Paul Street Evangelization event. Fr. John to follow up with Fr. Jim
- Other events organized or being advertised by the 6 parish committee are:
 - Spaghetti dinners and War Room movie at St. Linus on April 16th
 - Traveling Silver Rose will be at St. Linus. The Traveling Rose honors our Lady of Guadalupe and encourages respect for life. The rose has travelled through Canada and Mexico
 - St. Mel hosting Magic Carpet theater by Catherine Zardus
 - “Come encounter Christ” is getting positive feedback, upcoming in our community on April 24th at St. Peter & Paul parish

Next Education Commission Meeting Monday May 02, 2016 at 6:30pm. In the Elementary school library