

EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2016

Commission members present:

Father John Kopson, , Rebecca Bridgnanan, Ellen Salter, Tess Noonan, Annie Lybik, Marti Biscaro, Tom Mitchell, Dawn Dwyer

Absent: Kelly Hodorek, Karen Mitchell

Committee Reports

- Religious Education:
 - Welcome Dawn Dwyer the new Director of Religious Education.
 - Dawn shared with us that she was at St. Robert Bellarmine as a DRE, For 9 years and a Social Worker for 15 years prior.
- Youth Ministry:
 - Not discussed this evening
- Vocation Awareness:
 - Not discussed this evening
- Faith Formation:
 - Jodi Ann Micallef presented an idea for our Faith Formation Nights during Lent.
 - The 3 scrutiny's would be discussed each on 3 Fridays after Stations of the Cross during Lent.
 - It would involve having small group discussions of the upcoming readings/Gospels/scrutiny's and RCIA candidates would participate.
 - Jodi also related that Fr. Bilot would like to lead a Faith Formation Night on November 28, 2016 and the topic would be "Developing your prayer life"
 - Fr. Kopson shared that our September 26th Faith Formation night will be a "Pro-Life" talk. Mr. Mark Sierra a D.C. High theology teacher will speak about Pro-Life from a theological perspective and Shannon Salter a D.C. graduate student/parishioner will give a personal testimonial.
 - Our Faith Formation Night on October 24th will address the political issues we are facing as Catholics and voting for a new President of USA. Fr. Kopson is hoping to invite a Professor of Philosophy from the Seminary.
 - Suggestion was made to have a Mass for our Country and the upcoming election. Fr. Kopson to discuss with Fr. Bilot the evening of Friday November 4th, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.
- New Business:
 - Peggy Scott presented an overview of her Grief Seminars.
 - Peggy and her husband Gerry have been facilitating these seminars since 2011
 - The first Grief Seminar starts Wednesday September 28th, 2016 and meets weekly for 5 sessions in the High School Chapel.
 - Sessions include bible readings, therapeutic music, sharing and reflection.

- Peggy explained that by the 5th week often friendships and bonds have formed between the participants. This is how Peggy met her second husband “Gerry”!!
- All are welcomed and to register participants need to call the rectory
- Lighthouse Catholic kiosk:
 - Book group seemed to be able to sell 30 books when using a book from the Lighthouse Kiosk. Jodi Ann shared that the next Book group meeting is Wednesday September 21.
- Parish Council:
 - Monday September 19th, 2016 is the first Parish Council meeting for this new school year.
- Evangelization:
 - Fr. Kopson shared that the Archdiocese of Detroit named Saturday October 1st, 2016 “Mercy Day in Action”
 - Fr. Kopson suggested as a spiritual work of Mercy we could gather a group of volunteers and pray (rosary) at Northland Family Planning Center. There is a regular group of Pro-Life volunteers that we could join at 9:30 A.M. on Ford Rd. in Westland.
 - Fr. Kopson would like to have a table at the Homecoming game on September 16th. Volunteers would pass out rosaries, miraculous medals, mass schedules and RCIA information.
 - Fr. Kopson shared that he is leaving on September 23rd to set off on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Next Education Commission Meeting will be October 3rd, 6:30 P.M. in the Elementary school Library