

Tri-Parish Education Committee Meeting Minutes
11/15/21 @ 6pm, St. Mary's Campus Resource Room

Committee Members Present: Mary Lansing, Erik Reuter, Nancy Bechel, Father Emmanuel, Father Timothy, Benjamin Mitchell, Angela Lindstrom, Diane Weiss, Brittne McMahon, Sarah Weber

Meeting called to order by Erik at approximately 6:05pm

Opening Prayer by Father Emmanuel

Intro by new attendee/parent Angela Lindstrom (angie16451@gmail.com)

Previous meeting minutes reviewed and approved with one correction (noted only St. Mary's/Lima/Mondovi confirmands attended the Tri-Parish Faith Formation classes).

- Benjamin Mitchell/Faith Formation (FF) Updates
 - Noted some behavioral issues in FF classes, but feels it's under control.
 - Substitute teacher Dave McMahon reported FF students shared they learned more in the few classes with Father Timothy than they had learned in all past years of CCD.
 - Father Emmanuel, Father Timothy, Monica Heitman have split the 10th grade confirmands (boys, girls).
 - FF working on a Thanksgiving project for the Food Pantry and a snow shoveling community service project.
 - Catechist and substitute catechist positions filled.

- Father Emmanuel/Father Timothy/Pastors' Updates
 - Server training is complete, including third graders serving at Lima school masses.
 - Added a first Friday of each month school mass and adoration.
 - Recently had three baptisms and have two RCIA candidates.
 - December 8, 9, 10 will be 40 hour Advent Adoration at St. Mary's. Confession times to be determined.
 - Father Timothy noted he has finished training the Eucharistic Ministers and is working with Benjamin on new Confirmation goals.
 - Latin masses will likely begin the first Saturday in December @ 6AM, location to be determined. Noted potential for students to someday participate in Latin masses.

- Mary Lansing/ ACS Updates
 - Following the meeting people will gather to sort, vet, and prepare for shipping the donations for Boxes of Joy.
 - Good community response, students participated in packing boxes.
 - Advent Programs (formerly known as Christmas Programs)
 - Lima 12/12 @1230pm, Our Lady of Guadalupe
 - St. Mary's Campus 12/16 @ 6pm, Live Nativity
 - Will be live streamed again this year. Will look into potential of having audio live streamed over the radio so the audience can listen in their cars.
 - Band/Choir Concert 1/6/22
 - Requested assistance in considering new reading and literature curriculum for 2022-2023. Seeking a curriculum that promotes the values of a classical Catholic education, looking to avoid secular influence.
 - No Scholastic Book Fair this year due to secular influence that is out of ACS' control. Looking at alternative option for March 2022.
 - Reviewed Rooted series curriculum, Theology of the Body for younger students.
 - Teaches all are created male or female by God— and why that is good.

- Erik will send link to the Word of Life curriculum to meeting attendees.

Next meeting scheduled for February 21, 2022 at Lima Campus Library

Closing Prayer by Father Timothy

Meeting adjourned by Erik at approximately 645pm