

Tri-Parish Education Committee Meeting Minutes
11/15/22 @ 6pm, Holy Rosary School Library

Committee Members Present: Father Emmanuel, Mary Lansing, Diane Weiss, Sarah Weber, Angela Lindstrom, Benjamin Mitchell, Taylor Stewart, Erik Reuter

Meeting called to order by Erik at approximately 6pm

Opening Prayer by Father Emmanuel

Meeting Minutes from September 2022 meeting were approved

- Faith Formation (FF) Updates (Benjamin Mitchell & Taylor Stewart)
 - New youth group called Heroes and Heretics started recently for 7th grade and up; kids gather for fellowship, scripture, discussion, and games. One child attending first week, 9 children attending following week. Mostly Holy Rosary and St. Mary's kids, no one from Sacred Heart. ACS kids, RE kids, and non-Catholics all welcome.
 - CCD going well. 7th grade at St. Mary's and 2nd grade at Sacred Heart are having behavioral issues; parents contacted, if issues continue parents will be asked to sit in during class.
 - CCD has approximately 170 students, including 31 recently confirmed. Confirmation requirements are given in 9th and 10th grades: two retreats, four service events, two general community volunteer events, and attend mass.
 - Father Emmanuel expressed concern that more students should be attending. Benjamin and Taylor offered as potential explanations that many families/students have not returned to mass post-covid, and the more routine CCD and youth events become the more attendance will increase.
 - Diane asked if there was a way to include Sacred Heart CCD students with St. Mary's and Holy Rosary students so that there is more interaction than First Communion and Confirmation. Benjamin and Taylor indicated Family Faith Nights could bolster this interaction.
- Pastor Updates (Father Emmanuel)
 - Advent Confession on 12/13 and 12/15
 - 8th grade trained as Sacristans. Server training went well.
 - Father Reither took Lima students to the cemetery to pray for All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day.
 - Father Emmanuel, Father Reither, and Sara Mack continue to visit 2nd graders for First Reconciliation and First Communion prep.
 - Father Emmanuel would like to investigate how to get Sacred Heart kids to attend ACS. Sacred Heart contributes to the subsidies used to offset tuition, therefore, Father Emmanuel feels the kids should benefit from that by attending ACS. Father Emmanuel's biggest goal is to increase enrollment at ACS.
 - Discussion about transportation/bussing issues; revisited 10 person van purchase.
 - Discussion about having Sacred Heart students visit ACS campus.

- Capital Campaign
 - St. Mary's at ~76% of goal; Holy Rosary at 123% of goal; Sacred Heart at 80% of goal. Father Emmanuel feels all goals will be reached by early 2023.
 - The Diocese is at 65% of goal. An additional 80 parishes will join the campaign in January 2023.

- ACS Updates (Mary Lansing)
 - Service project for November involves ACS families creating Spiritual Bouquets for seminarians; due 11/28.
 - Two successful veterans' programs last week, included a patriotic Rosary.
 - Enrollment remains the same. Gained a 7th grader, lost a 5th grader.
 - Home & School Magazine Sale was successful. This fundraiser will be replaced with a calendar raffle next year in the hopes of garnering more interest and a larger profit. More information available at the next meeting.
 - H&S has the largest membership to date.
 - Diane inquired how the H&S funds will be spent. H&S is trying to determine top 3 wish list items, as well as just how much in funds is available.
 - Athletic Committee is looking into a \$15K basketball hoop project that would ensure both game hoops have the same functions.
 - Royal Reader (5th grade newspaper) passed around.
 - Trunk or Treat was very successful but will need to plan for 1,000 treats next year.

- Marketing Committee
 - The idea of this committee needs to be reformulated to include a representative from the Education Committee and each of its subcommittees (Education, H&S, Athletic, to also include Mary, Father Emmanuel, Father Reither, and parishioner(s)).
 - The representatives will not be members of another committee per se, but would be responsible for heading up different marketing tasks, i.e. advertising, reaching out to potential new students, baptism welcome packets, surveying Mondovi families to see what would increase interest in attending ACS, scholarship opportunities, etc.
 - Sarah will send verbiage to Mary that can be sent out to potential representatives requesting their assistance.

Next meeting scheduled for 2/20/23

Closing Prayer by Father Emmanuel

Meeting adjourned by Erik at approximately 8pm