

Tri-Parish Education Committee Meeting Minutes
2/20/23 @ 6pm, Holy Rosary School Library

Committee Members Present: Father Emmanuel, Mary Lansing, Diane Weiss, Sarah Weber, Angela Lindstrom, Brittanie, McMahon, Taylor Stewart, Erik Reuter, Mary Zika, Nancy Bechel

Meeting called to order by Erik at approximately 6pm

Opening Prayer by Father Emmanuel

Meeting Minutes from 11/15/22 meeting were approved

- Faith Formation (FF) Updates (Taylor Stewart)
 - See handout
 - 164 students in CCD, projecting 25+ next year
 - Youth Night averages 8 per evening. Donations for food/snacks are welcome.
 - Open gyms on no school days, most recent had 4 Sacred Heart members attend.
 - First Reconciliation/Communion retreat had 28 students attend.
 - First Family Faith Night had 120 attend. Next event is 3/29/23.
 - Youth masses at Sacred Heart had increased attendance likely due to CCD immediately following Sunday mass.
 - New high school CCD format begins next year (Lifeteen).
 - Trying to avoid the classroom atmosphere. All parishes will meet 1x/week at Lima, 615pm - 8pm. The first three Wednesdays will be for all ages, fourth Wednesday will be Confirmation prep only. When applicable, fifth weeks would be Family Faith Night in nature.
 - Diane expressed concern about Sacred Heart families traveling to Lima for CCD classes.
- Pastor Updates (Father Emmanuel)
 - Father suggested catechists receive in-person training. Mary Zika suggested having potential catechists review Lifeteen curricula.
 - First Reconciliation went well. First Communion will be 2nd Sunday after Easter. Father Emmanuel wants them to do a second confession before First Communion.
 - Eighth grade sacristan training is going well.
 - Lenten confession will be 3/21/23 and 3/23/23.
 - Father Emmanuel indicated Father Timothy would like to do something for the Feast of Corpus Christi with the students, but school will not be in session at that time (6/8/23).

- ACS Updates (Mary Lansing)
 - Father Emmanuel and Taylor Stewart are working on a survey for Sacred Heart families about potentially bussing their students to ACS. Transportation could not exceed eight students due to licensing restrictions. Discussion about whether a van could also be used for CCD purposes.
 - Discussion about the survey that goes to high school students after leaving ACS regarding their preparedness for high school.
 - Open House 3/3/23 @5pm-630pm. Brittnie McMahon will do postcards, Sarah Weber will address the invitation.
 - Family Faith Night 3/29/23 so Mary Lansing will stop by to invite to Open House the next day.
 - Family with four children will be coming to ACS this school year.
 - Athletic Committee funding a new basketball hoop that can be raised. They are also funding light switches that need to be moved to the hallway from the gym.
 - Home & School will be replacing the magazine sale with a calendar raffle fundraiser. Could potentially raise \$25K. Should holy and feast days be listed on calendar? Discussion about how artwork should be selected.
 - The Marketing Committee should be reinstated for things like how to retain teachers, creating an alumni association to assist in soliciting private donations that can be used to increase teachers' salaries and obtain new curricula, and marketing ACS to the wider community.
 - Discussion about presence at Fun Fest if funds raised could be used toward increasing teachers' salaries. Submit ideas to Erik Reuter.
 - An anonymous donor gave funds that will be used as retention bonus for existing teachers based on years of service at ACS. This will be an ongoing donation.
 - There are funds available for new curricula on a staggered basis.
 - Mary Zika will approach the Knights of Columbus about requesting private donations to be used to increase teachers' salaries. She will also look into envelopes to be used at the funeral home for private donations.

Next meeting scheduled for 5/15/23

Closing Prayer by Father Emmanuel

Meeting adjourned by Erik at approximately 830pm