

Tri-Parish Education Committee Meeting Minutes  
9/12/22 @ 6pm, Holy Rosary School Library

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

Meeting called to order by Erik at approximately 6pm

Opening Prayer by Father Emmanuel

Introduction of Taylor, Coordinator for Faith Formation and Evangelization, to the Committee

- Faith Formation (FF) Updates (Taylor Stewart)
  - Holy Heroes, discussion format summer program to educate youth about the saints. Approximately 15 students attended.
  - Sources Summit
  - Steubenville, OH
  - CCD has approximately 95 students, slightly lower than pre-covid numbers.
    - Goal is for classes to be discussion based; not all students are given textbooks. CCD curriculum is Our Sunday Visitor.
    - The catechists are asked to promote their own style of prayer and devotion to the students. Over the years the goal is for students to be exposed to many different styles of prayers and devotions.
    - Classes alternate weeks between in-person and online.
    - Goal to establish a youth council to come up with ideas for youth events.
    - Angela asked for confirmation that CCD was primarily for public school students. This was confirmed, but noted that ACS students were welcome to attend.
- Pastor Updates (Father Emmanuel)
  - Three new ACS teachers
  - Students attend adoration the first Friday of each month
  - Father Emmanuel and Father Timothy will continue to visit classrooms
  - Altar service practice will start up again to include 3<sup>rd</sup> graders
  - Second grade teacher is not Catholic; 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is a critical year for teaching the sacraments and preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion. Father Emmanuel, Father Timothy, and Sara Mack will help facilitate classroom discussions to ensure the appropriate material is being taught.
  - Father Emmanuel would like to replace the children's lectionary at Lima with something that has language and syntax that will assist elementary students in understanding Scripture.
    - Erik requested Taylor's opinion on this matter. Taylor agrees some of the language can be difficult for elementary students, but wants to ensure simplifying the language does not compromise the meaning of Scripture.

- ACS Updates (Mary Lansing)
  - Enrollment – see handout
    - There is a waiting list for pre-school
  - Home & School Committee and Athletic Committee budgets review – see handout
    - The H&S Magazine fundraiser will likely be changed to a new fundraiser going forward. It is not currently public knowledge. More information will be shared at the H&S meeting in November.
    - H&S flyer requesting more members was distributed
    - Diane inquired about what happens to the funds currently sitting in the H&S and Athletic accounts. H&S shows approximately \$18K available; Athletic shows approximately \$45K available. Diane inquired if this money will be used to help meet the goal of the Capital Campaign. No definitive answer was given.
  - Religious Assessments – see handout
    - 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are asked the same questions year to year
    - Taylor requested a copy of the questions for Faith Formation
    - Father Emmanuel inquired about whether there exists a syllabus for teachers/religion teachers to use to prepare for the assessment. It does not.
  - Curriculum Adoption Dates – see handout
    - Funds currently come from the general school budget and cannot be provided via fundraisers.
  - ACS Scholarships – see handout
    - The Scholarship Committee reviews applications which are due in spring.
      - There is a new Tuition Assistance Fund (anonymous)
      - Lois Bauer Memorial Fund
      - Fund based out of Florida to which Mrs. Lansing submits a grant request that is based on free and reduced lunch applications (anonymous)
    - Erik inquired about the ACS endowment fund.
      - Mrs. Lansing confirmed the endowment is no longer promoted and only the interest is available for use.
      - An Endowment Committee determines how said funds are used.
      - ACS received \$4K this year, half for technology and half for tuition assistance.
- Capital Campaign
  - Diocese launched a five year campaign that includes 157 parishes, asking parishes to raise \$40 million toward the repair of several Diocese buildings, HVAC systems, etc.
    - 65% of funds raised go to the parish
    - 35% of funds raised go to the Diocese
    - Once the goals of the capital campaign are met, the split of the Capital Campaign funds are revised to 80%/20%.
  - Father Emmanuel provided a brief explanation of the campaign. Information was made available via mailings, in church bulletins, and at informational meetings following mass.
- Sacred Heart's intentions with funds raised are: updating the AC, upgrading the parking lot, and extending the rectory.

- Holy Rosary's intentions with funds raised are: upgrading the dining hall, upgrading the parking lot, repairing the rectory walls, and repairing the school gym and other school building work.
  - St. Mary's intentions with the funds raised are: replacing the boiler for the church and school, upgrading the parking lot, and upgrading the church dining hall
  - Thus far, St. Mary's has reached 3.3% of goal; Holy Rosary has reached 14.7% of goal; Sacred Heart has reached 4.2% of goal.
  - Erik requested communication be shared about when the goal is met and what the funds will actually be spent on.
- Trunk or Treat
    - Theme will be "Pop Over and Pray with Jesus"
    - Microwaved popcorn will be donated and handed out at Trunk or Treat. Five finger prayer will be sticker applied to popcorn wrapper.
    - Volunteers needed to decorate vehicle. Two adult volunteers and 2-4 children needed for handing out popcorn on 10/29.

Next meeting scheduled for 11/15/22

Closing Prayer by Father Emmanuel

Meeting adjourned by Erik at approximately 745pm