

Education Commission Meeting MINUTES

3/12/19, 6:30pm

Education Commission Members Present: Amy Jost (Chair), Sarah Farmer, Caryl Shelton, Monica Smith, Jeff Stern, Sharon Bresler, Theresa Kearney, Fr. Del Staigers

Special Guest: Andy Eiser, Athletic Boosters' President and Brian Arnold and Jen Hall, Parish Council

- Welcome and Gospel Reading and Reflection
- Approval of January Minutes

Special Business:

- Athletic Boosters:
 - Proposed bylaws changes- President, Andy Eiser explained reasoning behind changing bylaws to consider parents/relatives for A-Team coaches (and approved by the Athletic Booster Board), if after an exhaustive search a non-relative cannot be found. A detailed discussion ensued, additional wording was suggested to clarify processes. An edited version of the bylaws amendments will be submitted to EC for review and approval before it goes to the Booster membership for vote. If/once voted in by the membership, both Education Commission and Parish Council will review for final approval before enacting the bylaws.
 - SVTM Football Board under review for a need for updated bylaws and ensure they are on file with the archdiocese and at respective parish schools. At this time there are no financial concerns, child safety concerns, or process concerns; simply a formality to strengthen the Board's role and perhaps initiate additional oversight by both parishes, St Veronica and St Thomas More.

Reports

- Principal's Report– See attached
- Children's Faith Formation Report – See attached
- Youth/Young Adult Faith formation opportunities (Theresa and Sarah on behalf of Fr. David): several activities planned for the 6-8th graders that they are truly enjoying, more to come
- Liaisons' Reports:
 - Athletic Boosters/ Monica Smith, (See above discussion)
 - FAB/ Theresa Kearney- Mary Poppins, Jr is going to be awesome! Everyone should see it, Tickets still available.
 - PTO / Sharon Bresler- (see in Principal's Report), plus: PTO Elections on April 9: President, President- Elect, VP of Fundraising, Public Relations Chair, Co-Treasurer; Mother-Son Bowling on May 11 and Volunteer Appreciation night Th, May 16, 6-8pm LaRosa's at Jungle Jims.
 - Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts/ Venture Crew/ Amy Jost- Sic of seven 5th Grade Cub Scouts crossed over in Feb, one girl into local girls' Troop 281, the other 5 into StV's Troop 135; Cub Scouts have planned a Conservation Day, Memorial Day Parade, and setting out American flags on Veteran's graves for Memorial Day... help with Festival, Day Camp, pool party and movie night, campout and fishing derby, Rain Gutter Regatta, and Skating Party over the summer.
 - Girl Scouts/ Sarah Farmer- COOKIES!

Old Business:

- THANK YOU to all who helped at the **Donut Social, Sun, March 3** after all Masses!! It was run really well!

New business:

- Art Show rescheduled to Fish Fry, Fri, April 12, 5-7 pm
- EC positions open: (*identify interested/qualified candidates; identify current members finished with their term*)
 - Chair

- Recording Secretary
 - 2 Regular EC members / 1 Appointed School Representative (Sharon will discuss at staff meeting this week)
 - New terms start June 1, 2019
- Brief overview and discussion of Bylaws review: Section VI – We will discuss in more detail at next meeting, bullet points 1, 2 (For the most part bottom 4 bullets are being done on a regular basis)

VI. Education Commission Responsibilities:

In order to assist in the development of policies and procedures of the parish organizations it supports and oversees, Education Commission will:

- Assist in the development of a long-term strategic plan (3-5 years)
- Assist in the development of short-term strategic plan (1-3 years)
- Review policies and procedures of the related organization periodically and make recommendations
- Review and approve bylaws and objectives of related organizations
- Attend meetings of related organizations as needed to offer support and/or invite leaders from these organizations to attend an Education Commission meeting
- Support related organizations in achieving their objectives and goals

- Open discussion:
- Bullying policies (“mean girl”/social media posts, etc.) were discussed. Sharon assured us that any reported complaints are indeed being investigated/addressed, in fact she and Ms. Eggemeyer spend a lot of time addressing issues and a counselor has been brought in to talk to classes, small groups, and individual students. Parents are being notified and, in some cases, asked permission for additional time with counselor if recommended. EC members requested additional educational materials on how parents can best discuss with their child(ren) important facts about bullying and doing the right thing.

Upcoming EC meeting dates and events:

- In general EC meetings are scheduled on the 2nd Tuesday of the month, 6:30pm: 4/09, 5/14

Adjournment: 9:00pm

Respectfully submitted by Amy Jost/EC Chair, 3/13/2019