

Education Commission MINUTES

May 8, 2018, 6:30pm, St Veronica Ministry Center

Education Commission Members Present: Amy Jost (Chair), Jill Cheek, Amy Fisher, Caryl Shelton, Monica Smith, Sharon Bresler, Theresa Kearney

Welcome and Gospel Reading

February Minutes reviewed and approved

Principal's Report (See attached agenda)

- Religion: First Communion, May Crowning, New Religion Graded Course of Study just came out
- Accreditation: Report was submitted, awaiting response from State
- Academics: IOWA test results are in, sent to parents; State testing is complete; waiting on Graded Course of study for Social Studies
- Walk-a-Thon Update: beautiful day, at last count, \$30,000 collected, expected total will increase further; PTO looking at electronic/paper processes to see what changes may be needed for next year
- Playground updates: drainage, plus playground equipment needs some updating, such as adding a climbing wall, swing set hooks (Amy J will ask contacts for possible discounts at Recreations Outlet)

Children's Faith Formation Report (See attached report)

- Staffing/volunteers: new 2nd grade Catechist and new Faith Formation Administrative Asst.; **still need a 3rd Grade Catechist**
- REP recent events: Passover Seder meal with 6-8 graders; Catechist in-service; Eucharistic Exposition for 5-6 graders; Jesus Day for First Communicants; First Holy Communion for 50 students; Confirmation
- Care package being sent to Holly Falcione- deployed to Middle East
- Upcoming events: May Crowning, 5/16; Catechist Appreciation Dinner, 5/9; Catechist in-service 5823, Preview of new textbooks with family centered model, 5/22; VBS 7/9-13
- Family-Centered Model: Would include REP classes one Wednesday per month to which Parents attend with Students, and 3 Wednesdays per month Parents work with Students from home; new booklet guides families through process. ALL Parish families are invited to attend. Info session on May 22 for more details. Would roll out 2019-2020.
- Sacramental Preparation happens in class, **Send Questions and Comments to Theresa**
- **VBS looking for Imagination Station Leader**
- REP Registration: 12 students have registered for 2018-2019

Liaison Reports

FAB: Theresa Kearney –

- Vocal Ensemble Competition Trip to Chicago in April, Earned GOLD! Students were well-behaved too

PTO: Sharon Bresler

- Spoke with the PTO President, Frank McConnell about the Back to School Skating Party, Aug 20

Cub Scouts: Amy Jost

- Girls invited to register June 2018

Boy Scouts: Amy Jost

- Several Eagle Scout Projects recently completed and more on the way (Gaga Pit, Pergola over Mary)

Venture Crew: Amy Jost

- Continues to grow in activities

Girl Scouts: Joan Bennett (not present)

Athletic Boosters: Monica Smith

- Bylaws changes proposed, awaiting parish approval; fall sign-ups are completed; many new positions have been filled on the AB, Andy Eiser is new President; StV PE Class: gym shirts are being sponsored by Boosters; gym shorts parents will purchase
- **EC Members, please review, comment if approve of proposed changes to AB bylaws** (attached)

Alumni Association: _____ (not currently assigned, no activity to report)

Old Business:

- Fr Del has the EC Bylaws approved and signed

New business:

- Discussed terms of EC members
 - Jill Cheek, term ending, willing to continue or step down if others are interested
 - Joan Bennet, term ending, will need replacement
 - EC meeting attendees agreed to invite Sarah Farmer to return to the committee, was asked after the meeting and she accepted the invitation
 - **Sharon offered to draft a blurb explaining Education Commission mission/purpose**, invite Parishioners to inquire about open positions for bulletin first, then for School newsletter, Constant Contacts
- **St Veronica Festival, All EC members are encouraged to volunteer** (represent EC, even if also representing another organization, THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!!!); Sign-up genius coming out soon, please sign up
- **Next EC meeting is scheduled for Aug 14, 6:30pm, at the St Veronica Ministry Center**

Adjournment

Addendum to Minutes, EC e-meeting in June:

Andy Eiser, Athletic Boosters President requested expedited review of proposed Bylaw amendments, with full review of at least Issue # 5 regarding proposed change of A-B-B team format to A-B-C format. EC was asked to and complied with expedited discussions via email/phone calls since the next EC meeting was not until Aug 14 and Issue #5 affected the 6th grade girls' volleyball team immediately. After much discussion, EC members voted against the proposed change to A-B-C team formatting. Review of the other proposed changes would be discussed and voted on at the next EC meeting, 8/14/18. Andy Eiser offered to be present at that meeting to explain the proposed changes.

EC (and PC) reminded Athletic Boosters and all bylaws amendments must be approved by Education Commission and Parish Council before implementing the changes.

Respectfully submitted by Amy Jost, Education Committee Chair