

St. Kilian Religious Education Committee Minutes

December 3, 2019

Members Present: Erin Knight, Teri Becherer, Jeff Becker, and Dennis Vlasak.

We opened the meeting with the reading of the upcoming Sunday Gospel. Discussion followed.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes approved.

Pastoral Council Update from Teri – Update was given.

Current Year Registration Update

There are currently 223 children from 136 families attending RE sessions. There are 126 in the Morning Program and 96 in the Evening Program.

Parent Handbook Update

Approved.

Archdiocesan Order of Catechists

Dennis informed the Committee that he was inducted as part of the inaugural class into this invitation only group.

Review Committee Mission and Five Year Goals

Discussion tabled to move to other topics.

Planning for 2020-21 Registration

Discussion centered on need to continue sending post cards. We will send a post card in later April and another reminder post card at the end of June/beginning of July (prior to end of Early Registration Special pricing). It was decided a reminder email/text should be sent in mid/late August.

Update on Rooted

The group continues struggling. There was no group the last 2 years.

Ideas to Increase size of Committee

It seems all Parish Committees are struggling with member size. We discussed inviting parents via email.

Noteworthy Updates

Fire Drill October 6.

First Reconciliation Parent Meeting - Tuesday, September 10 - 6:30 pm & Saturday, September 14 - 6:30 pm.

Confirmation Parent Meeting - October 13th.

Grade 10 visits Washington Heights – November 3rd.

Grade 10 Advent Lesson, Advent Wreath & Yule Log making on November 17th.

Grade 8 trip to Friends of Abused Families, Inc. – November 24th, no class for Grade 8 on November 17th.

Grade 10 Planned & Led Advent Prayer Service for all Evening Groups – December 1st.

Upcoming Events

December 7 - Confirmation Retreat

December 14 – Reconciliation

Baccalaureate Mass – June 6th.

Sacrament Dates – 1st Eucharist is Sunday, April 19th, and Confirmation is Sunday, May 31st.

Next Meeting-January 7, 2020, 5:30 PM, St. Clare Room

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Mission Statement and Five Year Goals

Mission

Continue to provide educational and spiritual formation while identifying and fulfilling the needs of families and parishioners of all ages. Build up the body of Christ within and beyond our parish community through evangelization and service.

Goals

1. **Strengthen the youth group “Rooted” by encouraging the parish’s youth (Grades 8-12) to participate. Develop youth group activities that engage participants.**

Actions: Review other parishes’ offerings and gather ideas. Discuss which ideas can be implemented at St. Kilian.

Ask HUHS teachers for ideas. Maybe any teachers who are parish members?

Ask present members for ideas that may strengthen the group’s cohesion.

Other ideas? (Bags, 3-on-3 basketball, Youth Sponsored Meal for parishioners and/or fundraiser)

Measure: group grows by 2-5 members outside of the Workcamp group

2. **Establish and maintain plan for volunteer catechist retention and recruitment.**

Actions: Create a recruitment plan.

Review programs at other Parishes.

Ask present catechists what motivated them and record comments.

Review possible roadblocks that may keep people from volunteering.

Other ideas?

Measure: Have all the catechists needed in place before catechist meeting.

3. **Have multiple effective means of communication to both students and families of religious education students.**

Actions: Review what is being used now.

Have Catechists encourage use of the web site in to their classes.

Develop flyer to encourage use of Web site in any mailings sent to RE families; i.e. Information, forms, etc., they can pull off the web site.

Record hits to web site RE pages.

Other ideas?

Measure: Increase of 25 % in number of hits to web site.

The Committee agrees to review these goals annually to assess our effectiveness toward meeting this Mission Statement and these Goals.

Adopted 8-1-2017

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