

St. Kilian Religious Education Committee Minutes

March 3, 2020

Members Present: Erin Knight, Joan Schnorenberg, and Dennis Vlasak.

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

Approval of February 4th Minutes – Minutes approved.

Pastoral Council Update from Teri – Teri was not present.

Choosing Texts – Update

Dennis discussed that a Publisher he was waiting for finally published their new text series. Dennis said he really likes this series as it includes online material for Catechist, parent, and child enrichment. It also has extra material available online and includes embedded videos. Dennis indicated the earliest that he would possibly look at changing to this series would be the 21-22 RE year, pending buy-in from St. Kilian School.

Look at Five-Year Goals

See second page of minutes for updates. Added verbiage is in red, removed items are stricken.

Budget

The RE budget was discussed. Dennis went through the different budget items.

Tuition Increase

Committee was informed that the Finance Council requested that the Tuition Fee be raised at least 5% as that is the amount of the school increase. After much discussion, it was approved to raise RE Tuition \$10 per child.

Preparations for Spring Registration

Discussion again centered on getting word out to parents. Talked about sending postcards again like the one that was used last year. That postcard was clear, not wordy, and the picture of the church should catch attention and make it evident it is from the Church. Discussed placing on parish social media, and the Pulpit Partner date of May 2/3. Dennis will inform Parish Secretary, Joni of the date chosen.

Gabrielsoft on-line Registration Form

Dennis informed the Committee Gabrielsoft will be ready for the time period of our opening registration.

Noteworthy Updates

February 10 – EVENING SESSIONS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER (SNOW/ICE)

February 17 – Sunday Evening classes - Skyped with Justin Weber in Gathering Space about Holy Orders and Justin's journey

February 26 – Ash Wednesday, start of Lent; EASTER is Sunday, April 12th

March 19 – Safeguarding Session

March 22 – 10th Grade works with 4K, 5K, 1st grade

March 22 – Grade 9 Talk with Perrin's on Marriage

Upcoming Events

April 5 – First Eucharist Day of Reflection; EASTER is Sunday, April 12th

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

Next meeting - April 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 **youth participation** ~~the youth group “Rooted” by encouraging the parish’s youth (Grades 8-12) to participate.~~ Develop ~~youth group~~ activities that engage participants **youth**.

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~~ **former** members for ideas that ~~may~~ **can** strengthen the ~~group’s~~ **youth participation and cohesion**.

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

Develop an online questionnaire geared toward Middle School kids for what they would like to see, things they would be interested in.

Meet kids where they are, where they live, and participation will grow.

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.

Pulpit Partner during a period prior to needing Catechists. Invite them to visit rooms.

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.)

Use Social Media (Facebook, Twitter).

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.