

St. Kilian Religious Education Committee Minutes

May 5, 2020

Members Present: Erin Knight, and Dennis Vlasak.

The meeting was via Zoom.

Approval of March 3rd Minutes – Minutes approved.

Pastoral Council Update from Teri – Teri was not present.

2019-2020 RE Schedule

Dennis presented the proposed schedule. Discussion followed. It was decided to approve this schedule with the understanding that it may change based on what happens with the COVID-19 pandemic. It was also decided that a statement about not knowing what will happen next fall should be included to the parents.

Update on Gabriel Software Registration, and help people with the software

Gabrielsoft continues to work out the bugs in the on-line registration product. They should go live at the end of May. Will we be able to help parents?

Evaluations

There was discussion about what to do with this semester. Do none or do a modified evaluation.

What is our plan if volunteers step down? Dennis heard that some parishes have older volunteers that aren't coming back until a vaccine is readily available – it's just too risky for them. There's no way to know if we will be able to numbers we need - for sure. Dennis continues talking (in place of end of the year meeting) with last year's Catechists. We will need to see where we are after that.

Discuss five-year goal (Catechist retention and recruitment, Strengthening Youth Group)

We agreed that what we discussed previously is good and we will move forward with that document. (See back of these minutes.)

Catechist Handbook

Approved with an update the calendar items. Decided that is all that is needed to be corrected/added.

Other

None

Possible Calendar for next year (2020-2021)

Confirmation Retreat - Dec. 5

Grade 10 Day of Reflection – Feb. 6, Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Day Of Reflection – Feb. 7

St. Kilian 1st Reconciliation - Dec. 13, St. Kilian 1st Communion – May 2, 16, or 23?

St. John 1st Communion – April 11 or 18?

1st Eucharist Afternoon of Reflection – March 14, Snow Date – March 21

Confirmation date - April 25 with Bishop Haines

Upcoming Events

Sacrament Dates –1st Eucharist was to be April 19th, and Confirmation was to be May 31st – both will be rescheduled, when?

Baccalaureate Mass was to be Saturday, June 6th. Will it be rescheduled?

Advent – Nov. 29; Christmas Break – Dec. 23; Ash Wed – Feb. 17; Spring Break March 29; Easter – April 4; Pentecost May 23

Next meeting – August 4, 2020, 5:30 PM, St. Clare Room

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St. Kilian Parish Religious Education Committee

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. Develop activities that engage youth.

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

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

Ask former members for ideas that can strengthen the 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.

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 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.

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