

Education Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday January 28, 2020

Religious Education Office 7:00 pm

Attendees – Debra Beaman, Linda Kramer, Georgene Wojciechowski

Welcome and Opening Prayer: Committee Reports

School:

- Second quarter ended January 17. Honor roll for grades 5-8 is posted on the school bulletin board and will be posted in the church bulletin.
- Renaissance Star 360 Assessment Kindergarten through 8th grade testing in reading and math January 21-31.
- Open house – January 25 6-7 pm and January 26 noon-2 pm. Many preschool and kindergarten families came to visit, and many preschool families began to register for 2020-2021.
- Catholic School Week began Monday, 1/27. It's a fun week celebrating our catholic school!
 - Monday – Service to our community – Wear Detroit/Michigan apparel; geography bee winners: 1st – Dominic Apap, 2nd - Alex Mood, 3rd – Joe Garcia
 - Tuesday – Celebrating our students: fun hair day and dress down. Badminton competition grades 7th and 8th versus faculty.
 - Wednesday – Celebrating our nation – wear red, white and blue, spelling bee, and student made cards to send to our military.
 - Thursday – Celebrating vocations-career day – 8th grade student council and 8th grade honor roll students attended CSW Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Cathedral then went to lunch at Buddy's.
 - Friday – Celebrating faculty, staff and families – Pre-K – 5th grade students wore PJs and watched a movie; 6th-8th grade students dressed down. Craig Wise entertained the students and 7th grade presented knowledge at the Virtue assembly.
- LEGO Robotics will have two sessions on Tuesdays, one for younger students and one for older students, starting 1/21 in the computer lab.
- 2/4 and 2/11 faculty will begin to review and compare the fall and winter Renaissance Star 360 assessments for kindergarten to 8th grade.
- Winter break is Monday, 2/17.
- St. Edith Catholic School chess club will be on Wednesdays from 2/26 to 4/1 for grades 4-8. Sessions will be after school until 4:30 pm in the AV room. Mike Volstrumor will lead and Richard Johnston will assist.

SEPA:

- Met in January on 1/22.

- 10 pack of iPads with covers was purchased as approved at end of 2019 school year. Future technology purchases to be made from the Ladies Night Out proceeds.
- SEPA voted to increase DOVE hours to 15 hours per school (7 hours for single parent) and will charge \$30 per DOVE hour not done.
- DOVE hours will be given for 2020/2021 Field Day.
- SEPA made \$10,000 from the school raffle.
- Auction and Beer and Wine Tasting team meeting monthly and covering a lot of ground. Donations starting to steadily come in. Next meeting is 2/12 at 7 pm at Monaghan's K of C.
- SEPA sold SCRIP in the Church throughout the Christmas Season. A SEPA banner was used to provide a visual that the SCRIP program was from the school.
- SEPA will be making a donation to the school scholarship fund in Peter Wolschleger's name.
- Upcoming SEPA Events
 - Mother Son Bowling
 - Beer and Wine Auction
 - Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
 - Grandparent Lunch
 - Golf Outing

Religious Education:

- RE classes continue Sundays and Mondays. No classes 12/22 – 12/30 and 1/19-1/20.
- Confirmation prep students' paperwork was due 1/13. 8th graders having a Reconciliation service on Monday, 2/3 in lieu of Mass.
- Second graders reconciliation is 2/15 at 10 am. First Eucharistic prep session is the following Saturday, 2/22, 9:30 – 11:30 am.
- Sunday RE students will be having four classes during the year to learn about the parts of the Mass. Liturgy of the Word was on 1/5. Liturgy of the Eucharist is on 2/2. These coincide with Mass days for the Monday students.

Adult Faith Formation:

- 12/2 and 1/5 were spaghetti dinners with the 1/5 being a CYO Mass also.
- No movie nights for December due to holidays. January's movie was Overcommer.
- Coffee and Conversation with Fr. Jim for December 4th is 'Make Room for Jesus for Advent'. There was no Coffee and Conversation in January. February 5th topic is "Complex Answers to Easy Questions about God."
- Divorce Care winter session was cancelled.
- Walking With Purpose continues with a morning and evening session on Tuesdays. We have moved the evening sessions to the teacher's lounge to allow more room for the book club.
- Great Adventure bible study is going strong.

- Women's bible study of the Gospel of Matthew continues.
- Advent by Candlelight was successful. Karen Ervin, our guest speaker, was well liked. Dinner as always was delicious. Many positive comments from participants were heard.

Youth Ministry

- Meetings are held on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Attendance continues to be good. Josh and company attend March for Life in DC.
- Information and forms being put on Parish website for activities to make it easier to get the information needed.

RICA

- Candidates continue to meet weekly.

Family Life

- Christmas Nativity Pageant went well. All parts were filled. Reception followed for children.
- Couples Valentine Date Night is 2/7 at 6:30 pm. Ticket will be sold after masses and in the Parish office through 2/3.

Closing Prayer

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be 2/25.