

Education Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 13, 2008

In Attendance: Jane Carroll (Staff Member), Pat Bredenkamp (Staff Member), Katie Gebhard (Staff Member), Bruce Roles (3yr), Mary Zielinski (3yr), Tom Nathe (3yr), Susan Crook (2yr), Mary Powell (2yr), Sherry Campeau (2yr), , Lisa Zastoupil (1yr), Ann Rotondo (1yr)

Absent: Mike Nowak (1yr),

Visitors: Robert Breitbach, Sue Besst

Hand Outs: January 2009 Faith Formation Report (electronic), January 2009 Principal's Report (electronic), Education Commission Open Mic Policy (Draft) (electronic),

1. Meeting called to order at 7:25 pm
2. December meeting minutes approved via email.
3. Unscheduled agenda item...

Robert and Sue brought the commission up to speed with a concern brought up last year at a parish council meeting regarding the school readiness program. The concern revolved around the Catholic identity of the preschool. Sue Besst explained school readiness program is not a part of the parish's official faith formation program, but does contain components of Catholic faith formation. Based on the explanation of the director, the Education Commission agrees that the preschool program does contain Catholic components.

4. Finish review of the Education Commission's strategic plan (i.e., Objective). Where are we at with regard to goals/objectives? (no discussion this month)
5. Open mic policy and procedure (comments from your review).

An electronic copy of the open mic policy was distributed before the meeting. Commission members were asked to review the policy and submit comments/corrections/additions before the February meeting.

6. Updates on focus groups:
 - school accreditation

Jane will distribute the Draft Strategic Plan via e-mail. Please email Jane with any feedback prior to next month's meeting.

- recruiting volunteers for Faith Formation (no discussion this month)

- recruiting for school students (New group) (no discussion this month)

7. Follow-up from member's visits with other commissions in December. Also, where are we at with contacting the Education groups?

Last month, education commission members attended other commission meetings. Overall feedback was very positive. Other commission members were very appreciative for the collaborative efforts to help out. Similar meetings will take place in the future.

8. Website development for the Commission.

Education commission members were asked to submit information to be put on the parish website. Bruce will come up with a draft of what information to be on the education commission web site, and commission members will review at the February commission meeting.

9. Stewardship progress (What have we done well? What do we still need to do?)

A current copy of the education commission strategic plan was given to Mary. She used this information to update the parish council on progress made toward the stewardship objective. Communication of information was identified by commission members as an area to better foster stewardship. Doing a better job on getting the word out about different parish activities that reflect stewardship will help foster stewardship.

Katie mentioned that on March 18 from 6:45 to 8:00 pm Fr. Campbell will have a "walk thru Mass" for RCIA. All parishioners will be invited. Look for future advertisements.

10. Adjournment at 8:25pm

Next meeting: February 10 at 6:30/7:20-8:20.

Agenda items for [consideration at](#) future meetings:

Promote/expand the scholarship program at Epiphany.

Promote the program more...how many families are aware of the program?...How many students can the program support?

Expand the program with an "Adopt a Student" option. This program would connect willing parishioners who choose to donate \$\$\$ to help financially challenged families provide Catholic education to their children at Epiphany.