

Education Commission Meeting Minutes

June 9, 2009

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: Len Powell and Bonnie Hugeback presented information on the Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Hand Outs Attached to the Minutes: May 2009 Faith Formation Report (including year end summaries of the programs), May 2009 Principal's Report, 2009-2010 School Calendar, 2010-2011 Epiphany School Dress Code, Junior High Curriculum Registration for 2009-2010, Sunday School Program Report,

1. Meeting called to order at 7:20 pm.
2. May meeting minutes approved via email.
3. Update from advisory committees.
Faith Formation Advisory committee met on May 5. The Faith Formation Advisory added the observations about the parish that they began the previous month. A list was brainstormed concerning what teens should know and experience before they are confirmed. A guest addressed the committee expressing concerns about adults leaving the church and what can be done through educational opportunities to keep them from leaving. Having off site meetings to discuss this topic are planned. Next meeting is scheduled for September.

School advisory committee met and discussed many things...exit surveys, demographic data, school uniform policy. Agendas and highlights from the meetings are posted on the internet, please check frequently for updates. Members discussed getting data on Epiphany graduating students and how many graduate from High School, which High School they graduate from, how many go to college, and how many graduate college. It was suggested that the Alumni committee could gather this data. The marketing committee is looking into this.
4. Discernment update.
60 people were nominated but only 5 discerned on to commissions. Most of the 5 had served on commissions in the past. Committee members discussed how get more new faces in the commissions.

For the 2009-2010 Education Commission year, Mary Zielinski will continue as chair, Susan Crook will transfer from Education to the Stewardship Commission, Lisa Zastoupil has decided to continue her membership, Ann Rotondo and Mike Nowak have decided to not continue their membership. All other members not mentioned will be returning for the 2009-2010 year.

5. Interfaith Hospitality Network.

Len Powell presented information on the Interfaith Hospitality Network. This network provides services for homeless in our community. The Network was founded in New Jersey. There are currently 4 chapters operating in Minnesota. Plans are to create a new 5th chapter in Anoka County. The Anoka County chapter is currently in the initial organizational stages.

Len read a letter from Sr. Marion to the education commission, and showed a short video about the Interfaith Hospitality Network to the Commission.

Day centers provide a “hub” of operation. Congregations are asked to house up to 14 people for one week. Congregation would provide living space from 7pm to 7am during the week, evening meals, and entertainment/hospitality. Partnering with another parish/church to provide this service is also an option.

This would seem to be work that the Church should be doing and if Epiphany wants this to happen, it can happen. Katie and Jane are willing to discuss this program over the course of the summer since the program has significant space needs that would affect the education programs.

6. Strategic Plan.

Tabled till next year (Fall 09)

7. Loose Ends...

Education Commission website now has links. A calendar of events is being considered for development in the fall.

Jane and Katie passed out copies of their monthly reports. See the attached electronic copies for details.

Thanks to all commission members for their time and contributions to this commission!

8. Adjournment with prayer at 8:25pm.

Next meeting: September