

Education Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday 1-22-09

Present: Twyla Steinberger, Mic Pellman, Pat Starr, Fr. Hal Barber, John Faundeen, Bridget Dahlin, Eric Schmidt, Kay Ballard, Tammy Badger, Barbara Lockwood, Mike McInerney, Ron Seaman.

Absent: Karen Heiling.

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm.

Twyla led in opening prayer.

Introductions were made all around.

Twyla reviewed the Education Task Force document so that all were aware of structure, membership, terms, officers, mission statement, vision statement and goals.

Twyla then led a review of the Stewardship booklet. The suggestion was made to change the categories to Children's Ministries, Youth Ministries, Adult Ministries, and Vocation Ministries and the committee agreed unanimously.

There were several suggestions for change in the program booklet. The first was in the change of wording from St Lambert School and Preschool at St Therese Site Volunteer to St Lambert School (PreK-6) Volunteer, since help is welcome at both St Therese site and at St Lambert. Under Youth Ministries – Adult Opportunities an additional category needs to be added for Totus Tuus volunteer for the opportunities to host team members and provide meals, etc. Since it has not been effective in recruiting membership, the vocations committee needs a better description and some long term development in purpose and focus. Bridget's roommate works for the Diocese in the vocations office so we will seek guidance in updating for the booklet. The Dave Ramsey Series may also be shifted from the Development Committee to the Adult Education.

The next area of discussion was the obvious present holes in the current ministries. Based on the discussion regarding the vocations committee, this was seen as a glaring hole. In addition there are some gaps in the adult education as well. Eric noted that there is notably a gap in programming for the 20 to 30 year olds within the parish. That age group is typically targeted by other churches through praise and worship, which draws them together. Twyla's challenge to the committee members was to think about the current parish ministries of education and to determine, what if any other holes there may be.

The second challenge is to determine what the parishioners want and need. Twyla asked all to brainstorm on ways to elicit the wants and needs from the parishioners and to bring those ideas to the next meeting.

Bridget did inform us that the Diocese is planning to release new education guidelines in the fall.

Finally, Twyla discussed the officers. Twyla will be serving as the chair of the committee. John Faundeen offered to serve as secretary for the committee. There is still a need for a vice chair of the committee. Twyla then noted that there is still a need for three additional committee members. Mic asked if the committee should wait to see if anyone signed up from sign- up Sunday. Discussion ensued on whether to try and run the committee until June without additional members, or to recruit the three members now and if anyone signs up in April, put them to work as part of the subcommittees. The committee would like to get the members as soon as possible, so additional recruitment will continue.

The committee decided that it would initially try to have it's meetings on the second Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be Thursday February 12th at 6:30pm. The March meeting will be on the 12th as well.

Fr Hal led in closing prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by Ron Seaman