

## **Education Commission Meeting Minutes February 28, 2023**

Present: Debra Beaman, Linda Kramer, and Pat Bondie

### ***Committee Reports***

#### **St Edith Parent Association (SEPA)**

- Daddy Daughter Dance went well. Had about 8 parish families in addition to school families. 130 total attendees.
- Nerf battle is March 5. Ticket form was sent to families in the school and Religious ED and to the parish overall.
- SEPA will be offering the students Paczki on Fat Tuesday.
- Grandparents Day will be held in April for the school.
- School Auction will be on April 29. Lots of good donations have been coming in but still need more. SEPA will be talking after masses on March 4 and March 5.
- Looking at possible skating party and bowling events
- Some Open Board Member spots still exist and a request for volunteers going on in March.
- Working on getting an accounting of DOVE hours completed and still needed to school families.

#### **School-**

- Parish Council incorporating parish families and school families as Goal
  - Setting up new sign-up genius for 2023 for School Families to bring up gifts at Mass.
- Open House had a good turnout. The student-parent tours went well.
  - Had a great response to the Preschool.
- Enrollment Numbers as of 2/7/23
  - P3- 8 (goal is 14)
  - P4- 21 (max 24)
  - Kindergarten prep – 12 currently enrolled
  - Kindergarten- 16
- Marketing
  - Website Improvements – Re-do/Overhaul over the summer.
  - Will reach out to additional parents with experience in Marketing to bring ideas.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation and Party on 5/24/23 - Parents from 7<sup>th</sup> grade will coordinate the party which is right after the graduation ceremony in the Parish Hall.
- The 7/8th graders are performing “The Wizard of Oz” on May 5, 2023.
- March is reading month.
- Student Council News - Be the Hands and Feet of Jesus drive has kicked off the students are donating gently used socks and gloves.

## **February 2023 Religious Formation Report**

### **Religious Formation News:**

- Family Mass was celebrated on Feb. 12th and 13th for all grades.
- Families were made aware of the upcoming lessons for Circle of Grace occurring March 5th and 6th. One family has requested materials to teach the lesson at home for a 1st grader with no Opt out forms received.
- A new Safe Environments program, Empowering God's Children, is being instituted by the AOD for schools and Faith Formation programs. Linda Kramer will attend training on March 13th.
- Confirmation Retreats scheduled for March 5th, 12th, 19th. These are onsite led by Angela Owens and Linda Kramer.

### **Adult/Family Parish Formation:**

- Bible study continues Thursdays at 7PM. This is led by Mike Willis.
- Thursday morning Women's study continues in the AV Room. They will be doing a study called, The Holy Spirit in the Bible - by Little Rock Scripture Study
- March 4th is the next Pizza dinner and March 5th is the next Spaghetti Dinner.
- Divorce Care continues Mondays at 6:30pm. We currently have 4 people attending this session.
- Lenten Soup Suppers begin March 1st and continue through April 5th. Aaron Cook is making the soups which are served at 6:30pm. The program then begins at 7:00pm and runs through 8:00pm. The program is based on Edward Sri's Biblical Walk Through the Mass.
- Pope Francis Family is presenting a Lenten Mission that will run March 20th-22nd and take place at OLV (20th), St. Kenneth (21st), and St. Edith (22nd) with hospitality at 6:30pm with the program to start at 7:00pm. This is being done by Fr. Pat Brennan from St. Paul of the Cross. This will be based on the Triduum.

### **RCIA:**

- RCIA classes continue.
- Rite of Election at the Cathedral on Feb. 25th for the 2 catechumens and 2 candidates.

**Next Meeting March 28, 2023**