**St. Mary’s Parish**

**Education Commission Meeting**

**Minutes for March 12, 2019**

1. Opening prayer: Vernon Rosenbeck
2. Roll Call:

Members – Beth Arnold, Linda Barga, Melissa Canan, Rita Gaerke, Linda Waltke

 Ex officio - Vernon Rosenbeck (principal), Monica Masso-Rivetti (DRE),

 Ann Kolb (Pastoral Associate/Adult Ed), Father John R. White (pastor)

 Beth Jennings (Youth Minister)

 Absent – Vernon Rosenbeck, Rita Gaerke, Beth Jennings,

1. Approval of Minutes Motion: Monica Masso-Rivetti Second: Linda Waltke
2. Public Participation: NONE
3. Old Business: No volunteers for the elections.

1. Any questions about reports submitted to the Education Commission by:
	1. Pastor.

 Reconciliation - 6:30 to 7 is stations .. Wed. 20th, 7 to 7:30 is confession. Two priests.

 Tuesday March 19 the Light is on for Reconciliation.

 Father did not go to the deanery meeting - Brad Bursa was to give a talk.

* 1. Principal.

 Blizzard bags were not approved.

 Students were asked to stay inside on Thursday, Feb. 14, as police were pursuing a fugitive.

 He was caught somewhere else.

 The Greenville Police Department is being contacted about offering Alice training.

 Catholic Ed Connect APP was discussed along with purchasing i-Pads for the teachers.

 Diane Blocher is resigning.

 Eighth graders were writing on social justice. Lauren Wright’s essay on abortion was published

 in the Daily Advocate Wed.

 Tuesday at 10 AM of Holy Week, the Bishop is coming up to say Mass. Full church.

 C. Pastoral Associate/Adult Ed

 March 24, 31, and April 7 will be the Scrutinies.

 The Easter vigil will be at 7 PM.

 No Greater Love - 17 people are participating.

 April 4 participation in Worldwide Rosary prayer service in the Church.

 100th anniversaries for St. Francisco Marto and Jacinta Marto. 12 PM for 1 hour.

 Prayers are for World peace, reparation of sins against the Immaculate Heart of Mary and

 Sacred Heart of Jesus, conversion of sinners, and for the salvation of souls.

 Chrism Mass is Tuesday night of Holy Week.

 One more magnificat subscription is still available.

 D. Director of Religious Education

School stations are at 1:30 on Fridays.

The Parish Brunch on Sunday February 24 went well.

 Communication with the parents of children in grades 1 - 12 is a priority. The Weekly Reader is available several ways: electronically as a link in an email or push notification, printed as a hard copy or on the website. Reminders about the Remind app are regularly sent out and included in communications with parents.

The retreat will be conducted here by NET Ministries on Tuesday evening March 26, 2019 at 6:30 - 8:30 pm. Students unable to attend this retreat will be required to attend a confirmation retreat at another parish.

In a change for this year, banners will be a project at the First Communion retreat on April 6. Banners will be hung individually this year.

Deacon Tom Graber will have server training for 4th graders at the School on March 12 and 19. The date for PSR training is still to be determined.

 E. Education Commission Representative to Parish Council

Finances - January was down because of weather and cost for snow removal. December was higher.

Rosary Altar - sessions were canceled many times because of weather.

K of C had approval of kitchen area. $9 for eat in fish fry meal. Kid’s dinners remain the same.

1. New Business: Need people to run for pariah offices. Elections are the first weekend in May. Candidates are to come to Parish Brunch the weekend before to introduce themselves, Divine Mercy Sunday. The elected may come to the meeting May 14.

8. Next Meeting:

* 1. Set date of next meeting. April 9, 2019
	2. Set prayer leaders. Open: Monica Masso-Rivetti Close: Melissa Canan
	3. Adjournment. Motion: Ann Kolb Second: Linda Barga

 9. Closing prayer: Rita Gaerke/ Our Father