

Parish Council Meeting  
October 11, 2018  
6:30-7:45 pm

Attending: Amy Linsmeyer, Jill Ullmer, Father Brian Belongia, Jennie Huettl

Opening Prayer

Father Brian's comments:

- Mary Carter has now resigned from her position
- We would like to have the children 3-year old and older involved in the mass
- Jo Saindon could possibly work with the kids on a choir
- High School Religion Program: Mary, Lee Rynish, and Jessica Linsmeyer
- Need to look at people to help with High School religion education
- We are looking at 9-10 am on Sunday - - Change time?/twice a month, then go to mass, possibly get involved with the mass
- Start Religion in November with the High School students (Kim will help out and Paul, too)
  - to be engaged in the parish and welcomed.
  - Need two people to commit to an hour, twice a month
  - One group to each grade (9, 10, and 11)
- Read, greet or help serve coffee and donuts
- Fr. Brian's goal for this year: That we have something going - - engaging everyone. We need to engage families.
- In February, how do we go forward? We need creative ways to keep kids accountable. Eighth graders with the first graders, working together. Same time and safety procedures.

1-8 grades:                      Keeping the schedule the way it is for this year.  
Possibly change to the every other week before mass  
Maybe bring everyone together at one time  
First and third Sunday of the month/every other week

3 Server Trainings:            Sixth and seventh review  
First in November or December  
Fourth and fifth together (serve as part of service to the community)  
Third graders: possibly becoming servers, if interested

- There was a positive Catechism meeting yesterday
- Determine how to put the Religious Education Director position out there: Engage families, etc. Don't know if it's going to be one person or two people working as a team
- Re-writing the job position
- Different formats for the different age groups
- "Acre Test" – (fifth, eighth, and tenth graders) Father Brian mentioned it measures intelligence, but not how a person is engaging
- Eliminate most homework
- Not taking material home to read

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- How does religion fit in my everyday life (for kids)
- Getting another parent to teach religion: Possibly Jessica Linsmeyer and Marcie Jefferson. High school needs at least three, but four would be better. We could have two people teaching a grade together.
- Grades 1-8: Subs are needed, currently all classes covered

Closing Prayer: Father Brian

For all future meetings, we will change our meeting start time to 6:45 pm.