

St. John's Education Committee Meeting Agenda

February 6, 2018

Opening Prayer

Reflection: Hierarchy of the Angels by Fr. Denny

1. Review of previous minutes
 - a. No changes
2. Additions to minutes
 - a. Add 2019 Confirmation as #8 to new business

Old Business

1. Christmas program on Dec. 10
 - a. Kids did very well, even the older kids.
 - b. Nice size crowd
2. Christmas Caroling at Prairie View on Dec. 13
 - a. Amy Holland went with the students, she reported that it went well
3. Nic Davidson speaking to kids on Nov. 29
4. "Supper" before class
 - a. Alyssa report this has been positive, the past few weeks Diane has been serving cookies and ice cream, instead of a supper, that are in the freezer and need to be used up.
5. Pumpkin pie and apple crisp fundraiser brought in \$1700
 - a. Split between youth and adult faith formation
 - i. Looking at having an adult speaking to come to AFC in March
 - aa. Joan reported that Marty Athmann, DRE at SM, is looking into booking John Verly to speak about his conversion story. Fundraiser funds would be used to pay for this.
 - ii. Youth/adult speaker at St. Catherine's in Redwood Falls in April on finding balance in life.
 - aa. Joan is checking into using the funds from fundraiser to pay for bus for grades 7-12 and parents to attend this.
 - b. 5 volunteers from St. John's helped with this fundraiser

Alyssa Homan

Laura Girodat

Cary Kirtz

Fr. Denny Labat

Joan Honzay

New Business

1. Stations of the Cross and supper fundraiser on March 7
 - a. Diane and Joan will prepare and serve. Other can help as they wish.
 - i. Cary offered to help
 - b. Supper serving starts at 5:00 kids will help clean up after stations, then go to class
 - c. Menu: potato soup, bread, and veggie tray
 - d. Fundraiser for faith formation
 - e. Will be only Stations at St. John's
2. Missions of Love & cookies to shut-ins
 - a. Alyssa and Cary report that this went very well. It was good to have 2 extra adults there to help
 - b. Student really seemed to enjoy it, and shut-ins loved getting the treats
3. No class on Feb. 28 – no school at BLHS
4. Last Class and Sloppy Joe supper on April 25
 - a. If this is the day of the speaker at St. Catherine's we will move to May 2
5. Vacation Bible School: July 30- Aug. 3 at SA
6. 10th Grade home study
 - a. Joan reports that it has been difficult for her to get together with the students because of her schedule at SA.
 - b. They will be starting a new study in March: T3 Matthew. It is 8 lessons.
7. Internet
 - a. Will be disconnected to cut costs. This should have little effect, as Shylah is the only catechist using it. Joan is helping her find a free video downloader.
8. 2019 Confirmation
 - a. Alyssa asked if 9, 10, & 11 graders can be Confirmed in 2019
 - b. Joan informed that the Diocese will most likely not approve of 9th grade being confirmed. Fr. Denny added that it is too large of an age span for Confirmation prep.
 - c. Dr. Denny talked about possibility of St. Boniface closing or merging this summer, which could mean a number of families coming to SJ for Faith Formation classes, this may bring catechist for Confirmation. This will not be certain until closer to June.

- d. If we cannot find a catechist for confirmation prep next year students will need to go to SM.
- 9. Discussion on other activities. Alyssa mentioned that when she went to Religious Education at SJ they went to Caring and Sharing Hand in Minneapolis. She would like to see kids do something like that or Food for Kidz. Joan will look into something.

Next Meeting: May 16 @ 5:30 pm