

St. John's Education Committee Meeting
Monday, February 1, 2016 – 6:30pm

Present: Sara Kramer, Alyssa Homan, Cary Kirtz, Tracy Kramer, Sherry Kenney, Fr. Denny Labat.
Absent: Mavis Lamka, Diane Washburn, and Jennifer Eckstein (on maternity leave). Also present was Sherry Kenny.

Sara called the meeting to order at 6:45 pm. Fr. Denny led opening prayer. Minutes of November 2, 2015 were reviewed and accepted as printed. Added to the agenda were Christmas program and cookie baking and sharing under Old Business.

Old Business:

1. Christmas program – There was some confusion among the kids as to where they needed to be. Amy did a good job. Need a lead person to guide. Important to have Jen present.
2. Cookie Baking/sharing – With very late decision to cancel Faith Formation, some parents did not get the message. Need to clarify methods of contacting parents on canceling FF. People greatly appreciated receiving cookies and kids enjoyed it too. Cards were mailed to shut-ins also by CCW.

New Business

1. Review January – May FF flier:
 - a. Feb 3 EDGE Night – 7 – 8:30pm in Renville. Focus is Lent. Regular classes for lower grades.
 - b. Mar 30 – EDGE Night – 7-8:30pm in Hector. Focus is vocations. Fr. Matt Wiering, the diocesan vocations director will be present. Snacks will be provided. Joan Honzay is planning it. Lower grades will have class at regular time. There will be a video available at 7:00pm for those who will be staying until older kids are finished.
 - c. Youth helping at Mass – This is changed from Feb. 21 to Feb. 28. Many kids may be missing on 21st because of school.
 - d. Family Mass for end of year – April 27 is at 6:00pm. After Mass we will have snacks (donuts). There will be a special focus on grade 2 having made their First Communion. We will also have a cake for the First Communicants. Sara K. is ordering cake.
2. First Confession – Feb. 24 at 6:00pm. Other grades do not have class. Confessions are scheduled this date because of the schedule of the priests.
3. First Communion
 - a. Learning Centers will be set up on March 2 in the church basement and parents and their child will go through them. If they do not finish that evening the learning centers will be left up through the following weekend, March 6.
 - b. Practice for First Communion – Wed., April 20 at 6:00pm – 5 kids. Kids will have opportunity to go to confession again. We will practice processing in, receiving Communion, and placement for the picture.
 - c. First Communion is scheduled for May 1 at 8:30am Mass. Parish gets a gift for the kids. Kids sit with their family. each family has a pew. We will use 5 pews on left side. Kids, their godparents and parents will process in at the beginning of Mass. Kids and their parents will come up to receive communion. Once all kids have received communion,

then rest of their families and other people in church will come for communion. Banners they made will be hung in front. Check with Dana about banners.

4. Ash Wednesday – is on Feb. 10 at 6:00pm. all students will attend. The liturgical ministers will be adults.
5. Resources & materials – Kids did well in making valentines. Thanks to Dana for getting materials ready.

Next Meeting: no meeting date set

by Fr. Denny Labat