**Education Committee Minutes 2-26-19**

**Committee Members:** Rose Young, Joann Wozniak, Juliana Weber, Trina Cunningham, Michelle Miller, Tricia Buckman

**Excused:** Michelle Miller, Trina Cunningham

* Opening prayer
* Approved minutes from last meeting.
* Teaching mass will be held on March 24th. Father Mike will be the celebrant.
* Joann
  + Sharing & Caring tree - Chris Rogers will continue to be supported by our parish and will be added to the Caring and Sharing Tree. Joann suggested adding another seminarian. Tricia will contact the vocations office and see if they can recommend another seminarian. If so, we will add him to the C&S tree as well.
  + Children’s Bible – Ashley Gasch has generously offered to donate approximately 50 children’s Bibles to be distributed during CLOW. These Bibles are for the Pre-K through 3rd grade age range. They have narrowed it down to 2 Bibles and will be determining which one to order soon.
  + Joann is trying to get a private screening of The Pilgrim’s Progress. She is waiting to hear back.
* Juliana
  + Program updates
    - Catechist formation
      * 5 catechists from middle school came to the Wine and Dine event.
      * 2 catechists came to the Called and Gifted.
      * 5 came to the MAC.
      * Juliana is working on how to engage more catechists. Discussion about length of events and timing of events ensued.
      * Lenten retreat is coming up. Juliana is hoping more catechists attend this event.
    - Space talk tonight
    - Bowling this coming Friday
    - Confirmation Retreat was this past weekend. Juliana said it went well. There were more in attendance than the fall and it was easier and kinder than the one in the fall. No drama.
    - Father Mike has asked to not have the Confirmation Retreat be an overnight event next year.
    - Day of Reflection
      * Father George Santhosh, a Trinitarian, will be giving a talk on dangerous mission territory.
      * There will be adoration.
      * Father Mike will hear confessions.
      * There will be a talk on discovering your gifts.
    - Confirmation will be April 7th. Bishop Parker wanted it early.
    - Prayer service and burning of palms from last year on March 5th at 7:30pm.
    - Children’s Stations will be March 15th at 7:30.
    - The Catholic Bee will be March 24 & 26. Winners will be announced April 7th.
    - No closing mass this year for Rel. Ed.
    - Created to Love will be April 6th.
    - Open Gym
      * 1st one was snowed out.
      * 2nd one no one showed up.
      * 3rd one will be March 16th.
    - Movie nights
      * They had one for high schoolers and one is coming up March 27th.
      * Middle schoolers have one March 9th.
    - Home Study has one more class on March 5th where they will have a Passover Seder.
  + New teaching resources
    - Juliana has discussed with Father Mike. It looks like middle school will change to Benzinger – Be My Disciples. She is not sure about 6th grade as of yet.
    - Joann and Juliana saw a new resource Sadlier is offering while at the MAC. They both liked what they saw. Unfortunately, it will not be released in time for the upcoming school year. They will continue to investigate it.
    - Joann and Juliana are receiving good feedback on the 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion books. Parents and students are giving high praises. Tricia is hearing good feedback in her class as well.
* 2019-2020 Objectives
  + Service project – Group will come to next meeting with a couple service projects they would like to present to the group. We are looking for something that will tie all grades together.
  + Increases family involvement.
  + Middle school youth group – This is no longer an objective. Group should take some time to think if there is one more goal we may want to add for next school year.
* Open forum
  + Rose presented Consecration to the Holy Family prayer cards that the Knights of Columbus had printed. The prayers were written by Archbishop William Lori and will be handed out to all Rel. Ed. classes.
  + Juliana discussed a program called HI-LI. It is a leadership institute for high schoolers that teaches them how to be leaders inside and outside of the parish. It is between $600-$800 for a week. Juliana asked if the Knights may be willing to offer a scholarship. Rose offered that Juliana talk to them. She will also put information about it in the bulletin.
  + Juliana is also looking for high schoolers that may want to go to Steubenville.
  + Next meeting, we will talk about the catechist training in the fall. We discussed moving it up to the earlier part of August to attract more participants.
* Closing prayer
* Next meeting (4th Tuesday 5:30 – 6:30)
  + March 26th