

Education Commission: minutes from the February 21, 2015 meeting:

Present: Peggy Casing, Sam Guerra (youth rep), Denis Naeger, Suzie Phillips, Fr. Stan, and Clem Valot.

Absent: Janet Gerhard, Jennifer Neill, and Tom Wietchy.

Agenda

1. Budget for 2015. Submit to Chris K.
2. Updates: Children's Liturgy
Preschool RE
Childcare
3. Teen Topic Series -Next Steps, timing
4. Agape-next steps

BUDGET

Denis shared that the income and expenses for the February 7th "Romantic Evening for Two" are still being calculated, but that the net result should be "break even." Peggy shared that budgeting for funds will continue for marriage ministry and all existing programs. The Sunday programs are adding to the overall RE budget, but Chris has subdivided accounts so those figures can be tracked more readily.

DISCOVERING CHRIST (discussed, here, regarding budget and as a report)

Clem and Suzie shared that the program is going well. There are 139 total participants. The target audience (unchurched, or those no longer attending) are not among the current participants. Clem shared that this first effort is to establish awareness among those who are "the regulars" so they are able to invite the intended audience. This effort is about tilling the soil and planting the seed. The trainers have said we should see the fruit in the third year. Clem has maintained meticulous records of participation and shared those numbers with the group. Dinners are costing \$200 to \$259, but donations are being taken, so the bulk of the cost may be reduced. About 40-50% of the participants are expected to attend Sharing Christ in the fall. Efforts will be made to maintain the same small groups whenever possible, for continuity. One important example is the late teen/young adult table led by Megan Schuler.

CLOW, PRESCHOOL, CHILDCARE

The new programs are going well. As expected, the 11:00 Mass has the highest attendance, but 9 AM seems to be fairly stable as well. Recently, 90 children were present for Children's Liturgy at the 11 AM Mass.

TEEN TOPIC SERIES

Sam advertised the Vicariate Assembly, to be held on February 19th at Christ the Redeemer, with the youth group. Sam suggested speakers (per our recommendation) to the youth group, and the response was lukewarm, at best. Sam said the consensus of the group was that the topic series was not a great idea. The group suggested that building community might be the best first step. They are thinking of a vicariate game night, or "carnival" as a kick off. Another idea was to come up with a community-wide service project that they could do in conjunction with other groups, such as a "rake and run" event. They also talked about having someone who could talk about abortion come to a regular meeting.

Denis mentioned that he has a series of DVDs (Spiritual Cinema Circle) that could be a resource for our parish.

AGAPE

Agape is working to form a board, and to transfer their “credentials” to another parish. More updates at our next meeting.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

NO REPORT FROM HFRS

NO PRESCHOOL REPORT

ACTION ITEM(S)

None identified.

Next meeting: MARCH 14, 2015.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peggy Casing