

St. Mary's Education Commission Minutes, 1-21-2017

Attendance: Present: Samantha Guerra, Tom Wietchy, Peggy Casing, Cheryl Garneau, Matthew Ongcapin, Suzie Phillips, and Meghan Schuler.

1. Chairperson Samantha Guerra opened the meeting and passed out a Handout listing the **Old Business:** Social Media Update and **New Business:** 1.) Discuss/vote on the concept of "core members" from the Education Commission serving on the Parish Council. 2.) Discuss/vote on whether to ask the parish for money to upgrade audio/visual technology for the church. 3.) Status on the proposed Youth Mass. 4.) Updates: Religious Education; Youth; Holy Family Regional School; Evangelization; and Agape.
2. Samantha began with a Social Media update stating that right now there were 99 people as Friends on the St. Mary's Facebook website. As far as upgrading social media equipment, Peggy said that the Education Commission budget cannot cover that cost because Arnie had mentioned that funds will not be there in the new budget.
3. As far as new business, Samantha reiterated that funding for upgrading AV equipment is not there. As for the Core Member concept, the Group said while the intent is good, many were not sure that it was necessary and feasible to have 3 Core members. If we were able to pick three members, the feeling was that they might rotate for different meetings.
4. The Commission had Matt speak about the planned Youth Mass he had been working on. Matt stated that he had done an online survey and that he had gotten 20 responses from youth to fill the different positions needed to put on the Mass on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 5:00PM. Commission members told Matt that he was doing well and that the Commission would work with him to cover all bases as the time for the Mass draws near.
5. Peggy then updated the commission on Religious Education. On January 21st for Reconciliation students, they were meeting for Peace Day. This was soon to be followed by Jesus Day for First Communicants. Peggy said that she would forward the Pre School monthly update by Email.
6. Cheryl mentioned that Holy Family Regional School was sending a notice to the St. Mary's MSP (Middle School Program) that they were welcome to participate in HFRS Spring Softball and Spring Baseball programs as part of the CYO Program.
7. The Meeting ended at 9:40AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tom Wietchy