

St. Mary's Education Commission Minutes, 10-21-2017

Attendance: Present: Tom Wietchy, Meghan Schuler, Peggy Casing, Samantha Guerra, Cheryl Garneau, Susie Phillips . Absent: Sam Corrion.

1. Under **Old Business**: Chairperson Samantha opened the meeting by addressing the issue of new members. Samantha thought it would be good to put in an ad for new members in the Agenda for the Newcomers' Luncheon to be held on Sunday, October 22nd after the 11AM Mass. Also, there was a need to have someone from the Education Commission be present at the Newcomers' Luncheon. Meghan volunteered. Tom then asked Susie if she had any update from the September Vicariate Meeting on the status of the Young Adult program. Tom mentioned that at the end of the year Susie reported that although Kim Boismier was leaving Agape, there was talk at that Vicariate meeting about continuing the program. Susie said that Terry Gonda (TerryGonda@gmail.com) had volunteered to take on the task of heading a Young Adult program. Terry had previously worked with Kim. Tom added that he felt that Archdiocese needed to take a bigger role on the Archdiocesan level to have some diocesan wide Young Adult program. He cited the success of the Young Catholic Professionals in their recent move to the Detroit area. Their meetings have been well organized and well attended. Before moving on to New Business, Samantha wanted to reiterate her wish that the Education Commission continue to support the Youth of the parish in conjunction with SMYG. She felt that continuing to have the Youth Mass at least twice a year was a good thing. She felt that for next year there could be a few other events like a Halloween Party, a Movie Night along with a Youth Mass.
2. **New Business**: At the Chapel presentation our volunteer coordinator Lisa tasked members of the individual commissions to update their particular section of the Ministry Handbook. Samantha and the group went through our section adding, subtracting and clarifying sections of the Handbook. On this month's Agenda Samantha reaffirmed one of the Goals of the Education Commission this year is "to foster a better environment for youth participation." The meeting ended as the Parish Council was about to begin.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Wietchy