

St Mary's Education Commission Minutes, 5-19-2018

Attendance: Present: Samantha Guerra, Peggy Casing, Meghan Schuler Todd, Tom Wietchy, Deb Valot, and Cheryl Garneau. Absent: Sam Corrion .

The Meeting began with Samantha discussing **Old Business:** Flat "Stan"-ley: Samantha mentioned that she and Meghan would be posting a picture of Fr. Stan with the Flat-Stanley picture in the Church paper. Parishioners are to take a picture of themselves with their Flat Stanley picture, write on the sign where the Picture is taken, email the picture to St. Mary's, and look on the St. Mary's Facebook page to see their picture. Graduation Mass: The Graduation Mass will take place on Sunday, June 3rd at the 9:00 AM Mass. Each graduate will get a packet with: a Book, "Blessed Are the Bored in Spirit" by Mark Hart, contacts to the Campus Ministry where they will attend School, a Rosary with a "How To" guide on how to say the Rosary. There will be a Luncheon after Mass where a goody bag will be passed out. New Members: Samantha mentioned that there needs to be a Blast Email to the Parish reminding them that they are welcome to attend the last Parish Council Meeting of the year along with attending any Commission Meeting beforehand. Samantha will also send out a "Note" in the Church paper and have an Announcement made at Mass. Samantha also mentioned that there still is no representative from the Education Commission to the Parish Council.

New Business: There was some discussion, as had been mentioned at various times, that it is important in religious formation that after the sacraments of Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation, that there needs to be some follow up in the teen years to bridge the gap from those sacraments to Marriage. That's where the importance of SMYG comes in. There was also a discussion about a Welcome Ministry. Cheryl then reported about news from Holy Family Regional School. The HFRS Board is redoing their bylaws with a plan to include a "campus ministry" group, which would offer opportunities for enrichment over and above what is offered now. For example, there could be efforts for Family prayer, adult formation, etc. Peggy then mentioned that on August 23rd the Religious Education Office will be offering a class at the north campus of HFRS (St. Andrew's) for teacher/catechist formation. There will be four topics covered, three of which are appropriate for anyone who would like to attend. It was mentioned that on Sunday, May 20th, Bishop Battersby was to celebrate Confirmation at St. Mary's at 3PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Wietchy