

SAINT MARY PARISH, MILTON

Parish Education Commission Meeting

May 28, 2019

Chair: Deb Krausse
Recorder: Sabrina
Prayer: Joyce and Mary Kay

Time: 6:00 p.m.
Place: Ark

Minutes

Present: Mary Kay Sitter, Joyce Albright, Deb Krausse, and Sabrina

Excused: Val Crofts, Mike Sessler, Fr. Dave

- I. Prayer.
- II. Minutes of the February meeting were approved.
- III. Administrative Report. (See report for more details)
 - A. Seeds. Continued to have 12-15 children each week through April 28th. Consistent adult helpers was key. Classes begin again in the fall.
 - B. Family Faith. Another successful year with 23 families (42 children) coming together to grow in their faith on the 2nd Sunday of the month. New families continued to join this program in February and March. Additional adult volunteers helped tremendously. Next year, we'll be adding another breakout class: Preschool – 1st grade, 2nd – 4th grade, 5th – 8th grade.
 - C. Elementary Tuesday/Wednesday. Lenten classes went well. The last classes were held on April 23/24 and included fun outdoor/community-building activities. **First Communion** and crowning of Mary was precious. Karen Krause took another beautiful group photo...we missed Fr. Dave.
 - D. Youth Ministry. **Guest speaker** in March, Mary Kate Van Wagner, shared her witness of growing up in a family struggling with addictions. One of her older sisters died from a heroin overdose in Chicago last fall. Several of the youth from *Love Begins Here*, even three seniors, were present. Michele Scherdin and Melanie Lee took four boys to the high school **Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally** at Carroll University (Waukesha) in March. **Confirmation** was held at St. Joseph, Edgerton with six parishes. Msgr Bartylla presided. We missed Fr. Dave. **Last class** was organized by Chris and Kristin Jaecks with community-building games. **Love Begins Here** local mission trip is coming up in July. There are 3 high school youth attending in Sun Prairie, 10 high school youth attending in Janesville (adults: Katie Lilla, Emily Riesterer & Val Crofts) and four middle school youth heading to Edgerton (adults: Michele Scherdin, Melanie Lee & Val Crofts).
 - E. **Blessing Cup Tea Party**. 25 women and girls attended the tea party on May 18. Tea, finger sandwiches and cookies were served. Guests dressed up with hats, pearls and scarves for a photo shoot. Each participant chose a tea cup to take home.
 - F. Parish Involvement. Planning has begun for next year as we will strive to contact adult volunteers in a timely manner for upcoming events.
 - G. Registration 2018-2019. Tuition statements went out in April. Income from tuition and bus fees totaled \$12,275. The current balance is \$2465. Books close on June 30, 2019. Changes are being made to the registration form for 2019-2020 in order for families to begin registering on July 1, 2019.

IV. Policy Development

A. N/A

V. Discussion

A. Transportation. Hoping to resolve the late Harmony bus for next year this summer.

B. Facility. The Church Hall (downstairs) is in need of cleaning of sprucing up...especially the kitchen area (counters, cabinets, sink). Concerned about the effects of mold on the children downstairs.

VI. Task Assignments for Next Meeting (August 27, 2019)

Chair: Joyce Albright

Recorder: Sabrina

Prayer: Mary Kay Sitter

VII. Adjourn at 6:51 p.m.

Saint Mary of the Immaculate Conception
FAITH FORMATION
ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

To: Education Commission
Date: May 17, 2019
Re: Administrative Report May

Tots No report.

Seeds

- The preschool program continues to thrive throughout the school year averaging 12-15 in the last couple of months. The last class was Sunday, April 28, 2019.
- The assistance of consistent adult volunteers was key to the year's success.

Family Ministry

- The March class was all about Lent. Families also experienced a Seder meal together. Clarence Lornson brought the materials for 3rd grade matchstick crosses.
- April's class included fun activities explaining Holy Week, the Triduum and Easter. The biggins led the Stations of the Cross for the families and high school youth.
- The new families that joined in February and March plan to return next year and even volunteered to help with breakfast prep.
- This year, we added more adult helpers. One of the mom's helped Jane with the littles. Another mom and Donna Curley worked together. I met with Jane during the day for planning and then met with the other assistants the week before classes for additional preparation.
- Next year, we will add another class dividing up the children: PS-1st; 2-4th; 5-8th

Elementary

- It was great to have Fr. Dave for Ash Wednesday during class time this year. It was well-attended by students and others from the parish.
- Lenten classes went well. We didn't have the number of adult volunteers that we've had in the past, but made it work.
- The last classes, April 23/24, included fun outdoor/community-building activities.
- First Communion was held on Sunday, May 5 during 10:30 a.m. Mass. Fr. Healy presided. The children processed into church crowning Mary and presenting her with flowers. Parishioner, Karen Krause was our photographer again this year. Parents have the option of purchasing group and/or individual photos. This year the group photo was taken before Mass.

Youth Ministry

- Mary Kate Van was our guest speaker in March. The youth who have attended *Love Begins Here* know her as a former camper and present core team member. She led the evening with her witness of growing up in a family laden with addictions. She recently began speaking out after one of her older sisters died from a heroin overdose in Chicago last fall. Following the witness, Fr. Dave and three other priests heard confessions.
- Michele Scherдин and Melanie Lee took four boys to the Wisconsin Catholic Youth Rally in Waukesha at Carrol University on March 16. The event began at 10 a.m. and concluded at 8 p.m. and included keynote speakers, division of boys and girls for morality lessons, a live band, confession, Mass, and the chance to mingle with other Catholic youth from Wisconsin.
- Confirmation was celebrated on Wednesday, April 3rd at St. Joseph, Edgerton just two days after Fr. Dave suffered his heart attack. Seating was packed including in the hallways. Those confirmed were from Milton, Edgerton, Oaklawn Academy, Cambridge, Jefferson and Lake

Mills. Msgr. Jim Bartylla presided.

- The April class theme was “The Upper Room.” The classrooms were lit with Christmas lights to create the mood of what it might have been like before Jesus, with readings of the Passover from the Old Testament and then readings from the New Testament. There was also foot washing and breaking of bread.
- This year, Kristin and Chris Jaecks, organized the last class. Chris is a coach and gym teacher at Clinton High School, so he brought community-building activities. There were about 50 middle and high school youth in attendance. We closed in prayer with a Hail Mary remembering one of the student’s mom who was recently diagnosed with cancer and all moms.
- Love Begins Here.
 - High School - July 7-12 at St. John Vianney, Janesville. 10 students are signed up for Janesville and 3 for Sun Prairie. Leaders are Emily Riesterer, Katie Lilla and Val Crofts.
 - Middle School – July 14-17 at St. Joseph, Edgerton. 4 students are signed up to attend Edgerton. Leaders are Michele Scherdin and Melanie Lee.

Other

- A Blessing Cup Tea Party. Parishioners were invited to an afternoon tea. Currently, there are 18 attending and another 6 responded “maybe.” Each participant will receive a teacup to take home. Jane Graves from Family Faith is assisting with this event.

Parish Involvement

Additional leaders and assistants will be needed for next year. One of the biggest challenges is notifying parishioners in a timely manner of upcoming volunteering they’ve already signed up for and our expectations. The planning has already begun.

Registration 2018-2019

- Tuition statements went out in April. Income from tuition and bus fees totaled \$12,275. The balance due is currently \$2465. The books will close June 30th, 2019.
- Changes are being made to the registration form for 2019-2020. Planning to have registration open online on July 1, 2019.