St. John Religious Education Committee Meeting

November 25, 2019

**Members Present:** ◼ Chris Wibbenmeyer, ◼ Pam Eyink, ◼ Brenda Buening
 ◼ Ted Nagel

**Members Absent:** ◼ Maria Rethman, ◼ Julie Brunswick, ◼ Mike Bertke

**Opening Prayer:** Led by Chris Wibbenmeyer

**Old Business:**

1. CCD Monitors - We’re ok for this year. We don’t have as many as we would like but we will work with the volunteers who we have signed up.
2. Drop Off/Pick Up Procedures – We discussed the feedback, conversations and traffic flow. A new pattern was presented and discussed. It was decided that we would present a new pattern and make that final. This will go into effect the first Wednesday of December. Chris will notify all parents and have catechists talk about it in their classrooms.
3. Children’s Liturgy of the Word – New schedule will start November 30th. We still need more prayer leaders if we want this ministry to continue. Some long time volunteers decided to step away or step into sub roles. We would like each team to be on a 6 to 8 week rotation to the burden isn’t too heavy as most are in other ministries as well. Once children are called to the front, the prayer leaders will teach them to bow to the altar before proceeding out. There is a new reference book that will be available in addition to the Lectionary for the prayer leaders. Chris has sent the schedule out to all of the prayer leaders. We are only scheduling until the end of August and will schedule per catechetical year instead of liturgical year.
4. Confirmation Preparation – Chris has meet with the other cluster CRE’s a few times regarding Confirmation and the retreat. Several changes are taking place with the retreat next year. There are some things as far as preparation that are concerning among the CRE’s which Chris has also recognized and expressed over the past couple of years. A discussion on changing our TGIF program at St. John took place and it was decided to start Confirmation Preparation in the 8th grade starting 2nd semester of 2021. There were several points discussed in regards to changing our format but we all recognized the need for the change. We will work out the specifics and have a final plan in place by the start of the 2020-2021 year.
5. Catechist In-Service – This will take place on Wednesday, January 8th at the Montezuma Retreat House. Chris will send out more information once he receives it.

**New Business:**

1. Our Box of Joy collection in November was able to fill 57 boxes plus some larger items. Every student was asked to bring in one item and $1 to be included in the Box of Joy collection. Catholic Outreach is the organization who is behind the Box of Joy drives.

**Reports:**

PK / K – None to Report

Grades 1-8 – Everything seems to be running smooth.

Grades 9-12 – All is going well. The 7th-12th graders took part in our annual Vocation Awareness Night on the 13th of November. The topic this year was marriage. There were several FOCUUS couples who were part of the panel that answered questions the students came up with. Our sophomores and juniors will be switching classes for the 2nd semester starting upon our return in January.

We will need to make some changes to our calendar regarding our Lenten prayer services etc due to St. John being closed for painting.

**Next meeting** – January 27th at 7:00pm. We will meet at the parish office due to the rectory basement being closed.

Minutes Submitted By: Chris Wibbenmeyer Minutes Approved On: December 8, 2019