

St. John Religious Education Commision Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: Oct.9, 2023

Attendees: Chris Wibbenmeyer (CRE), Michelle Ashman, Jeanna Heitkamp, Greg Homan, Brian Seitz & Ashley Stachler

NOTES

- 1) Opening Prayer & Welcome

Old Business

- 2) Roles/Terms. It was decided that Brian Seitz would take on the role of Vice Chairperson along with Mike Bertke. Mike would stay on for 6 months, helping Brian with the transition. Brian would then commit to a 2-year term as Chairperson. Jeanna Heitkamp accepted the role as Secretary for 2 years. Michelle Ashman, Greg Homan and Ashley Stachler agreed to a 2-year commitment as members of the committee.

New Business

- 3) Arrival/Dismissal The CCD arrival and dismissal procedures were discussed. It was agreed that things were moving in the right direction, no need for changes as of now.
- 4) Children's Liturgy of the Word This was previously offered to students in grades 1-4 during 5-o'clock mass on Saturdays. Post-covid there was not enough volunteers to get the program started once again. We discussed a possible solution to offer this during 10:30 mass starting Fall 2024. A few things need to happen prior to this:
 - i) We will need volunteers
 - ii) We will need to agree on grade levels this is offered to
 - iii) Pre-school CCD would no longer be available during 10:30 mass
- 5) Preschool As it stands, the archdiocese will no longer allow preschool CCD during mass times. The committee discusses possible alternatives to this:
 - a) Prior to 10:30 mass; 9:15-10:15
 - b) Wed nights 6-6:15 (possibly along with Kdg)
 - c) During 9am mass, then Chickasaw would offer Pre-school CCD during 10:30 mass
 - d) The committee recommended we send a poll/survey to parents asking for feedback on our ideas and for additional suggestions.
- 6) Fundraising/RE Support The committee would like to see an itemized list of costs/income/etc before moving forward with asking parishioners for donations.
- 7) Future Meeting Dates were decided:
 - a) Nov.6, 2023 @7:00 pm
 - b) Jan.8, 2024 @7:00 pm
 - c) Mar.4, 2024 @7:00 pm
 - d) May 13, 2024 @7:00 pm