

# Education Commission Meeting Minutes March 28, 2023

Present: Debra Beaman, Linda Kramer, and Pat Bondi

## *Committee Reports*

### St Edith Parent Association (SEPA)

- Grandparents Day is moving to a Wednesday so that the grandparents can attend Mass with the students followed by a light snack and tour of the classrooms.
- Field Day will be on 6/2.
- Teacher Appreciation is during the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May.
- Nerf War – 102 people participated and 40% of the participants were from the Parish.
- School Auction is on April 29<sup>th</sup> and preparations continue. Money raised at the Auction will be used to refurbish the school Media room to make it multi-use.

### School-

- March was reading month and daily activities have been occurring.
- The School Spring Concert is on April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm.
- Mark your calendars, our 7/8th graders are performing “The Wizard of Oz”! May 5, 2023 - 7pm show (Open to Families & Parish members).

### Religious Formation News:

- Family Mass and Palm Sunday Processions will be April 2nd and April 3rd. Those preparing for First Eucharist will be attending Eucharist Prep Day April 1st and attending the 5:00pm Mass and processing in then.
- A new Safe Environments program, Empowering God's Children, is being instituted by the AOD for schools and Faith Formation programs. This is mandatory for next year for all schools and RE programs. Additional changes are also happening with the Protecting God's Children and background checks.
- Confirmation Retreats went well. Students participated in faith building activities, made rosaries, and attended a special Reconciliation service led by Fr. Jim.

### Adult/Family Parish Formation

- Bible study continues Thursdays at 7PM. This is led by Mike Willis.
- Thursday morning Women's study continues in the AV Room. They will be doing a study called, The Holy Spirit in the Bible - by Little Rock Scripture Study
- April 1st is the next Pizza dinner and April 2nd is the next Spaghetti Dinner.
- Divorce Care ended March 27th with plans for a session to begin Sept. 11th.
- Lenten Soup Suppers continue through April 5th. Aaron Cook is making the soups which are served at 6:30pm. The program then begins at 7:00pm and runs through 8:00pm. The program is based on Edward Sri's Biblical Walk Through the Mass.
- Pope Francis Family's Lenten Mission ran March 20th-22nd at OLV (20th), St. Kenneth (21st), and St. Edith (22nd). This was done by Fr. Pat Brennan from St. Paul of the Cross. Each evening was well attended.
- The 1st Annual Easter Egg Hunt will happen on Saturday, April 8th starting at 10:00am. There will be 2 Easter bunnies with one outside and one inside for photo ops. Presently there are 58 children registered.

- Plans are moving along for VBS happening July 31st - Aug. 4th. Hero Hotline is the theme this year. St. Kenneth will not be joining this year. They are looking to try one on their own and do an evening one to best meet the needs of their parish.

## RCIA

- RCIA classes continue.
- Scrutiny's for the 2 catechumens and 2 candidates took place. They also attended the Lenten Mission here last Wednesday.

Next Meeting April 25, 2023