

The Board of Catholic Education of St. Joseph Parish Minutes

Wednesday September 5, 2017 @ 7:00 Lower Level Meeting Room

Meeting

Opening Prayer

Members present: Gerald Reinersman, Father Knight, Sue Greis, Steven Fischer, Vicki Klocke, Derrick Reeder, Jill Stratman, Brian Callahan, Rick Wolf, Chris VandeWater, Hannah Peters, Dustin Parks, Linda Bricking, Hollie Lusby

Members Excused: Kristine Willike, Michael E. Ruprich

Approval of Minutes: NA

Pastor's Report:

Welcome to Fr. Trinity Knight

Fr. Trinity has taken up his new assignment here at St. Joseph. He is actively acquainting himself with the many programs and activities of the parish. More importantly, he is coming to know the people involved in those activities.

United Catholic Movement

- The Leadership Team is preparing two sessions to train the 290 Ambassadors. Session one: "how to invite inactive Catholics to return to the practice of their faith"; Session two: "what to do when a person agrees to return to the practice of their faith' (how to accompany them, how to find helpful resources that are specific to their need, how to encourage them).
- The UCM prayer has been inserted into the front cover of the hymnal for all to see.
- Presentations at Masses on October 21-22 will be given by persons who've returned to the practice of the faith.

Good start to religious formation activities

Our parish religious education & formation programs for children and candidates seem to be off to a good start. Now we must give attention to an adult program(s).

Upcoming events

September 10	Anniversary Vespers	3pm Cathedral
September 17	Blessing and commissioning of catechists Parish Picnic following 11:30 Mass	9:30 Mass
September 22- 24	World Wide Marriage Encounter at St. Joseph	
September 24 – 30	St. Joseph Parish hosts Family Promise	
September 31 – Oct 7	St. Luke Lutheran hosts Family Promise	
October 4	Feast of St. Francis of Assisi / Blessing of pets	1:30pm
October 8	Cemetery visitation	2:00pm

October 9 – 13
October 12

Priests retreat (*no masses Oct 10 – 13*)
St. Joseph host Rosary Congress for Deanery 9:00am –9:pm
Eucharistic Adoration and pray rosary every hour

Administrator Report

Off to a great school year!

Thank you for helping make JayFest and New Parent Dinner a success

Vision Night went well, but would like to see it better attended

Working out kinks with Sycamore, schedules, etc.

It's a huge benefit to students to have a full time assistant principal.

- Visits classrooms
- Will help with professional growth plans
- PD for RTI
- Helps in supervisory positions
- Some clerical tasks
- Share ideas

Goals for this year

- Just starting to put some in place
- Restructure RTI
- Make sure our intervention system is solid – make written procedures for this
- Implement a supportive, yet challenging professional development expectations for all staff members
- Study and adopt a new math series for 2018-2019 school year

Vision/mission

It is the mission of St. Joseph School to inspire students:

- To embrace the Gospel message of Jesus Christ
- To be and do their best
- To be lifelong learners
- To live their Catholic faith

Faculty Report

Given by Jill Stratmen during the meeting. Can be found on the BOE website page.

Religious Education – PSR

Catechist update:

- Linda Goetz retired last year.
- Cyndy Brock who taught the 7th grade switched to teach the 2nd Grade.
- Michael and Judith Thomas are our new 7th grade catechists.

New parent orientation was held on August 27th.

Fr. Gerry stopped by to welcome the new families. I learned a new way to communicate with the parents that they suggested called Remind which many schools are using. So I will be implementing this immediately instead of the current phone chain that is used for those that have cell phones and email.

We have 5 new families. Two of which came from St. Joseph School. Another two joined our 8th grade class for Confirmation prep, one from St. Mary and another from Covington Latin.

We have a total of 6 students in our program from St. Mary's. They in turn have 3 from our Parish that attend their Wednesday program.

Classes officially started on August 20th.

This Sunday, September 10th our 2nd and 5th graders will receive their bibles. On September 17th, which is Catechetical Sunday, we will have our PSR opening mass during the 9:30am mass time.

On September 24th, our 3rd graders will receive their scapulars.

Religious Education - RCIA

- We have 1 unbaptized catechumen who started the RCIA journey last November, celebrated the Rite of Acceptance in January, participated in dismissals Jan – August, and is continuing his preparation for the Easter Sacraments in 2018.
- We have 6 baptized candidates who will celebrate the Rite of Welcome this Sunday, September 10 at the 9:30 Mass. All of them participated in dismissals beginning in the spring and once monthly over the summer. They are all preparing to be received into full communion at Easter Vigil 2018.
- We have one baptized Methodist who currently does not intend to be received but requested to sit in on RCIA sessions to learn the faith of her Catholic husband and their children who are enrolled at St. Joseph School. She knows that she can let me know at any time if she would like to become a candidate for full communion in the Church.

- We began our Tuesday faith formation sessions on August 22 and will begin weekly dismissal sessions this Sunday, September 10.

Committee Reports

Adult Faith Formation

- Need to get started on planning and promoting a fall AFF offering. We will once again offer a group study using one of the programs available on FORMED.ORG. Would like to see if we can find a common “theme” or topic to tie that in with our Lenten Evening of Reflection. Fr. Gerry and I have discussed ideas. Looking for input from BOE AFF committee members. When they are identified, I will work on getting a committee meeting scheduled.
- The parish is hosting a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend on September 22-24. Please consider attending with your spouse for some time away from kids and jobs and sports to focus on enriching your marriage and/or share this information with other couples you know who could benefit from a weekend spent focused on strengthening their marriage.

Special Events

Next event will be Teacher Appreciation Dinner. We did it last year during parent/teacher conferences in November. Need feedback if that worked well.

BOE has made the decision to create a google drive with all the committee documentation to share and update with current and future members.

Finance:

Next meeting is September 20th.

Marketing:

No report

Technology:

No report

Parish Council:

Thank you, Julie Piscitello. BOE/Parish Council liaison until we assign committees.

- Elections at our 8/22 meeting. President now Gina Dierig. Committee positions were discussed
- DPAA 28% of families responded: \$65,589 over goal to go back to elevator fund
- More Training coming soon for United Catholic Movement

Old Business:

- Welcome new BOE members. Chris VandeWater, Hannah Peters, Dustin Parks, Linda Bricking
- Diocesan training for new BOE members is September 13th at 7:00 at the Diocese of Covington. Sue Greis has pre-registered everyone.
- We have decided to publish the BOE minutes and teacher report this year on the Saint Joseph Parish BOE website page. Michael will get with Katie Spicer in the parish office after the minutes have been approved at the following BOE meeting. i.e. September minutes will be approved at October 18th meeting and published after the meeting.
- 9 voting BOE members will be assigned committees at the October meeting after Father Reinersman and Sue Greis review the committee objectives for the year and designate where we should dedicate our resources for 2017-2018 to match the BOE vision.
- Hollie Lusby will be responsible for forwarding any school or PSR communications to the BOE members. Includes all Thursday communications from Sue Greis and monthly communications from Steven Fischer.

New Business:

Next meeting, we will review the school mission statement and vision of the BOE.

The purpose of the Education Committee is to promote, recommend, and evaluate parish-related education programs, particularly religious education programs, for all members of the parish including the parish school.

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Communications:

No Report

Motion to Adjourn: Linda Bricking made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Hannah Peters seconded the motion.

Closing Prayer

The next board meeting will be Wednesday October 18, 2017 at 7:00 PM in Kelly Hall

Minutes recorded and prepared by Hollie Lusby on behalf of Michael E. Ruprich