

RE Board Mission Statement: *To help Blessed Trinity's Religious Education Program be the best in the area at putting people in communion and intimacy with Jesus Christ.*

Religious Education Committee Agenda

8-24-10

1) Opening prayer: **Linda**

Minute taker: **Andy**

2) DRE Report: **Julie – Topics to include:**

- 2010-2011 RE year

Registrations are still coming in still quite a bit out there possibly 50 still not registered \$25.00 per student late fee after August 1

Numbers may be down some –

All catechists are found & in place – Julie barely had to call – some asked for positions

The way confirmation falls we do not need an 11th grade

Schedules will be mailed

September 15th – 9th & 10th grade classes start

September 22nd – 1st through 8th grade starts

September 26th – Kindergarteners start

Catechists will do a blessing in their classrooms this year instead of the first night meeting in the church

Thinking through how to communicate which class a student should report to

Maybe we can call them a couple days before class

9th & 10th grade all meet in gym so they don't need to call – kindergarten same thing

Maybe the catechists can each do their own class. It is a personal touch that can make a connection with each family

Also first night of classes meeting with parents in church with father Bob.

Will be about 45 minutes and then 15 minutes to see their children's classroom. Parents will know where their child is and get a chance to meet the catechist

Confirmation fast approaching – retreat in June went well; rest of students will go in September

Confirmation mass anticipated to be up to 1.5 to 2 hours long

Julie is working with music director Zach Holzer to fill the time with appropriate music.

First night Julie will meet with the parents while the students are doing opening activities

- 3) Parish Council Status Report: **Pat** -- Report on any actions at the Council level that relate to or affect this committee, i.e., budget, discernment, etc.

Went on retreat in July, main focus was education adult and children; need to start with basic education Catholicism 101 possibly classes in the fall – Fr. Bob will share plans for adult classes program is for both Saint John's and Blessed Trinity; wanted to have a clear focus.

This year have catechist's parents get a basic experience

Classes are scheduled for when Fr. Bob has free time so there is no cost

Addresses adult education

Once a month parents of students will be required to attend one of these classes

First session meeting in the church hall

- 4) Youth Activities: **All** – Update on Youth activities for 2010-2011

Youth activities – currently nothing scheduled – brewer game this weekend – only have 12 signed up – have 33 tickets available

Last year had sign ups for parents to help with activities

This year scavenger hunt in April

We will also be doing a 30 hour famine.

There is a food fast 24 hour fast that Julie received information on

Fr. Bob has information on another resource called Attinger Banquet. People are charged

\$30.00 a ticket. When they arrive they pick something that says what their meal is. Could

be just a bowl of rice to a 7 course meal. Event takes about 2 hours. You invite people to

a Parish Banquet called a Global Experience with Food. There is a 1.5 hour reflection

afterwards. Can be used as a learning experience or as a lead in to a mission. It is a

respect life issue. Event could lead up to a project called the Heifer Project.

Possibly Zack Holzer could do a youth praise night.

Possibly they could go to the Kohler Arts Center. There is a list of activities from last year and discussed presenting them and see if parents volunteer and or talk to 9th and 10th grade students.

- 5) Adult Education Activities: **Julie/Fr. Bob** - Update

A lot of programs set up. RCIA, Catholicism 101, Advent Series, Lenten Series. A brochure will be in the parish bulletin.

6) Old Business: **All** -Update on changes for the 9th and 10th graders

9th & 10th first night gathering – then being catholic part of the community, service project

Had a meeting with catechists last week. Scope is large – large group to small group; there are 6 catechists; there will be a request for some of the confirmation students to help; catechists have curriculum and they have decided to split the curriculum and take turns planning. 1 will plan and let the rest know what the plan is. They are excited that they can make the program their own

-Tuition Assistance

Linda reported on tuition assistance – St. Vincent De Paul society will not be sponsoring any students at St. Mary's school or for Religious Education this year. St Vincent's store is not doing well. This Sunday, 8/29, during Mass, Jean will talk about yellow smile envelopes, which come out once a month. People could check off the St. Mary's or Religious Education box and donate through that. Also looking at setting up a program to donate in honor of St Mary's 60th anniversary of the school. Possibly Julie and Jean will do the presentation together during Mass. For people doing electronic donations, they may not have the yellow or blue envelopes to remind them of these donations.

7) Next Meeting: Sunday November 7th at 6:00 pm. Talk about student representatives on the committee. Julie will bring a list of High School students to the next meeting.

8) Closing Prayer

Prayer Leader Order

Linda
Ann
Julie
Susan
Terry
Andy
Father Bob
Pat
Lilly

Minutes Taking Order

Andy Ansay
Linda Goedert
Terry Hartman
Susan Kautzer
Ann Lemmer
Lilly Rotter