

Education Commission Meeting Minutes - September 20, 2007 (7 p.m.)

Members Present: Kevin McCabe, Ed Neltner, Ken Belleman, Lisa Renken, Anita Bidleman, Joan Eckhart, Patty Hadden, Martha Biedermann and Josh Hafele

Pastor: Father Paul Gebhardt

Ex Officio Members Present: Jean Margello and Jeanne Schaefer

Parish Pastoral Council Representative: Tony Mastriani

Faculty Advisor: Linda Kasper

Guest: Joe and Linda Staneck, Mike Taylor, Kim Ostendorf

- 1. Introduction of Members** - Everyone introduced themselves and shared one exciting thing they did this summer.
- 2. Opening Prayer** - Fr. Paul said the opening prayer.
- 3. Announcements** - A motion was made and carried allowing Education Commission to change meetings from Thursday to Tuesday. Next meeting is Tuesday November 27th. The meeting dates for the 07/08 year are now: Jan. 15th, March 18th, May 13th, and June 17th. Meetings have been changed to Tuesdays for 2007-2008. Education Commission will host donut Sunday on March 8, 2008
- 4. Approval of Last Meeting's Minutes** - There were no correction on the June minutes. Motion to approve June minutes as written was passed.
- 5. Communication from Parishioners** -

Guest Mike Taylor spoke to the Education Commission with regard to the newly formed Marketing Committee at St. Vivian. This Committee of 6 will be working to "get the word out" about the great things happening at St. Vivian. They will be working on Product, Place, Price, and Promotion as each relates to St. Vivian. Everyone will have a role in this process and the Marketing Committee will keep the Commission informed as they begin this Ministry.

Guest Kim Ostendorf came to photograph the Education Commission Members for the Parish Directory.

Guests Linda and Joe Staneck gave the Commission an overview of the Grateful Believers Program that will be kicking off at St. Vivian on September 23rd. Those facilitating this exciting new approach of Stewardship are working hard for events during the month of October that will culminate with Covenant Weekend on October 27-28.

Fr. Paul and Mrs. Margello updated the Commission on plans to secure the building. A bid has been accepted and the work will begin as soon as possible. All doors to the building will require that the office "buzz" the visitor in. Video feed to the offices will allow an adult to monitor who is requesting to enter the building. All exterior doors will be changed to key card access at the same time.

REPORTS -

6. **Jodie Bender (DRE)** - Jodie was not able to attend this meeting. Fr. Paul reported that Jodie stated "everything that should be up and running at this time is."
7. **Jeanne Schaefer (Youth Minister)** - Jeanne reported that 47 Jr. High students are signed up to attend the "Pump It UP" outing on September 21st. Jeanne attended the most recent Girl Scouts meeting and will be helping the members as they work toward earning the Marian Medal.
8. **Jean Margello (Principal)** - Mrs. Margello reported that there are currently 352 students enrolled at St Vivian Preschool-grade 8. This is slightly less than last years enrollment of 367 students but St. Vivian graduated a very large class in May of 2007. The 2007-2008 school year is off to a smooth start and Mrs. Kasper agreed that discipline, respect and the general feel of the building has been very positive. The school office received positive feel back from parents that attended the Curriculum Night in September. A question was asked by the Commission about the screening process used when new students transferring to St. Vivian. Mrs. Margello reported that students expressing interest in the spring were screen academically and in the area of conduct prior to admission. Those registering in the summer were enrolled based on previous school records. Mrs. Kasper added that as a staff member she receive a great deal of guidance and support from Dr. Ponti and the Instructional Specialist at St. Vivian in the preparation of these screenings. Teachers also attended a wonderful inservice last fall that focused on discipline and diversity which has helped them continue the level of excellence expected at St. Vivian.
9. **School Futures** - St. Vivian representatives continue to be guest as the School Futures group works toward renaming St. Barts School. It was reiterated that St. Vivian School is NOT merging or closing. St. Vivian is strong and staying as is.
10. **Father Paul Gebhardt (Pastor)** -Fr. Paul reported that he has added to his knowledge of bowling by attending a recent conference. He added to the discussion about the Grateful Believers Program and will be speaking at all Masses on September 22-23rd as the Parish Action Plan is distributed. Fr. Paul stated that he is excited about this parish wide Stewardship initiative. Fr. Paul asked the Commission to remember those in our community that are suffering with loss and illness. In recent weeks many younger individuals in our community and individuals related to members of our community have suffered through very difficult times.
11. **Temporal Affairs (Ed Neltner)** - no meeting this month
12. **Parish Pastoral Council (Toni Mastriani)** -Parish Pastoral Counsel will be focusing on the Grateful Believers Program and our Parish Twining program in the coming months.
13. **Adult Faith (Anita Bidleman)** - Women of Faith group has completed their studies. There continues to be a men's faith sharing group that meets on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month in Ursuline Hall at 7pm. All men of the parish are welcome to attend. A women's group will be opening up to all women of the parish later this fall and winter.

The international singing sensation Tatiana will be coming to St. Vivian on October 17 for a concert entitled "I believe". This concert will begin at 7pm. Tatiana will be performing 2 shows during the day for the students. The parish mission will be November 11-13, 2007. Michael Cumbie will be the speaker.

- 14. Tuition Review Board (Kevin McCabe)** The Commission was asked to look over the current policy with regard to Tuition and Fees. The Commission gave feed back with regard to this policy and feels that the policy is well written. Fr. Paul, Mrs. Margello and Mrs. Rothschild will be meeting to make sure the following of this policy is smooth. The commission praised all involved for their efforts in a very difficult area.

Old Business - The updated constitution will be given to the Parish Office and will be posted on the web as soon as possible.

New Business - A discussion was held with regard to when and how minutes will be posted for the general public to view in a timely manner. A motion was made and carried allowing the minutes to be posted as "pending" and then voted on for approval at the next meeting. Members will have the opportunity to review the minutes prior to the posting as pending.

Education Commission will have a table and display at the Grateful Believers Ministry Fair October 20-21. Lisa and Joan will create the display board. Kevin will cover the table after 4:30 pm mass. Martha will cover after the 8:30 am mass and Ed Neltner will cover after the 11:00am mass. Other members will be present and the display will include the dates of our meetings, previous minutes, contact names and information. The display will also state that meetings are open to everyone.

Adjournment.

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