



MINUTES

CATHOLIC FAITH ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, April 25, 2016 – 5:00 p.m.

Catholic Education Centre

- Chair: Laura Callaghan, Superintendent of Education
- Trustee: Brenda Rumble
- Present: Kim Gaiswinkler – Teacher & Faith Ambassador, St. Ursula Catholic School
Raymond Girard – Teacher, Ursuline College Chatham
Terri Sinasac – Elementary Curriculum Consultant
Christine Lambert – Principal, Sacred Heart, Port Lambton
Joan Martell – SEA Technology Support Teacher
Kerry Matthyssen – Principal, St. Ursula Catholic School
Michelle McLean – French Immersion Parent, St. Anne Catholic School, Blenheim
Joseph Palko – Chaplain, St. Patrick’s Catholic High School
Margaret Palmer – System Chaplaincy Leader
Mary Jo Cocarell – OECTA representative & Teacher, Sacred Heart, Sarnia
- Regrets: Rob Cichelli – Principal, St. Patrick Secondary School
Thomas Dula – Chaplain, Ursuline College Chatham
Fr. Ray Lawhead – Episcopal Vicar, Sarnia Deanery
Dino Petrucci – Teacher, St. Patrick’s Catholic High School

Recording Secretary: Terri Sinasac

1. Welcome and Introductions

Laura Callaghan, chair of the meeting, welcomed and thanked those in attendance and called the meeting to order.

2. Opening Prayer – All; led by Margaret Palmer

3. Approval of Agenda

Motion: (Joan Martell & Brenda Rumble) That the Agenda for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, April 25, 2016 be approved as presented.

7b) A FYI item from Laura. *Carried with revisions.*

4. *Approval of Minutes*

Motion: (Raymond Girard & Kerry Matthyssen) That the Minutes for the Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, February 8, 2016 be with the following revisions:

Item 5 should read Spiritual Works of Mercy

Spelling of Mary Jo Cocarell on first page

Dorothy Debakker and a Grand Knight of the Knights of Columbus

Knights of Columbus paid for pizza parties and

CWL is contributing to the cost of the printing

5. *Canadian Food for Children*

- Canadian Food for Children – Dr. Simone from Toronto delivers to Third World Countries
- Several ways to help out:
 - Lost and Found items from schools prior to Christmas and March Break will be picked up
 - School supplies can be picked up any time of year, but especially in June
 - Grade 8 students will sort and package – you do not need to ensure that markers work they have volunteers that will do that
 - Collecting soap
 - Halloween candy can be picked up as well to assist students with taking medicine
 - Lenten Social Justice activities –
 - John and Sandy VanRaay will visit schools to present ways
- How can we get this out to the schools?
- St. Anne Blenheim runs a Lenten project with a list home for 5 weeks
- Blenheim soccer club is always looking for places to donate the balls
- Kerry will send out an email to the schools to let them know about this information
- Kerry and Josephine Lyzynski are the contact people
- Faith Ambassadors
- Catholic Leadership – principals can bring the items
- Labelled boxes during locker clean out at UCC – paper, writing materials etc. – include CFFC volunteers and Me to We and Pedagape
- Skating club – costumes can be altered to use as clothing, fabric
- Look into tapping into discarded items from St. Vincent, Value Village etc.
- Newsletter and Living our Faith webpage – Kerry will send email information to Terri

6. *Updates:*

Pilgrimage / Door of Mercy

- A pamphlet will be created by Margaret to highlight ways to prepare
 - System Mass in Merlin (information and details will be shared with the principals in June)
 - July 14 – SCCDSB staff and family picnic at the Shrine (volunteers from the committee could run an activity, scavenger hunt etc.)
 - Contact Margaret if you are able to volunteer
 - Will be shared through the principals and faith ambassadors at the school
 - Parish newsletters
 - Board website
 - School newsletter
 - Social media
 - Christian radio
 - CKSY 30 seconds of fame
 - August 17 – SCCDSB staff and students Shrine Day

Bishop Visit to the St. Clair Catholic D.S.B. - Worship for Relief

- Melissa Fernandes teacher at UCC
- 3 concerts during the day (elementary, secondary, mixed)
- Thomas Dula will have a video presentation as well
- Bishop Dubrowski will at the 1:00 PM performance
- One in the evening May 4th (5-7PM)
- The funds will go to the local parishes for relief
- The Bishop will also say Mass for the students at St. Pat's at 9:15 AM as part of Education Week

Colouring Book Project

- The pictures are beautiful and provocative and could be used beyond colouring
- We will decide as a group which grade levels to target
- This could be more of a broad based resource to provoke students rather than only colouring

Thoughts:

- Provocations for students
- Available to use for any purpose
- Great for oral language
- Biography of the artist
- Donation to the CFFC on behalf of our committee for her generosity
- Add it to the staffroom part of the website for educators to access as needed

Ideas generated at Faith Ambassador Meeting:

- Fruits of the Spirit will replace the virtues for next year (based on a principal vote)
 - There are 12 but we will use 10:

Self-Control
Kindness
Faithfulness
Joy
Patience
Love
Generosity
Peace
Modesty (added to biblical list from Catholic Tradition)
Gentleness

- Certificates for student of the month will be created
- Postcards for staff to be able to use with one another to highlight witnessing the fruits of the spirit in action
- Supper and Scripture continued for next year
- Retreat in October related to grief
- Lists of Mentor texts will be sent out that have

Muskoka Woods

- Such a rewarding and beneficial experience for students
- Benefits are priceless and transfer into their leadership skills for grade 8

7. Working with the Virtues 2016-2017

- Covered above in the Faith Ambassador ideas.

7b) Laura FYI

- SCCDSB Call to Create video from Melissa Fernandes was shared
- Laura encouraged that committee members may wish to volunteer
- The artwork themes are:
Grades FDK to 3: Earthly Creations
Grades 4-8 Love
Grades 9-12 Humanity

Question

- Climate survey – a committee member wondered whether the results will be shared with this committee
- Marcia Vermey updated email:
mmvermey@gmail.com

8. Closing Prayer

- Led by Margaret Palmer
- Blessing for Kerry as she moves off into retirement

9. *Adjournment*

The Catholic Faith Advisory Committee Meeting of Monday, April 25, 2016 adjourned at 6:27 p.m.