

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
RF Committee Minutes
January 17, 2006
6:30 pm

Present: Kelly Brown, Kathy Burney, Jackie Coco, Jim Greufe, Dionne Housley, Mary McMahon, Michaela Jackson, Mary Jo Lofgren, Kristen McCarville, Tammy Morrissey, Dave Schonder, Deb Schroer, Gina Higgins

Absent: None

Opening Prayer: All

- 1. October minutes approved.**
- 2. Evaluation of Open House**
 - Unanimously voted to repeat again next year. All in agreement Open House was a great success.
 - Sign up table to recruit volunteers was not effective and was agreed not to have it at next year's event.
- 3. Discussion of Volunteer Opportunities**
 - Continue 50% of RF families volunteer in some capacity.
 - To help with recruiting of volunteers, the wording on the registration form for 2006-2007 will be changed from; parents will be asked to volunteer, to parents are expected to volunteer. The registration will also encourage families to attend mass weekly. (This is included in the RF Family Handbook, but has not been effective.)
 - Will continue the catechists meeting with parents and the students the first week of class next year. All agreed it was positive for both parties. Catechists will be encouraged to invite parents who have not volunteered in the program to please check out the voids in the program.
 - In the fall, RF Committee members and office volunteers will be asked to make a follow-up call to those parents who have not volunteered in the RF program inviting them to fill any areas that were not met over the summer.
 - To help with recruiting of volunteers, the current catechists will be asked to place a follow-up call to the parents of students in their class, reminding them to complete the registration process in a timely manner and to also check out the many volunteer opportunities. Catechists will be encouraged to talk about their experience in sharing faith with the students each week.

4. Discussion of current RF schedules /fees

- Discussion held regarding class times, sizes, classroom availability, and number of catechists needed per class.
- Jackie moved to continue with current fees of \$85/child (family max \$255) and include a materials fee for sacrament preparation for 2nd and Confirmation of \$20. Also, to add a non-parishioner fee of \$110 /child and late fee \$25//child for registration after May 1st. Motion seconded by Kathy, all approved.

5. Parish Pastoral Council Report

- Mary Jo reported there are plans to raffle off a house next fall. Tickets will be \$50/ a piece.
- Mass times are changing and Father has not received any negative feedback.
- The budget for the past 6 months is close to being met.

6. School Board Report

- It was reported a current student was recently diagnosed with cancer and was provided a laptop computer with a web camera so she would be able to continue with school work while receiving treatment. Nothing further to report.

7. Lenten Prayer Sessions

- Discussions held regarding Stations of the Cross, skits and praying the rosary. Plans will be finalized at the next RF meeting.

Adjourned 8:37 pm

Next Meeting: February 21, 2006 @ 6:30 pm