

Cathedral of Mary Our Queen
Education Committee

Education Committee Minutes from January 21, 2010 Meeting

In attendance: John Hosler, Sally German, Rosemary Peddicord, Dylan Hosford, Kathleen Willis, Kay Dougherty, Ray Moreau

Absent: Karen Banta, Anne Merwin, Jane Rohd, Jennifer Myers, Hugh Mohler, Laura Perry

1. The committee began at 7:46pm with an opening prayer from Deacon Ray Moreau, which was followed by an approval of the minutes from the December 2009 meeting.

2. Ray Moreau announced that the strategic planner, Chris Helmraath, would be meeting with the Education Committee not in February but rather at the March 18 meeting.

3. The committee spent a great deal of time discussing the CMOQ Education Survey, which had been available online and in paper form for a number of weeks.

- 60+ surveys had been returned, and it was agreed to divide them equally between the committee members in order that the responses could be recorded:
 - John Hosler was to create a master Excel file into which the results could be entered; thereafter, each committee member would send their completed spreadsheet to him and he would combine all the numbers and comments.
 - Once all results are in John will send them, along with a summary, to the committee at-large for consideration.
- Ray Moreau noted that the bulk of the responses thus far fell into the 40-50 year-old range.
- The question arose of how long to continue accepting survey responses. It was generally agreed that the timeline would conclude at the end of Lent 2010. This was due in large part to the snowstorms that prevented an earlier announcement of the survey at one of the Advent masses.
- There were a number of ideas on how to further promote the survey to CMOQ parishioners. These included:
 - Education Committee members should actively promote the survey to everyone with whom they come into contact.
 - Promotion of the survey at mandatory meetings, such as parents' Reconciliation meeting.
 - Promotion of the survey at Bible Studies and Sodalties; those groups needing copies should email John Hosler or Karen Banta with a request.
 - A stack of surveys should be available in the Cathedral Library.
 - Surveys should be inserted into welcome packets for new parishioners.

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- The priests should be reminded to briefly mention the survey in the end-of-Mass announcements.
- It was proposed that the Education Committee reach out to the Evangelization Committee in order to enlist their help.
- Other ideas included promoting the survey via a placard in the narthex and/or a banner on the stone wall (similar to the 50th Anniversary Cathedral Tours sign); handing out index cards with the web address printed on them.

4. Some discussion took place about other types of programming the Committee could propose for 2010 and following years.

- Sally German suggested a return to family Lenten retreats, which had been conducted in the past.
- Ray Moreau suggested an event similar to “Stump the Pastor,” which is held at the Basilica in downtown Baltimore.
- Rosemary Peddicord proposed the adoption of a Lenten CSS program centered on the movie *The Passion of the Christ*. The program is conducted via a Bible study and would need a facilitator. The committee recommended that the idea be pursued at the February meeting for possible consideration during Lent 2010.
- Ray Moreau stressed the need to better market the RCIA program as a draw for parishioners into other Educational programs.
- Sally German proposed announcing Educational Programming on placards in the narthex.
- John Hosler announced that he had received an email from Youth Director Meghan Cosgrove, who was very interested in assisting the Education Committee with its proposed future events of Movie Nights and Theology on Tap. John recommended that the committee keep Meghan in the loop regarding our family-based activities.

5. Ray Moreau proposed the committee members meet as soon as possible with both Jack Buchner and the new rector Monsignor Jarboe in order to bring the minds together on possible educational programming in the near term. Ray was to set up a time and date for this meeting and thereafter alert the committee.

6. The meeting concluded at 8:49pm. The next meeting will be on February 18 at 7:30pm.

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