

EDUCATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

November 10, 2011

Members Present: Chris Marfilus, Renee Schwantes, Vicki Lucey, Bill Lolwing, Carol Helmke and Susan Clifton with ex officio members Bill Manthe & Josh Jensen.

Members Absent: John Kruser, Missy Janssen and Jenny Winters

The meeting was called to Order by Chair, Chris Marfilus. Opening Prayer by Bill Manthe. Acceptance of agenda and approval of the October 13, 2011, Minutes.

Plans were finalized for the first Sunday in Advent event. It was decided to go with cheese curds & punch from Kitty—Chris will contact Kitty re: punch & having her husband get fresh cheese curds from Dairies. Carol H. will take care of cups for punch.

All members will ask other families and/or members to attend Mass either with them or on their own.

School News—Josh updates Committee. The School's Thanksgiving offer will be to the Domestic Violence Shelter in Dubuque, IA. Will bring donations for people & will coincide w/prayer.

Reminder of A&W night on 11-22-11 from 5:00 to closing with proceeds going to St. Clement School.

Holiday Bazaar Event on Saturday from 8:00 to 1:00 p.m. & everyone is encouraged to attend. Have 25 vendors with a concession stand; Also, school will be selling bakeware that people can have personalized with names; School getting ready for Christmas Program and Josh lists other programs that help earn money for the school, i.e. GoodSearch, cans & box tops, which all add up.

Adult Education—Bible study for 2 more weeks; Bill is thinking of having a 3-week program on the Eucharist and a 10-week program on Catholicism theory with Fr. Barron.

Since Kitty is absent, Bill speaks on the Confirmation—had 55 total students from various parishes with 19 being from Lancaster. It was a nice celebration where the Bishop touched the girls' shoulders, which is a sign of caring for life from conception to birth—the burden of life on her shoulders, and the Bishop slapped the boys, which is a sign of being a soldier of Christ and to stand up for their faith.

Josh talked about Safe Routes to School program--Acceptance of plan at City Council meeting.

The Next Meeting is January 12, 2012, at 6:00 p.m.

Respectively submitted by Chris Marfilus, acting secretary