

Education Ministry Meeting Minutes – Feb 2020

Members – Council: Tonya Adams, Bertie Ninichuch

Clergy: Deacon Tony Russo, Deacon Tammy Fuqua

Laity/Community: none

Meeting Date: Sunday, 2/9/2020, 9:30 AM Gathering Room

Date of next meeting: Sunday, 3/8/2020 9:30 AM Gathering Room

Objectives: Provide Education and faith growth for the laity, young and old.

This objective has not been discussed with anyone. It's Tonya's place holder until more discussion occurs.

Mission statement: Bertie mentioned that Mothers Martha and Jetty have a mission statement for the Children's Ed. Deacon Tony left to attend another before this topic was discussed for Adult Ed. Tonya and Josh will develop a mission statement for the youth group.

Adult Ed: Discussed creating a monthly MeetUp group at St. Matthew. The group would meet between the Masses on the third week starting in April. By making the meeting a MeetUp group, it will be open to the public. Having it between the Masses would make it convenient for attendees new to St. Matthew to attend the 10:30 Mass. Discussed advertising it as an ECC interfaith symposium, dialog, or something of that sort.

The Adult Ed needs help finding presenters and more input from clergy. Deacon Tony will talk to possible St. Matthew presenters. We will also look for outside St. Matthew presenters. It was mention that we have done that in the past. Deacon Tammy mentioned that Adelia may know a Rabi that is social justice speaker.

Youth Group: Tonya mentioned that the youth group would like to coordinate presentations from the clergy for the youth group.

Tonya and Josh met outside the meeting to discuss the activities for 1st youth group meeting. 1st youth group meeting had about 11 attendees. The second meeting had 18 attendees. Tonya and Josh will meet again on Feb 13 to review resources and plan for the youth group program.

The Youth Group needs another young adult, preferably under 30, to work with the groups.

Children's Ed: Bertie mentioned that one of the students, about 3 or 5 years old, has a strong interest in the Stations of the Cross. Her dad said she has always shown an interest in some of the sadder aspects. Deacon Tony suggested that Bertie search for a Saint that has a devotion to the Stations of the Cross or a children's book on the Stations. Bertie will discuss with Mother Jetty.

Bertie mentioned that the children's class needs more time each week. But the concern is that the children would miss out on too much of the Mass if they started earlier or ran a little later. Tonya mentioned that at one time the older kids ~8 through 12 met after the 10:30 Mass and that if we made this change, the time would work for a combined class with the 12:30 Mass. Tonya will talk to Mother Martha and Jetty about scheduling a children's ed teachers' meeting.