

Board of Catholic Education
Diocese of Springfield in Illinois
Meeting Minutes
May 1, 2010

Present: Sr. Ruth Chausse, SSND, Kim Diaz, Jean Johnson, Sr. Geraldine Kemper, OP, Judy Kulp, Bro. Anthony Joseph McCoy, FFSC, Sr. M. Elise Mierendorf, Marc Mitalski, Carolyn Stewart, Jonathan Sullivan,

Absent: Marion Althoff, Rebecca Esselman, Rev. Jeff Grant, Terrie Kallal, Chris Malmevik, FSGM, Rev. Don Wolford, Rev. David Zimmerman

Staff: Barb Burris, Kyle Holtgrave, Marilyn Missel

At 9:05 a.m. Kim Diaz, President called to order the May 1, 2010 meeting of the Board of Catholic Education. The group then moved to committee meetings and reconvened at 10:14 for the general meeting.

Opening Prayer

Jonathan Sullivan led the board in a prayer.

Approval of Minutes

Kim Diaz asked for discussion and approval of the March 6, 2010, meeting minutes. Sr. Ruth Chausse, SSND moved to approved as written, Tom Hassen seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

Shared Learning

Good to Great has been postponed. Handouts that correlated with the book were handed out as the reading for the next meeting (in September). Chapter 4 will be discussed at the second meeting of the 2010-2011 board year.

Reports

President's Report

Kim addressed the board indicating that the board still needs to get a slate, and is currently looking for a 2nd VP. Kim turned the floor over to Jonathan who asked those present to contact him if they had any board referrals, or if they wished to consider the position themselves. Once a slate has been established an email will go out for an electronic vote. Kim reminded the board that there were four vacancies and were moving along in filling them, however there is still the need for a person from the Quincy deanery.

She also asked the board to complete their self-evaluations considering the goals for the 2010-2011 year. Kim turned the discussion back to Jonathan and he shared his proposed thoughts to the executive committee regarding forthcoming goals. After discussion, it was proposed to dissolve all existing committees, while making a list of unfinished work and goals. When the board resumes in the fall, a priority list would be created and new committees would be formed from that list. It was also suggested that the committees meet more then the five times during the year utilizing options such as phone conferences and webinars which would enable committees to be more interactive without having to drive.

A motion was made to dissolve existing committees and reform new ones around our goals. Carolyn Stewart motioned to approved, and Judy Kulp seconded the motion. **Motion carried.**

Committee Reports

Education (Marilyn Missel)

Marilyn and Sr. Ruth discussed the needs for future. Supporting schools and principals is what they see a big topic. They feel that whoever serves on the board needs to have a connection to Catholic schools.

Religious Education (Brother Anthony)

The committee spent time talking completing the self evaluations, expressing concerns that were locally more predominant this year, presenting these concerns to the board for future, as well as thoughts about the committees work when the new bishop comes.

School Planning (Judy Kulp)

The committee's objective continued to explore marketing information from different schools. They finished up their discussions and reviewing different websites from other dioceses. Discussion also looked at how to help schools with enrollment. A marketing survey went out to all the schools and an updated list of marketing ideas will be sent to all the schools. Barb also shared a new ISPD T/F assessment tool that she will use when visiting schools for state accreditation.

Youth/Young Adult

There was no report for this committee since the committee dissolved with the resignation of Deacon Denny Baker. Kyle did elaborate however that he has proposed a replacement, and this has been turned in to Msgr Kemme. He also touched based that the youth ministry handbook is still on hold until the bishop comes on board. He would also like to have an annual youth conference which would be comprised of a youth committee who would be instrumental in helping to plan the conference.

Staff Reports

Director Report

Jonathan's submitted report will stand as is, however the excitement of our new bishop was shared. Also, an addendum included the revised Roman Missal. The final approval from Rome came out this past week and still will be a major catechetical endeavor for entire country. The diocesan steering committee will make recommendations to parishes about available materials and Eliot Kapitan is keeping all parishes abreast through the monthly mailings.

On May 12th the Office for Catechesis will review the policy book one last time; principals need to have their input back by early June, and Jonathan will forward to it Bishop Paprocki. There are no anticipations for any changes at this time.

Superintendent of Catholic Schools

Jean's submitted report will stand as is, however she has handed out two documents to share:

CCI April 2010 Newsletter

Page 1 has several sections of the section on legislative issues marked, asking to pass along the information about contacting their representatives asking them to vote for vouchers. Currently this is an issue only in Chicago schools, but a positive outcome can do big things in this state and lay the groundwork for the future.

Galileo for Superintendents, April 2010

There is a thought provoking article that coincides with the *Good to Great* and placing the strategies of this book in an educational setting.

Lastly, Jean mentioned that she was still looking to find which schools are still on the list to be visited by the state.

Associate Director of Catechesis

Chris Malmevik's submitted report will stand as is.

Chris was not able to attend the meeting; the Why Catholic? Adult Enrichment Workshop began May 1. In addendum to her submitted report, a list of courses for Adult Enrichment and Catechist Formation 2009-10 was distributed.

Note: Kim mentioned her and Chris' recent attendance at the NCCL conference. Some of the sessions included on "Diversity in the Church", how the American church is beginning to look like the world, and what those implications are because of it. Also mentioned are the two new family and youth bibles coming out into the market. If anyone has any questions in regards to this, email Chris.

Associate Superintendent of Catholic Schools

Marilyn Missel's submitted report will stand as is. In addition, Marilyn took a few moments to mention the principals who will be starting in the fall in Effingham, Paris and Glen Carbon. There are still two openings in Mattoon and Mt. Sterling.

Associate Director for School Planning

Barb Burris' submitted report will stand as is. Barb recently attended the ISPD meeting in Mt. Sterling and was impressed with the committee's dedication and desire to implement their long-range strategic plan. The ISPD consultants will continue to meet with the individual schools for three monthly meetings before they form periodic group meetings among the schools.

Also, Barb will be meeting with John Maxwell to determine the payout from the *Harvest of Thanks, Springtime of Hope* tuition assistance fund.

Associate Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

Kyle Holtgrave's submitted report will stand as is. Kyle did want to remind everyone present that the Totus Tuus season is only a matter of weeks, with May 19th as the start date. Still interviewing interns, as well as considering going to Memphis to network. Also, the only week that did not fill in June turns out to be the same week that Bishop Paprocki will be installed.

Other news of interest includes:

- ◆ There has been interest in Theology of Body for Teens. There would need to be forty people interested in order to bring in trainers.
- ◆ The National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry will be held in New Orleans, December 9-12, 2010
- ◆ The Scout Mass and award presentation will be at 2:00 PM, May 2nd at the Cathedral. The 2009 Quality Diocese Award will be presented. This award is to the Catholic Committee on Scouting for meeting a national standard for excellence. Any Scout in the diocese may wear the patch.

Conclusion

- ◆ Kim reminded the board that the committee worksheets and self-evaluations need to be turned in.
- ◆ It was noted that there were three board members leaving after completion of their terms.
- ◆ Rebecca Esselman finished her first term but could not continue to a second term. A certificate was awarded to her.
- ◆ Both Carolyn Stewart and Fr. David Zimmerman completed their second term. A plaque of thanks was awarded to them.
- ◆ The next meeting will be Saturday, September 11, 2010

Carolyn Stewart moved and Judy Kulp seconded the motion to adjourn the May 1, 2010 Board of Catholic Education meeting. **Motion carried.**

The May 1, 2010 meeting of the Board of Catholic Education was adjourned at 11:17 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Clemens
Recording Secretary