

PSR Advisory Board Meeting
Monday, June 13, 2011

The June meeting of the Parish School of Religion Advisory Board was held on Monday, June 13, 2011. Those present were Parish Administrator Father Osang Idagbo, Outgoing PSR Coordinator Anita Toth, Incoming PSR Coordinator, Angela Atkinson, Chairperson Staci Wittenauer and Board Member Lois Thompson.

Following the opening prayer by Father Osang and an official welcome for Angela Atkinson, the present Coordinator reported on the End of Year Catechist Meeting. Surveys completed by the attending catechists were overwhelmingly positive. The only negative feedback had to do with lack of parental involvement, and a need to have our priests interact more often with the classroom experience. Father Osang asks that the catechist let him know when they would like him to speak with their students, as he is reluctant to interrupt the teaching process by just dropping in.

Summer Catechists Training will be offered for those catechists needing Apprentice Level training. As of now, 100% of the current catechists have completed the Apprentice Level. There are currently five catechist positions open for the coming year.

Some specific suggestions from a catechist were discussed and will be given further consideration. Father Osang and the Coordinator will arrange to meet with the 8th grade catechists in the near future to clarify and explore some of these suggestions.

The Coordinator provided the Board with copies of the 2010-2011 budget and after discussion of some of the specific expenditures, the Board unanimously approved the budget. It was noted that the projected registration income for 2011-2012 may be down from the previous year, however, there are approximately 30 students who have not yet registered, but are expected to register in the near future. All but one of the feeder parishes has paid the subsidies for the 2010-2011 school year..

The Board accepted the resignation of Lynn Mitchell with gratitude for her years of service. This vacancy will be filled from a list of nominees for the position. The process will begin in the near future.

There being no further business, the Outgoing Coordinator closed the meeting with prayer. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be July 11th at 6:30pm in the Parish Pastoral Center.

Lois Thompson