

PSR ADVISORY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, January 11, 2010

The regular monthly meeting of the Parish School of Religion Advisory Board was held on Monday, January 11, 2010. Those present were Parish Administrator Father Osang Idagbo, Coordinator Anita Toth, Chairperson Staci Wittenauer, and Board members Lynne Mitchell, Mary Shields, and Lois Thompson.

After reviewing and discussing the usefulness and intent of the current report cards, it was decided that the report cards would be revised to include the learning objectives and/or specific prayers for each grade level. The revised report cards will be made available to catechists for use at the end of the second quarter.

At the December Catechist meeting, catechists were given the opportunity to complete a mid-year survey, which asked for their evaluation and input pertaining to their class, as well as, the program in general. The majority of catechists responded positively about their respective classes, and 100% of catechists are extremely pleased with the efficiency of the program as it is administered each Wednesday evening. It was, however, noted that the sign-out policy could be managed more efficiently in some cases. Suggested strategies to increase the efficiency of the policy will be shared with catechists. One additional area of concern was a need for increased parental support and involvement. Father Osang will address this issue in a letter to parents of students in both PSR and SPPS.

The Board noted once again that it is imperative that parents and others responsible for drop-off and pick-up follow the traffic pattern as explained at the beginning of the year. Cars must enter only through the west entrance and exit only through the east driveway onto Church Street. It is also necessary and important to share this pattern of traffic with other parishioners/ministries that use the school or gymnasium for activities on Wednesday evenings. With an evening dismissal of 125 children, it is crucial that we use every caution to ensure their safety. Father Osang will share this concern with the Pastoral Council at their next meeting in an effort to find ways to encourage and enforce this safe traffic pattern.

The Coordinator and Board members will continue to research and investigate the feasibility of adding a Kindergarten class to the current PSR program. Many issues need to be addressed and resolved before such a program can be put in place.

In an effort to increase representation of PSR in various Parish activities and organizations, informational sessions will be arranged in the near future. It is believed that a clear understanding of the activities and the goals of the organizations will lead to an increase in interest and participation by both students and adults.

There being no further business, Father Osang closed the meeting with prayer. The next scheduled meeting will be February 8, 2010 in the Parish Pastoral Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Lois Thompson

