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CSJ Mission Education Committee
Monday, November 17, 2025; 1:30-3:00 p.m.
In-Person: 2nd Floor Conference Room, CSJ Admin Center

Meeting Minutes

Present: Steve Kenney; Susan Oeffling, CSJ; Andrea Pearson Tande, CSJ-C; Kris Smyth; Jill Underdahl, CSJ; Karen Zeleznak, CSJ-C

Staff: Matt Halley; Lacy Sietsema

Excused Absence: Andree Aronson; Angela Schreiber, CSJ

The CSJ Mission Education Committee convened on Monday, November 17 at 1:35 p.m.

DEI Statement: Kris read the DEI statement.

Spiritual Centering: Led by Andrea Pearson Tande.

Minutes: The October minutes were presented to the committee for approval. Hearing no changes or corrections, all present members voted to approve the minutes.

Agenda: The Agenda was presented for approval. An additional agenda item was added: discussion of the article regarding a financial literacy class at Learning In Style School. With this addition, all present members voted to approve the agenda.

Accola Update

Matt reported that all programs are in full swing. Sarah's is hosting a Thanksgiving celebration for its residents. Learning In Style has reported that it is seeing a decrease in new students, but that current students are staying for a longer period of time. The open houses are going well. The November Open House will be held at Carondelet Village. Wisdom Ways has begun its new programming. The

committee discussed one of the recent programs held which involved a discussion about Christian Nationalism.

Finalized Committee Work Plan 2025-2026

Susan reported that the committee goals for FY26 have been approved. A draft of the workplan was reviewed by the committee. Items in the workplan include:

1. January 2026 Board Education Session – presenting information about current forms of relationship with the CSJ Sister Community, focusing particularly on the Consociates
2. Board members will receive invitations to participate in CSJ community celebrations and events
3. Board Portal – Include Directional Statements of the Congregational and Province Chapters along with information on their origin and implications for carrying out the CSJ mission.
4. The committee will continue to explore creative and convenient ways to offer information about history, activities, and spirit of CSJ Community.

The committee discussed different strategies for each initiative and ways to include the Board. It was suggested that all Board meetings could be grounded with a CSJ prayer/reflection. The committee discussed how community wisdom can be shared and how it can be used to frame Board work. There was a discussion about feminist theology and how the Board can be introduced to this topic. The committee will come back to this topic at the December meeting.

Hearing no further changes to the work plan, Kris moved and Steve seconded to approve. All present members voted to approve the work plan.

Preliminary Plan for January Board Education

Andrea reported that her subcommittee has met and is in the process of organizing a flow for the January Board Education Session. The general outline was reviewed, which includes an overview of the CSJ Community. One or two Consociates will be asked to explain their experience within the CSJ Community and what has called to them in this third age of Joseph. The committee discussed mission, the third age of Joseph, and how these themes are connected. The subcommittee will meet in December.

Culturally Responsive Financial Literacy Article

This article has been emailed out to the committee. Feedback has been positive and the article shows how things can be approached differently.

Other

The committee discussed leaving the December committee meeting on the calendar. If it is decided to keep the meeting, it may be done over Zoom. If the meeting is not required, it will be cancelled.

December DEI & Spiritual Centering: Steve will read the DEI statement. Susan will lead the spiritual centering

Adjournment: The committee adjourned at 2:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacy Sietsema, Accola