



CSJ Mission Education Committee
Monday, October 20, 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: Andree Aronson; Matt Halley; Lacy Sietsema

Excused Absence: Angela Schreiber, CSJ

The CSJ Mission Education Committee convened on Monday, October 20 at 1:35 PM.

DEI Statement: Steve read the DEI statement.

Spiritual Centering: Led by Karen.

Minutes: The September 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. Hearing no amendments, all present members voted to approve the agenda.

Update on Bus Tour Script

Jill reported that a script has been shared with Susan, Andrea, and Karen. The script will be edited based on their feedback and then it will be shared with the committee and be made publicly available.

375th Anniversary Video

Jill presented a video honoring the 375th anniversary of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The committee watched keynote speaker Dr. Ann McElaney-Johnson as she

highlighted the history of the Sisters of St. Joseph, their origins in France, and the legacy of Mother St. John Fontbonne.

The committee reflected on the on the video and discussed how the legacy of the Sisters provides the foundation for Accola as it moves forward. The committee discussed introducing this video at the January Board Education Session as a way of showing connections between Accola and the CSJ Community.

A subcommittee was formed to guide the January Board Education Session. This subcommittee consists of Kris, Andrea, Susan, and Karen.

Finalized Committee Work Plan 2025-2026

The committee discussed its FY26 workplan and how it will help Board members become familiar with the CSJ mission, history, and their role in the CSJ community. There was a discussion about the congregational direction statements and what they mean moving forward.

November DEI & Spiritual Centering: Kris will read the DEI Statement. Andrea will lead the committee in spiritual centering.

Adjournment: The committee adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lacy Sietsema, Accola