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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Teachers' Retirement Reception and Dinner 6:30 Mass at St. Agnes 8pm Dinner and Presentations at St. Basil Cultural Centre

# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings everyone

This week we celebrate the careers of our 62 retirees many of whom will attend the formal ceremonies on Friday. This retirement party is a wonderful tribute to our peers who have spent their thirty plus years in caring for children. Many of their earlier charges (including their own children) are now well established in their own lives and work and I am sure they look back fondly on these retiring teachers who made a marked difference in their lives. Stories abound when teachers gather and recount incidents over the years that have been life changing! Stories of triumph, loss, pain and joy combine to create a tapestry of lived lives marked by a sign of our common faith. This week we might consider a quiet moment of prayer for our colleagues and wish them every blessing and success as they leave us to enjoy the fruits of their time in the "official vineyard". On behalf of all of us.....

Happy Retirement Sandy

# "ANYONE, ANYONE?"

Your Edmonton Catholic Teachers Local needs you! Please consider sharing your leadership and energy by becoming involved in:

- -Mentorship program for beginning teachers
- -Book Club
- -Teachers' Convention planning
- -Communications and Public Relations
- -Political Engagement
- -Scholarship selection
- -Social Justice activities
- -New Teacher Welcoming and Teachers' Retirement events

Please call me if you would like additional information or, if you are interested in serving any of these committees. Thanks to those of you who have already responded positively to this request. ~Kathy

# COUNCIL MEETING #08 - June 2, 2009

Council meeting #08 will deal with next year's budget and the election of Executive positions and committee chairs. On the back of the Intercom is a list of the duties and responsibilities of the Executive positions available, as well as a list of committees requiring chairpeople. Call me if you would like additional information or if you are interested in serving any of these committees. ~Kathy (780-451-1196).

### "AND THE WINNER IS...."

Congratulations to **Monica Posteraro** of Archbishop O'Leary High School who will attend the Educational Leadership Academy in Banff from July 12 to 16.

The Local is pleased to cover the \$900 cost associated with this conference at which Dr. Todd Whitaker will be the keynote speaker. Thanks to the many teachers who submitted their names for this draw.

### **WORDS OF INSPIRATION**

"Try not to become a person of success, but rather try to become a person of value."

Printed on the back: Draft agenda for June 2 Council meeting

**Included in this mailing:** Election information for June 2 Council: election of Executive members and committee chairs

# **Meetings and Events**

# Friday, May 29, 2009

Teachers' Retirement Reception- 6:30pm Mass at St. Agnes and dinner to follow at St. Basil Cultural Centre

### Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Executive meets to approve the Local 2009-2010 budget, 4:00pm, Room 202, Barnett House

# Tuesday, June 2, 2009

Council Mtg. #8, 6pm, Auditorium, Barnett House. Sandwiches available at 5:15pm. Elections for Executive members and committee chairs. 2009-2010 Local budget to be approved.

# Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Executive Mtg. #10, 4:30pm, Room 406, Barnett House

# Thursday, June 11, 2009

President's Reception at Barnett House.

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#### **Council Dates:**

Tuesday, June 2/09

**President's Reception:** 

Thursday, June 11/09

#### **EDMONTON CATHOLIC TEACHERS LOCAL**

#### **EXECUTIVE AND COMMITTEE CHAIRS FOR THE 2009-2010 SCHOOL YEAR**

Table Officers (second year of a two year term – no election):

President – Sandy Gillis

Vice Presidents – Amy Cooper and Wayne Prokopiw
Past President – Patricia Clancy-Novosel

Executive Director - Kathy MacIsaac

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**EXECUTIVE MEMBERS:** (are required to attend 10 Executive meetings per year plus 8 Council meetings)

GOVERNANCE- shall act as liaison between Executive and Constitution and Election committees:

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT- shall act as liaison between Executive and Professional Development Committee:

MEMBER SERVICES - shall act as liaison between Executive and Social, Retirement, Substitute, Opening Liturgy, and Teacher Welcoming Committees:

**TEACHER WELFARE** –responsible for preparation and bargaining of amendments to Collective Agreement, Chair of EPC/NSC and shall review insurance agreements:

COMMUNICATIONS & PR- to act as liaison between Executive and Political Engagement, Communications Committee and Vocations and Scholarships Committees:

SUBSTITUTE REP- To be elected in September, 2009

COUNCILLORS AT LARGE (2) - responsible for duties as assigned: (1) (2) -may include liaison to GETCA, Social Justice

#### **Chairs of Standing Committees:**

#### Government Area:

Constitution-

Elections-

ARA- President, Sandy Gillis

#### **Professional Development Area:**

Professional Development-

Diversity, Equity & Human Rights-

FNMI-

#### Member Services Area:

Social-

Teacher Welcoming-

Teacher Retirement-

Substitutes- To be elected in September, 2009

Administrators-

School Opening Mass-

Retirement Planning-

### Teacher Welfare:

Economic Policy/NSC-

### Communications & Public Relations:

Political Engagement-

Communications-

Vocations & Scholarships-

#### Ad Hoc Committees:

Local Representatives-Edmonton Area Field Experiences (EAFEC)-

Local Representative -Campus Saint-Jean Area Field Experiences (CSJAFEC)-

Local Representative –District Admin Selection Committee

Local Representative- Teacher Evaluation Policy Review Committee

\* If you are willing to let your name stand for an Executive position, please be prepared to give a one-minute presentation to Council about yourself and your reasons for wanting to become involved.