Fatima workshop discusses student council leadership

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“Jesus, Servant Leader” was the theme of the Fatima junior high student council leadership workshop, Friday, Oct. 15. The workshop paralleled the message, community and service interlocking dimensions of the religion program at Fatima. Mrs. Janine Neck, development director and former high school student council advisor, facilitated the workshop.

The students discussed the quality of true leadership, service to their constituency. Christ’s service to his people was the model. Functions of student council—governmental, religious, academic, and social were addressed.

The community, the student body, were discussed. Students learned that the student body must be surveyed for their opinions on projects.

The importance of good communication was pointed out. Two areas were personal communication between two people, and group communication between the council and the student body. Communication skills, such as effective listening and assertion techniques were covered.

In order to service the student body, the students learned how to determine which projects should be sponsored by the council. Comparison of the project to Fatima’s philosophy was stressed.

Steps in planning and implementing a project were included. Instructions were given on the composition and importance of a chart reflecting all school activities.

Finally, criteria for activities were discussed. Some of these were identifying the people who benefit from the activity, project staffing, philosophy reflection and student body opinion.

Members of the student council who participated were Scott Judice, David Broussard, Jill Tauzin, Lee Richard, Lee Stewart (Fatima parish), Tammy Savant, Leslie Preau, Ashley Landry (St. Mary parish) Cathy Dooley, Stacey Engelbrecht, Jayme Russo, Val Lege, Kelli Vallot (St. Pius parish), Natalie Gremillion (Holy Cross parish), Jim Andrepont (St. Genevieve parish), Scott Garger, Benji Grigsby (St. Edmond parish), Amy Dore (St. Jules parish), Wendy Lankford, Chad Cobb, Veronica Weitzel, Craig Williams, Johnny Ruston, and Brian Jones.

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