

Middle School Ministry
February 4, 2008

Present at the meeting were Anne Werbicki, Scott Dubey, Lucy Nauman and Christine Schmidt.

Scott shared that he can no longer commit to being one of the planning members of Middle School Ministry. He will continue to attend any and all events that we plan if they fit into his schedule.

We discussed whether or not to organize attendance at the April YouthServe. Decision was made to contact catechists to solidify chaperones and then request nominations from them of young people, if we've determined we have enough chaperones. Christine is definitely available. Scott could make himself available, with enough advanced warning, if necessary. Christine will also contact Don Boucher at the Office of Youth Ministry to determine if MaryLee is the event leader and whether or not a location has been determined.

The movie and popcorn events with the Knight's of Columbus at the Holyoke Soldier's Home were discussed. Events are scheduled to happen twice, March 8th and April 12th. We can take a maximum of eight young people each time with a minimum of one chaperone for every four young people. We currently have seven young people signed up for the 8th with three chaperones and five young people with three chaperones for the 12th. We also discussed the importance of having an experienced Knight share what we might expect to see and hear at the Soldier's Home, prior to arrival.

The St. Francis website is a source of information about our parish. We would like to have some information about our events placed on the website. We decided to see about having scheduled events on the calendar, possibly flyers we've created as well as a hyperlink to our e-mail address. Christine will contact the Webminister.

Plans need to begin for the June Parish Picnic. Christine will attend the next Pastoral Council meeting and attempt to have the Council set a date for the picnic. The team decided that game decisions should be made by the adult team leaders before the first organizational meeting with the young people. We will then have the young people work on the games, posters and assign positions for the picnic.

We would like to offer a bi-weekly event on Fridays for our young people. Anne will look into availability of the Pine Room or the Social Center beginning in April and an age appropriate Bible study program. These would be evening meetings which would also include food and some type of socialization time. We would also like to determine if the kitchen and stove would be accessible to us.

The Middle School Ministry mission statement was given a final reading. All present approved it. Christine will present it at the next Pastoral Council meeting for placement in the parish by-laws.

Next meeting is Monday, February 25th at 7PM in the Tovet Room, if the space is available. Christine will confirm location.