

Young Adolescent Ministry Initiative

September 10, 2006

Present: Anne Werbicki, Scott Dubey, Lucy Nauman, Christine Schmidt

We reviewed the training schedule from the diocesan office of Youth Ministry. Please see attached. Scott, Anne, Lucy and Christine will attend the September 23rd training. Anne will be working the weekend of the December 9th training. We are concerned about the training in February and April, both of which fall during school breaks! We will gather more information about this at the training in September.

The team planned the upcoming fall/winter schedule.

1. October - Recruiting at Generations of Faith, 10/14, 10/15.

Anne will ask Judy Trickey if we may speak to the middle school students during the program and have them fill out a youth survey.

We would like to send a letter to all families with age appropriate kids in the entire Parish which would outline our schedule and provide an Adult Survey. Letter will also let parents know that we will be speaking to their children during G of F, if they attend. If a family does not attend G of F we will also include a Youth Survey. THIS LETTER SHOULD GO OUT THE WEEK BEFORE GENERATIONS OF FAITH ON 10/14, 15.

Christine will write the letter.

Lucy will get the mailing list from Judy Trickey

Scott will see about making mailing labels.

Anne will speak to Judy.

Perhaps we could have a Youth Ministry event to prepare this mailing?

2. October - Crop Walk, 10/15

We discussed having Youth Ministry participate in Crop Walk 2006. We agreed that this would be a good event in which to participate.

Young people would need to be contacted to find out if they could participate by raising funds and/or walking on the 15th.

Gather after all masses on 10/7, 8 with participating young people and have them ask Parish members to sponsor them.

Christine will place bulletin notices about Youth Ministry doing Crop Walk in the 9/16, 17 and 9/23, 24 bulletins.

Christine will ask Father Vern about a lector's note regarding same during the 10/7, 8 masses.

Help Youth on 10/7, 8 collect sponsors:

4:00 - Scott

8:00 - Lucy

10:30 - Anne

3. November - Card Making

Lucy has spoken to the lady who makes cards. She is willing and interested in having another event this year and so are we. She would like to meet ahead of time with the volunteers who will be working at each table, so that they can be trained on how to make their specific item.

Lucy will ask the card lady to choose a date for the event - 11/18 or 11/11.

4. December - Caroling after the crèche lighting?

We chatted briefly about joining Council on the evening of the crèche lighting ceremony by the rectory and possibly caroling around the area with the kids afterwards. We will think and talk about this some more.

We all spoke about determining our job titles and job descriptions as Youth Ministry leadership. We had touched on this briefly last year during a homework project for our training. Pat, Carina and Michele were not available to discuss their job titles.

1. Scott Dubey - Web Master
2. Lucy Nauman - Assistant Web Master/Spreadsheet Coordinator/E-mailer
3. Anne Werbicki - Paper Mailings Coordinator
4. Christine Schmidt - Parish Coordinator/Secretary

Scott spoke about creating a web site for Youth Ministry. It would be easier for us if we can have our own, not using an already existing. He can get us access to a program/domain with e-mail for 49.95 per year. We thought he should go ahead and look into that further. Christine will check with Jeanne Bryzicki, who runs the web site for St. Francis to make sure this would be okay for us to do.

We would like to have a Treasurer. No one was willing to take this position, or felt that they should add to their job description list. We discussed look into recruiting someone specifically. We'll revisit this topic again.

We need to create a mission statement for Youth Ministry. Christine offered to write one and let everyone edit. Scott mentioned that we had spoken last year about having everyone write their own mission statement and then we could combine them into a single document. This idea was unanimously supported.

Everyone needs to write their own mission statement for Youth Ministry and get it to Christine by September 21st. Christine will

put them all together and bring them to the training on Saturday, September 23rd.

We all agreed that we need more people involved with Youth Ministry in all areas: leadership, adult helpers, older teens and 6th, 7th and 8th grade youth. We will address this issue with our recruitment mailing and G of F effort. See October calendar above. We would also like to encourage more specific adult assistance by having an adult recruitment night that will share our mission statement, calendar and ideas. We would also encourage adults to offer their own ideas to us. We picked a tentative date of Thursday, November 9th to have this recruitment meeting. We would place announcements in the bulletin about it the weekend prior - 11/4, 5.

All of us need to fill out a CORI form and Code of Ethics form for the Diocese. The Diocese is establishing a new system and they would like everyone to have forms new this year, regardless of how long ago they were filled out. Anne and Christine already filled theirs out new this year because they are catechists in G of F.

We spoke briefly about the tag sale event, Midnight Madness @ 10PM, and why it was cancelled. Christine suggested a lesson to be learned from this that we should take care to follow in the future:

When working with another Commission or joining up with an already established event in the Parish, we need to present all of our ideas in writing to the other commission/even coordinator.

Next meeting will be training on Saturday, September 23rd.