

Middle School Ministry

October 22, 2007

Present: Deb Robinson, Scott Dubey, Lucy Nauman, Christine Schmidt

Meeting was opened with a prayer.

We discussed coordinating some events with Deb Robinson and the young people who are going to the NCYC in Ohio. We decided to work together first on an event to congratulate these young people on their trip and allow them to share the event with the entire parish.

- We chose Friday, November 16th, 6:30p for the event.
- Deb will see about reserving the Social Center.
- Deb will speak to the young people about their presentation which we hope will include a Powerpoint presentation.
- Deb will look into an ad on Channel 5.
- Deb will look into personally inviting those businesses who helped financially.
- Scott will look into advertising in the Sentinel.
- Christine will place notices in the church bulletin, 11/3-11/4 and 11/10-11/11.
- Christine will see about notes in the Lector's announcements, 11/10-11/11.
- Christine will speak to Father Vern about a "Prayer of the Faithful" for these young people the weekend of 11/10-11/11.
- Christine will create a ½ sheet flyer (hopefully with a photo) to pass out after all masses 11/10-11/11 (contact Kevin Kervick about flyer, Michele Gousy regarding photo).
- Flyers passed out: 11/10, 4:00 Lucy and Christine; 11/11 8:00 and 10:30 Scott. We need more folks to pass out flyers, particularly on the 11th with Scott – Anne and Jack?
- Scott will contact Janice regarding pizza the night of the event
- We'll also provide drinks and baked goods. Christine will contact Hospitality regarding some help with these refreshments.

We also spoke about a combined event on Sunday, January 6th 2p-4p in the church. This would be a musical event with performances by Father Vern, 5 Alone (an a cappella group), high school musicians and middle school musicians. Various ticket sales, welcoming and coordination would include the help of young people as well.

- Deb already has permission from Father to use the church for this event.
- Deb will speak to Father about performing.
- Deb will work with the high school students and their various "jobs".
- MSM staff will work with middle school students and their various "jobs".

This event still requires lots of planning. We also discussed attending a performance by 5 Alone which is coming up on December 2nd.

- Deb will look into the details of the December performance.

Christine presented a mission statement for Middle School Ministry created from various YAMI staff mission statements. A few changes were suggested and approved.

- Christine will create a final document for all MSM staff and also look into providing it to the parish through pastoral council.

The diocesan Middle School Youth Rally is coming on Saturday, December 8th, 10 AM – 3PM. We discussed coordinating a trip from St. Francis for this event.

- Christine will create a mailing list of 6th-8th graders with Judy Trickey's assistance.
- We will do a flyer mailing to all these young people.
- We will do a flyer mailing for all 6th-8th grade catechists requesting interest/availability for chaperoning.
- We will call the young people personally who attended YouthServe to determine their interest.
- If we get a sizable number, we'll look into coordinating transportation.

Christine shared the Catholic Observer article on YAMI with everyone. This article included some quotes from Christine from a phone interview.

We are planning another card making event this November.

- We tentatively agreed on the weekend of November 10th-11th.
- Lucy will talk to Diana about her availability.
- Christine will reserve the Social Center for these dates.
- We'll advertise in the bulletin, with lector's announcements and a poster in the gathering space with example cards.
- We will ask for kids to sign up ahead of time so we can have enough supplies.
- Christine will see about asking someone from the Food Pantry to speak at all masses about what happens to these cards.
- Lucy will meet with Diana ahead of the event to help cut and prep supplies.
- We will recruit adult helpers to learn about making the cards on the 10th and then teach the young people on the 11th.
- We will serve baked goods, hot/cold drinks.
- We'll see about some Christmas music playing in the background.

Spiritual Life Commission is making advent wreaths again this year to sell at all masses. They invited us to join them with some MSM young people. Event is on Tuesday, November 20th. Unfortunately, this date had a conflict for all MSM staff present as well as being right before the Thanksgiving break.

- Christine will contact the Spiritual Life Commission.

Next meeting is Monday, November 26th, 7PM in the Tovet Meeting Room. Reminder, the December meeting is Monday, December 17th, 3rd Monday in the Tovet Room.