

Family and Youth Initiatives Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2023 6:00 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Kari Mathys, Jenny VandenLangenberg, Amy Rouleau, Liz Rehberg, Katie Fameree ~ Staff Members: Theresa Williams, Neil Saindon

1. RE update

- Theresa provided her report/update in advance of the meeting. The Gospel Time kids enjoyed filling the Boxes of Joy last week. The Children's Fund (about \$1000) was used to buy gifts and the boxes, and shipping. If we decide to do Box of Joy next year, we need to prepare earlier (in June/ July). We still need more Gospel Time leaders. A paper will go home with the kids this weekend, advertising for more leaders and the Breakfast in Bethlehem event.

2. Middle & High School Update

- Neil provided his report/update in advance of the meeting.
- Liz updated us on the Young Adult Night. They recently had Movie Night; 4 people attended and made 8 tie blankets which were donated to Vida. They have events planned through next year, mostly off site.
- Update on contact form for minors/parent proxies: So far, 18 parents have filled out the forms to be proxies for their children that were sent out of Flocknote.
- Fan the Flame Ministry is ready to get started. The target age group would be 18-26 years old. Jenny and Mitch will meet with Red, Neil, and Theresa to get this going.
- Youth group nights in November and December will be held at church. Neil talked about the idea of combining youth group and young adult events in January and February. They would be bowling and activities at The Turn.

3. FYI Committee Events & Initiatives

- Children's Collection Disbursement- the Cross Catholic Outreach Boxes went well and the kids enjoyed taking part in this!
- Breakfast in Bethlehem, Magi Market - December 10th - Sign up sheets will go out soon, paper and online. The order of events will be to first eat breakfast, then go back into church and act out a Christmas story book. In between and after these things, the kids can shop at the Magi Market and do crafts.

4. Committee Update: Joan Huntoon has resigned from the committee. We thank her for her time serving on our committee!

Next Meeting: January 18, 2024 at 6:00, location TBD, hoping for Rosati's.