

Meeting notes for Young Adult Committee

9/6/2023

Attendees: Neil Saindon, Lisa Patz, Cassie Nooyen (via phone), Liz Rehberg

Absent: Tara O'Donahue

Neil addressed the loss of Sarah and Erik as members of the committee. He posed the agenda:

- 1) Who is the chair of our committee now
- 2) Let's get two committee events on the calendar, in light of new developments in the building renovation here at POP

Liz, as former co-chair, is now interim chair of the committee. Future meeting will address the establishment of by-laws & constitution, structure for YAM.

Neil suggested we look to book an event in November. Friendsgiving in particular. Cassie mentioned De Pere and Appleton are already doing a joined friendsgiving event. Group discussed having our own vs. joining theirs. It was decided that we should join in with the other parishes for the established event November 16th. Neil said he would reach out to St. Pius and Lourdes POC's to make arrangements, establish a meeting between our YAM folks and theirs.

Further discussion was had about having a similar "holiday dinner" in January and having Lourdes host, we cater.

Liz voiced a desire to have multiple volunteer opportunities established sooner than later. We need to get "pictures of us doing stuff" as a group so that it will help build momentum for the ministry. Discussion was then had about having a diaper drive in October. Liz expressed a wish to have the diaper drive be for all ages, Lisa concurred. Neil will talk to Dcn. Jeff & Kody to ask if this can be done and when. He will also work with Vida to arrange the donation.

Neil added a thought about having a few YAM members present at the fireplace after a few masses to:

- 1) Ask young adults in our parish what they would like to see arranged for them at our parish in terms of events
- 2) Pass our info/ mission statement out

3) Gather contact info from parish members who may be interested in attending our events.

Neil then pitched the idea for a December “Pajamas, cookies & movies” party. Unanimous support was given by all. We discussed joining this event with making tie blankets for the homeless shelter. Cassie mentioned Lourdes is already having a Christmas movie night in December. We then looked at changing this event to be in October. Looking at dates, Neil mentioned his birthday is on October 27th, it’s a Friday. Unanimous support given to hosting this event then.

Discussion and recap lead to arranging the timeline for these events.

For October we are looking at:

- Halloween tie blanket/movie party 10/27
- Doing the diaper drive the weekend to follow, 10/28 & 10/29
- Neil volunteered to make a mass announcement/facebook video appealing for diapers for his birthday.

Neil said he’d come up with our next meeting date within the next few days.

Cassie then said she would be in town Sept. 19th and hanging with the POC’s from Lourdes and Pius at the YA retreat this weekend. She will therefore be talking with them about the Christmas party join-in and possibly friendsgiving.

Committee will reconvene for idea brainstorming with Cassie on Sept. 19th, location TBD.

Neil’s final thought: He was asked by the 10th and 11th graders to ask the YAM if we could have a “living saint museum” instead of class on a given Sunday, where we YAM members dress as the saints. Liz and Lisa agreed this would be fun.