

Family and Youth Initiatives Meeting Minutes

March 18, 2024

Committee Members Present: Kari Mathys, Jenny VandenLangenberg, Mitch Peterson, Loren Vandenplas, Tammy Malach.

1. Movie Night - New Date - Wednesday, June 12 at 6:00 pm. We have some movie ideas and will finalize the selections at the next meeting. Jenny will reserve Fun Flicks and VPS portable restroom and sink. The event form has been turned into the Parish Office for this event.
2. Plant with POP-May 5th Event Status -There is no scheduled breakfast or donuts after Mass. This event will be outside after 10:00 Mass. We would like the kids to decorate 4 inch clay pots with paint markers that the kids can take home, and also decorate one large clay pot that can be kept in the memorial garden area so that the kids can watch the seeds grow each week when they come back for Mass. Mitch will get the big pot, seeds, and soil. Jenny and Red will take care of the advertising. Tammy will test the paint markers on a clay pot soon to be sure it will work well for this event and report back to the group so that we know what to purchase. Lauren will come up with the names of each station and info. on how planting actual seeds is similar to planting seeds of faith/What do we need to make our faith bloom, etc.
3. Camp Tekakwitha - Our committee is offering up to \$500 in scholarships for children of our parish to attend Camp this summer. Mitch will speak about this at the 4 Masses on the weekend of April 7th and will also mention the Family Day opportunities, and also recruit for members of the FYI Committee . Red made a bulletin advertisement for the scholarship opportunity. It looks great! Good to go!
4. Children's Collection Disbursement Update - possibly Sleep in Heavenly Peace; they make beds for kids in need. Other possibilities: Rise Up non profit, Bairds Creek Parkway, Whatsoeveryoudo.com. We would like to have enough money saved for the Box of Joy at Christmas time too, so this disbursement may not be

as large as some have been in the past. We will look into possibilities and talk more about it at the April meeting.

5. Grand Opening Celebration-June 8th after 4:30 Mass. Our committee can organize a scavenger hunt to find little Jesus figurines and complete a room passport, where people have to get a stamp in each new room. Jenny and Tammy will look into the different Saints that the rooms are named after, and find a little activity for each one that attendees must do to receive their stamp. We will also look into getting something like a Culvers Ice Cream token for prizes if they complete their passport.
6. Finalize Budget for upcoming fiscal year beginning in July. We discussed funds that we need for additional activities or programs this upcoming year. This is due to the Parish Office by April 1st. See the worksheet here: [FYI Budget Worksheet](#). Jenny will submit this.
7. Photo Backdrop update- Our committee proposed using the Cool Things Fund to pay for the back drop, which is roughly \$1,200. It would then belong to the parish for all to use. The Finance Council will vote on approving this at their next meeting on March 21st and will let us know.
8. Blessing Bags Next Steps: We will still pursue making Blessing Bags, but the committee will table this for now and discuss at a future meeting.
9. Playdates update: Red and Tara do not have dates chosen for this summer yet and will keep us posted.
10. Childcare Request/Idea from Discipleship - Lectio Divina on weeknights during Advent. This will be discussed at an upcoming meeting when we find out more.

Next Meeting: April 17th at 6:00 pm