

Youth Council Notes

April 17, 2016--5pm – Youth Room

Attendees: Kristi W., Casey W., Curt L., Rochelle L., Joan G., & Annamarie T.

Opening Prayer – lead by Joan.

Y-Disciple

- Registration forms will be available soon for the 2016-2017 session

Youth Group

- Is Youth Group necessary?
 - A discussion was provided about Youth Group. It was clarified that most felt Youth Group was not offering our youth the best opportunities to grow in their faith. Especially since only 2-3 kids are not part of a Y-Disciple group who attend Youth Group.
 - Suggestions were offered about having Large Group offer more opportunities for those upper classmen to lead small groups in pairs. It will give them the knowledge and understanding of how to take charge in a small group/disciple-like scenario. These groups would be predetermined.
 - Since we do have Y-Disciple, eliminating Youth Group would require that Y-Disciple Leaders take more charge and truly disciple their members. Annamarie would be able to attend these group meetings and offer suggestions to leaders.
 - Though we discussed this in length, the final decision comes down to Father Tschakert. This will be brought to his attention once the Fire and Ice Retreat is complete.

Fundraising:

- We have raised and received gifts of: \$13, 074.77

Upcoming:

- EPIC Cards
 - We are losing money right now. If we sold more, we could receive up to \$4,000.
 - Cards we have left to sell: 215 = \$3,150 we could earn
 - If we don't sell the cards: we **lose \$1,500**
- Bean Bag Tournament
 - May 29th at 1 p.m. Registration forms are now out on the Website and Youth Bulletin Board.
 - Rochelle will give Annamarie the program information for setting up the Bean Bag Teams.
- Though we are doing well with our goal, we have a lot of additional expenses with Mission Trip and Steubenville. The more that we can sell of the EPIC cards, the more we can help those who are in need to attend these events.

Fire & Ice Retreat Planning Committee

- We discussed information leading up to our Fire and Ice Retreat.
- It is April 29 through May 1

T-shirts

- This is going to be put on hold for now. We are lacking in funds to support another t-shirt design.
- Most liked the idea of coming back to this in the Fall (2016).

Mission Trip

- 4 spots needed to be filled for chaperones
 - Joan might be able to attend, but we can't hold our breath
 - Annamarie sent out even more correspondence to see if people are able to offer their time.
 - Many prayers are needed to get this trip to work.
 - If we do not receive chaperones, we must cancel the trip and lose \$10,000
- Need 2 more 7 passenger vehicles
 - It was suggested to contact various automotive businesses and see if they would lend vehicles.

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Steubenville Conference

- July 15-17: Rochester, MN
- 4 spots available for participants (one drop this past week)
- All chaperone spots are filled. Additional adults are welcome to join, but must pay full price.
- Rooms are booked at EconoLodge <https://www.choicehotels.com/minnesota/rochester/econo-lodge-hotels/mn045?source=gglocaljn>

Monthly Large Group

- April – Something About Mary (Msgr. Mangan)
- What are some ideas people would like for next year's Large Group?
 - Young Priest who can give a teaching about the Mass; why do we sit/stand, what's up with the bells, etc.
 - Sader Meal (what's it all about?)
- It was asked that the Confirmation 2017 Class become more involved in these events... Something to discern.
- Again, have small groups already established for leaders; set up groupings (tables, chairs, etc.) before the event begins.
- Will ask for certain groups to come early and lend a hand

Closing Prayer – led by Annamarie