

Adult Leadership Committee for Youth Ministry Minutes for October 9th, 2011

Members Present - Roberta Trapp, Nancy Kirchner, Kelly Simondet, Bonnie Winkelman, Kristi Brewers, Robin Thorson, Elizabeth Janson, Renee Mastey and Deacon Joe Kresky

Prayer - lead by Deacon Joe

Introductions were made and new members were welcomed.

The role of the Adult Advisory Committee was discussed: which - "is to assist in developing, supporting and evaluating the Youth Ministry program at Sacred Heart, along with empowering other adults to greater participation in ministry to our youth."

The 2011-12 goals for youth ministry at Sacred Heart were discussed - which are:

A. Increase participation by youth and adults in areas of Youth Ministry

- 1) To increase participation in the metro-area youth ministry events including: Middle School Lock-in; Spirit Mountain Ski Trip; Halloween Food Drive; Fast & Service; Valleyfair
- 2) To increase participation in the diocesan youth ministry events including: Senior High Youth Rally; Junior High Youth Rally; Castaway retreat; Call to Service; National Catholic Youth Conference
- 3) To network with Catholic Aid (Parish Community Garden)
- 4) To continue to facilitate youth leadership committee and adult core team for Youth Ministry
- 5) To increase participation in summer programs (service learning, mission trips, social/community building, and wilderness retreats)
- 6) To establish a Youth Bible Study Program
- 7) To create middle school youth ministry program
- 8) To increase youth participation in liturgies, committees, service events, JIF, and parish outreach programs

Update on goals:

- Presently, a 5-8 grade youth group is active and successful, gathering mainly on Sundays.
- New members have been added to the adult committee generating new voices in support of our youth and their spiritual needs.
- Several youth have committed to liturgical ministries in areas of Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Choir and AV support.
- There is also a young adult faith sharing group that has started and meets on Monday nights.

There was also discussion on how parents/adults are the key to successful ministry with youth. Strategies were considered to help reach out to parents/adults in a effort to empower them so they will empower youth as Christian Disciples and help youth become more fully engaged in the faith community.

Robin Thorson, Nancy Kirchner and Deacon Joe worked to organize a gathering of parents/adults for a parents/adult gathering with a focus: **Empowered Parents Empowering Youth Discipleship (What role do parents and adults have in Youth Ministry):**

The following announcement will be given: “Inviting all Parents for a Gathering on Sun Nov 13, 6:30-8pm. Join us for lots of fun, fellowship, community building, tasty snacks, and interesting discussion on your hopes and dreams for our youth. The 5-8th grade youth group will join their parents during this event.”

Next Meeting Sunday November 13th at 10am.