

Informal Minutes from YAC 11/8/04

The meeting was opened with a prayer and a reading of the Mission Statement.

Attendees: LeRoy Orie, Nina Henry, Frank Guinan, Alex Kulinowski, Chris Malone, Bruce Carroll, Reagan Gerloff and Ron Reger.

A recap of the last meeting and the objectives for the 11/8 meeting were discussed. The group made observations and discussed lessons learned from the "Make a difference Day". Some of the comments included:

- It required a lot of organization
- The effort worked well for those who participated in it.
- The people that were homebound appreciated the efforts
- There were 9 sites with 3 or 4 at each site
- Next time sites should be checked in advance
- It was too early in the year to winterize
- Scouts were out of town or may have had more involvement.
- Perhaps it should be done twice a year instead of annually
- A Youth Service Day in April would work

A Joint Council Meeting recap was discussed next. Father Pat Apuzzo had given a talk on preparation for the Gift program. Alex read a message from the Pope to the youth. It was noted that Alex did a good job.

LeRoy Orie noted that due to other commitments Charlie Burch and Carmel Boler would not be participating in YAC at this time.

Next the group discussed the visit by Mike Patin. There were about 35 attendees on parent night. Some of the same stories were shared from Mike's last visit but it was still enjoyable. The advice given by Mike included remember to read your parents, reach out, and reconcile. There were approximately 21 kids at the Saturday session. The group thought the ladder prop used during the church service was unique and people enjoyed the discussion.

Leroy discussed the "Renewing the Vision" theme. It was suggested that the youth council and the YAC be combined for a meeting. The trip to St. Meinrad is on June 20th. A handout on Youth Ministries for 2005 was given to everyone. There was also a Teacher catechist discussion.

The group discussed some of the techniques used to communicate information in the parish. Some information that used to be on the bulletin is now on inserts. Some people prefer the old way. The consensus was that there are a variety of ways in which people get their communication. A discussion took place on whether a survey might be conducted. It was agreed that each YAC meeting could devote some time to discussing the effectiveness of the communication vehicles used at Redeemer.

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There were some items listed for follow up:

- LeRoy would forward an email by Mike Patin
- All YAC members should read, "Renewing the Vision".
- Leroy suggested we identify some communication volunteers at Redeemer to assess needs. This could be part of the Stewardship program.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank G. Guinan

INFORMAL MINUTES FROM YAC 08/09/04

The meeting was opened with a Reflection on Sunday's Gospel.

Attendees: Frank Guinan, LeRoy Orie, Carmel Boler, Lisa Medina, Chris Malone, Charley Burch, Nina Henry Tom Grasberger and Alex Kulinowski

Chuck Toombs will step down from the YAC. Brian LeTourneau may be a good candidate to replace Chuck.

Updates from LeRoy:

1. Website is up and running.
2. Youth Prayer service – Planning meeting held 7/19, next one 8/15
 - i. 2nd & 4th Thursdays, 7:00 – 8:30 or 7:30 – 9:00 pm
 - ii. 45 minutes social, 45 minutes reflection
3. Saturday morning mini-treat to be held 8/14

Focus of meeting was Service. The group discussed current service initiatives, strengths and weaknesses of the current programs, and potential new ideas.

Current options for service opportunities include: Outreach (need to get youth involved), Work Camp, weekend service days, CARITAS, and Youth RE sign ups. Other opportunist include Hanover Health Care, Freedom House (for senior youth), and St. Patrick's/Loaves and Fishes (more of a fellowship with the community).

The group also acknowledged that there's a lot of service done at the Scouts level.

Lots of opportunities, but there are some areas where we're lacking:

1. Getting more youth involved.
2. Adult supervision
3. Better publicity/recruitment., and continued reminder of commitment ("The only time we hear about it is at the start of RE")

We discussed the Redeemer Service Corps and the fact that service isn't just outreach to others but also service to out brothers and sisters in the Church. Large service activities could be considered as long as they were well publicized and we could gather enough "jobs."

We decided to aim for a YAC-sponsored Work Day event geared to household participation. A number of ways to find work in the community were discussed. The event could potentially be held on a Saturday and include a closing meal and/or mass.

After Saturday, August 14th's Youth Council meeting, LeRoy will pick a couple of days (one Fall and one Spring) and Also try to get two Youth to spearhead the effort.

We will need to work on:

Publicity/Awareness
Getting involvement from more than the usual core group
Proper use of the YAC committee and the monthly commitment forms

This Fall Work Day would replace the usual December (Monday) workday.

Other discussion topics:

- YAC will need to contact those members who haven't been t recent meeting to gauge their desire to remain on the committee.
-Frank and/or Alex to do this
- Tailgating or Extreme Bowling to be held in conjunction with a local HS football game?
- Fall Hiking trip

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Next meeting to be held September 13 from 6:30 to 8:00 pm. The primary topic of discussion will be Religious Education.

Submitted,

Alex Kulinowski

INFORMAL MINUTES FROM YAC 7/12/04

The meeting was opened with a Faith Sharing Guide based on Whole Community Catechesis. (Materials provided by Chris Malone.)

Attendees: Frank Guinan, LeRoy Orie, Carmel Boler, Lisa Rider, Chris Malone, Bruce Carroll and Nina Henry

LeRoy's Report:

1. Updated the council on Whole Community Catechesis.
2. Web page for YAC. The council agreed that the webpage should include the following items:
 1. Names & email addresses of council members.
 2. Mission Statement
 3. The 5 teams of the council
 4. List of members on each team.
 5. Schedule of meetings
 6. Formal minutes of YAC meetings
3. Teen to Teen. This is a program based on Bob McCarthy's book for counseling of Youth in Crisis. It will be similar to the BeFrienders program and will be under the Christian Care** umbrella. There should be an article in the August Good News.
4. Update on St. Meinrad. LeRoy & Ron Reger attended the conference with several youth. The youth have decided to begin a Youth Prayer Service beginning in September to meet every other Thursday. They want other youth to be involved in planning the prayer service. They want it to be inclusive. Their first planning meeting is Monday, July 19th.
5. Youth Councils. Councils will vote on a new procedure. It would be that "the current council will elect 2 chairpersons for each council, Jr. & Sr., for following year." This will allow some consistency with the councils. The chairpersons will, therefore, not have to be re-elected.

Reminder to use and encourage others to use the Gift Cards. Buy it for the Beach!!!

Next meeting is August 9, 2004.

** changed after the meeting