

November 10, 2011 CYMA-FV Minutes Respectfully Submitted By Cindy <><

Attendance: Cindy Kyles-Werth, Pat Coonen, Sarah Heimer, Amanda Vatland, Linda Maier, Krisin Bird, Peter Gagnon, Sarah Elmer, Bill Nettekoven, Joseph Bolle, Celia McKee, Laura Mulloy, Carolyn Coutu, Elisa Tremblay

1. **Prayer and Reflection:** Thanks Amanda

2. **Approval of Agenda:** Add Core Member University (Kristin). Approved with agenda changes.

3. **Approval of Minutes:** Approved 1- Sarah Heimer (Greenville) and 2- Celia McKee (St. Mary/St. Joseph).

4. **Treasures Report:** Please turn your monies into Peter. We owe Popple and John O'Leary. We did well on John O'Leary. We were a little under on Youth Jam. However, not everyone has paid. If you have any ?'s about whether or not you have paid, just ask Peter. Currently - \$7,192.69. Thanks.

5. **HS Evangelization Night:** Thank you to Bill for putting info on the website. We all agree that this event has gained high recognition with teenagers. We need to start planning now for next year's. Some suggestions included: Frank Mercadante from Cultivation Ministries, Tom (sp?) Fidito (?)/Tibido (?) (Social Justice Speaker on Hospitality) from LaCrosse Diocese (excellent speaker from the Leadership Convocation), Mary Bielski (Chastity Speaker) from South Bend. Also, Elisa is going to scope out NCYC for future HS Evangelization Night presenters, since we are setting the bar high. She will report back to us at the next meeting. The youth are expecting excellent caliber! John O'Leary did a good job. His message was sober, yet effective. Some feel that his presentation could have had "more meat and potatoes", so to speak. Although, John admitted that he is new at this type of public speaking and the sharing of his faith aspect, etc. It was good how responsive the youth were and they seemed involved answering his questions. We didn't have as many disciplinary issues, like with cellular phones, etc. which was nice.

6. **2:42 Gathering:** Bill will put the dates and times on the website. We discussed potentially meeting on the third Thursday of the month. Apparently the turnout wasn't that great or what they had expected this last time. So they met at the other "Abbey". Kristin said it was fun. Cindy said that the time she attended it was beneficial and worth people's while to attend.

7. **Youth Jam:** We discussed the fact that the MC's Laura and Drew Mulloy did a great job keeping the kids attention and doing icebreakers, etc. Thank you! Celia handed out extra CD's from Popple. Overall, Popple did a great job. (We heard it through the grapevine that Andy Krueger enjoyed entertaining them, too!). It was brought up that the pizza should have been served in the cafeteria. There should have been more pizza ordered along with healthier side options like fruits and/or veggies. The turnout was excellent. A suggestion was made that perhaps we should put the youth in groups as parishes. There are pros and cons to doing this. There were some discipline issues and food where it shouldn't have been. Next year we will rope off areas where youth don't belong. A suggestion was made that perhaps next year we should get the high school youth involved with hospitality, etc. Furthermore, next time we will keep all food in the cafeteria only! There was a heated discussion regarding the issues with the date and venue. Apparently next year it shouldn't be a problem. St. Joe's Middle School may be an option for the future. Thank you to Xavier High School, especially Sarah Simon. A card went around and will be mailed out. Lastly, it was stated how disappointing that the flier wasn't mailed out to all youth ministers in the Diocese of Green Bay. Bill emailed the flier and information to Eric and it wasn't passed on nor forwarded properly? This was too bad; because, other parishes would have gotten involved and promoted it, etc. Next time this needs to be followed through better.

8. **Xavier High School Visit:** Was appreciated by the youth ministers who were there. Unfortunately, due to the variance in the numbers from parishes it made the "contact your youth minister" more challenging. A suggestion was made to just meet with the teens or just have Mass next year. We enjoy attending Mass at Xavier.

9. **Appleton area wide youth Mass once a month**— Celia, Peter, and Carolyn are hashing this out. Although, they are hoping to kick it off the youth Mass on Sunday, January 08, 2012 on the Feast of the Epiphany at St. Joseph Parish.

10. Depression Article: Carolyn had sent the article to Bill and it wasn't sent out in a timely manner. Bill apologized for the mishap and assured that next time the discussion articles will go out sooner. Carolyn asked for people's feedback. What do we want? (Faith-filled, spiritual, insightful, thought provoking, etc.). Alternate options were discussed. Perhaps we should share things that have worked well for us in our programs. Or maybe we could talk about a topic rather than an article. At our last meeting, Kristin Bird shared Life Teen's New Roman Missal changes and she was willing to share her lessons, as well. Does anyone have any good Advent or Christmas projects/activities they would like to share? A suggestion was posed that we read Matthew Kelly's book Rediscovering Catholicism.

11. Matthew Fradd and Leah Darrow Speaker: Sarah shared that it has been extremely frustrating trying to book presenters, on top of getting Diocesan approval. Matthew Fradd's deposit cleared and he is available. However, Leah still hasn't returned calls regarding availability.

12. Fun in the Sun: The committee of Carolyn, Peter, Amanda, and Bill will meet and discuss this after today's meeting. A discussion will occur at our next meeting. Thank you.

13. New Business: Celia handed out brochures from Notre Dame Vision that Steve Pable had given her. Apparently, Steve is still working on organizing which date(s) we will be attending. Also, Faith FACTOR (Fox Area Catholic Teen OutReach) will meet before the December 15th mtg. during lunch at 11:30am.

14. Core Member University- Kristin talked about the Core Member University and how it applies to volunteers... Empower! It's for middle school and high school, religious formation, and youth ministry training. She inquired which dates next fall would work for us. Camp Tekawitha is the location, thanks to Eric. She was looking for other ideas. Kristin was told that she might choose the date. A suggestion was made to avoid homecoming and month of October. Another suggestion was made to have it in the end of August. Friday they will do a 2:42 mtg. with youth ministers/Eric B. Saturday would be training and close with an XLT (Adoration/Praise & Worship). In summary, the end of August was most highly suggested.

Side Conversations and Questions Posed: Topic- Theology of the Body for Teens DVD- Their questions were not as good as hoped that they would be. A suggestion was made to make up your own questions based off of the video. You could even invite speakers to come in...

Next Meeting at St. Joseph Parish on December 15, 2011. Thank you! ☺