

Adult Coordinators Meeting

Jan. 27, 2005, 12-2pm

Carriage House Restaurant, Emmitsburg, MD

Present

April Dietrich, St. John the Evangelist; Chris Weber, CEM Center; Lauri Pryzbyz, Division of Evangelization & Catechesis; Leah Huber, St. Katharine Drexel; Therese Ivanisin, St. Ignatius; Sr. Joan Maenner, St. Anthony/OLMC; Rose Bennett, Division of Evangelization & Catechesis; Jim Schrader, St. Timothy; Teresa Warnick, Holy Family; Judy Williams, CEM Center.

Prayer

Chris Weber opened the meeting with prayer, from the Sacred Space website.

March Meeting Date/Location

Question of best days to meet and whether to revisit date of next meeting scheduled for March 17 was discussed. **It was decided to hold next meeting date March 17, as scheduled.** Amy Kulesa had suggested meeting in Frederick, as central location was easier for everyone. Jim Schrader offered St. Timothy, if available. (2/4/05 note: *St. Timothy is NOT available on that date.*)

Therese Ivanisin will check on availability of St. Ignatius. Group will be notified of location. **Time of next meeting is 9:30am-12Noon**

Chris asked if anyone would prepare a St. Patrick's Day opening prayer for the March meeting. **April Dietrich volunteered** - (requested a reminder from the Center).

Announcements

Calendar of Events: Chris pointed out the increase in Adult Faith Formation events, as demonstrated in the Center's February Calendar of Events.

Lauri Pryzbyz announced a **Sponsor Couple Training** on April 2 at St. Joseph parish in Eldersburg.

Marriage Formation Evening – Lauri gave a description of this year's annual formation evening, to be held on March 1 at St. Ignatius, Ijamsville. The title of the event is "Spirituality of Married Life."

March for Life: Chris shared his experiences of the day

Assessment of Our Hearts Were Burning

Rose Bennett gave an update about the CARA Report, which includes an evaluation of *Our Hearts Were Burning* at the end of 5 years. Rose was on the committee responsible for coming up with evaluation questions to be distributed to parishes.

The Bishops Committee on Catechesis has decided to not distribute the questionnaire. There are concerns that the results of survey might not be favorable and they would like to avoid any further negative impressions of the church.

Rose asked the group to provide her with any input from their parishes.

Leah Huber and Teresa Warnick both reported how they have been implementing the program in their parishes. Due to time constraints, it was decided to put this on the agenda for the March meeting, so that other parish leaders have the opportunity to share their experiences.

Spiritfest

Chris shared the Spiritfest poster with the group. He reported that he expects to have a letter from Cardinal Keeler endorsing Spiritfest shortly. This letter will coincide with the arrival of posters in parishes in order to give the event more weight.

Sr. Joan Maenner offered the use of St. Anthony's for parking for the event.

Spiritfest will include ASL Interpretation for the deaf and hearing impaired.

REGIONAL PROJECTS FOLLOW-UP

A. Speakers Bureau for Human Sexuality:

The subgroup planning the Speakers Bureau has met two times, and is planning a series of three evenings of reflection. Lauri shared drafts of evenings with the group. Evenings will include small group reflection, prayer, etc.

Evening One: Exploring the Wisdom of the Body

Evening Two: Arenas of Intimacy – States and Stages in Life

Evening Three: The Conversation Between the Sexes

Lauri further reported that the long term plan for this initiative was to do a pilot of this series and then refine it. The next goal would be to form into a program which could be presented by various, trained facilitators. This has potential of becoming a substantial resource for the area. The program has a reflective element which is appealing.

B. Jeff Cavins Great Adventure Seminar

Chris reported that St. Peters, Libertytown; St. Michael, Mt. Airy; and St. Joseph, Eldersburg are the three parishes interested in sponsoring this. The tentative date is set as Oct. 28/29, 2005, in Eldersburg.

The planning committee still has a few more questions for Jeff Cavins, and not everyone has reviewed the tapes.

Basically, the program uses a narrative approach. Incorporating 14 narrative books of the Bible, the seminar presents a broad story of salvation.

C. Young Adult Ministry

Theology on Tap - no update was given.

Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion - Feb. 13, Seton Shrine

Chris announced that all RCIA coordinators will be receiving details within the next week. He then reviewed the details of the day with the group, especially in consideration of new Adult Coordinators in attendance at the meeting.

Chris will be meeting at the Shrine on Monday morning to iron out details.

At this point, the following needs exist:

greeters, ushers, lectors and someone to conduct traffic of people inside church

Sally Huber from St. Ignatius- organization of parish representatives;
Leah will recruit ushers;
Jim may have a team member who can greet.

Miscellaneous Items

Formation Day brochures at printer and due to be mailed next week. Leaders should look for posters inside brochures to be displayed in their parishes.

April requested 50 extra copies of the brochure.

Chris reminded everyone that the Center is beginning to plan fall events and to let us know if their parishes have any needs/interests in workshops. Teresa Warnick shared that Holy Family would be interested in a workshop the second Thursday of October.

2pm meeting adjourned