

Formation Day Planning Committee Meeting
Friday, Dec. 7, 2008 – 10am
St. Peter Parish, Libertytown

Present: April Dietrich, Jim Schrader, Linda Lebo, Therese Ivanisin, Stacey Johnston, Anne Mason, Chris Weber, Judy Williams.
Missing' Laura Weber

Prayer – Chris opened with prayer and scripture (Luke, Chapter 10)

Committee Update

Chris reported that Fr. Steve Hook has resigned from the committee, due to many parish demands.

Shirts

Judy confirmed size and style selections with everyone. Still needs to confirm with Laura Weber. Order will be placed shortly.
Question of logo – group decided to stay with the Archdiocesan one we currently use.

Workshop Update

Chris shared the program with the group.
No professional tract, due to not being able to find a presenter. Kathy Gallagher, from St. Luke's Institute in Baltimore, had been a strong possibility for this, but due to date conflict is unable. Chris is seeking to have a stand alone in-serve for area leaders with her on a different date.

J. Glenn Murray was suggested by the group as a good key noter or presenter for another year. Good liturgist.
Liam Lawton was suggested as well.

Concert

The Matt Maher/Tom Booth concert has been confirmed and locked in with deposits. Tom Booth is also doing a pastoral musicians workshop during the day. Chris reported that he is hoping to have Matt Maher do a daytime workshop with area youth. This idea has been very well received by area youth ministers who met earlier this week.

The technical rider for the concert has been received from OCP and has been forwarded to Sean Adams, of the Mount, who has said he will be coordinating all technical aspects for the event.

Concert time is 3:45pm. Will change website from 3:30 to reflect. Decided to announce that 3:15-3:45pm will be break with refreshments.

Still need to talk to Mount's food service about sell concessions – we would want dining services to sell these.

Callings Office

Chris and Judy met with the Callings Conference director, Dennis Cali. The Callings office has also hired a person to do the liturgies for Thursday and Friday, March 6 & 7 (Callings Conference). This person is available to help with morning prayer service as well.

Bishop Malooly will be doing the Thursday, 4:30 Mass for the Callings conference, as well as our morning prayer service on Saturday.

We will soon be linking to the Callings Conference on our page. (Our preliminary information has been posted.)

Keynote Brainstorming, using Luke 10:1-11

After discussion, group landed on the following program:

- Music as attendees gather in the auditorium
- Music fades
- Ed Gordon proclamation – look into using followspots
- Opening song/prayer
- Keynote
- Closing prayer/song

Scenery – should be simple,

April proposed idea of large timeline, showing progression/evolution of faith formation. Would incorporate a key figure from each century. Possibilities include Elizabeth Seton/19th century; Pope John 23rd/20th century; a modern day catechist for 21st century.

- Chris posed this question to group: “Based on the scripture (Luke 10:1-11), what would we like the participants to take with them?” Responses from group:
- You are one of the 72
- Jesus saves; not me
- Your role is spreading the faith
- Road may not be easy
- You don’t have to do it alone
- Contemporary concerns of catechesis
- Connecting knowledge with faith
- Faith first
- Go out into the streets – don’t wait for them to come to you
- God’s healing
- Reign of God is at hand
- God’s Grunts

Committee wants to march down the aisles and across the stage during the keynote, doing “sound off” – much enthusiasm among group for this idea.

Ideas from the above list that stood out to the committee:

- You’re not alone
- You are God’s grunt
- Knowing precedes knowledge

Theme suggestion: “roots and Wings” – understand the past so we have that piece to take us into the future.

Song suggestions:

"All I Want" – Jim Cowan

"Litany of the Saints"

"Oh Lord Hear Us, Hear Our Prayer"

"Litany of Saints" by Matt Maher Listen to this beautiful rendition at this link -

<http://www.spiritandsong.com/musicondemand/songs?musicID=64363&>

Before next meeting, Chris will confirm that Matt Maher and Tom Booth will take part in the opening prayer; April will be working on the timeline set piece idea.

Next Meeting

Monday, Jan. 7, 2008, 10am

St. Peter's, Libertytown.