

Formation Day Planning Committee Meeting Thursday, Nov. 10, 2005

9AM

St. Timothy Church, Walkersville, MD

Present

Linda Lebo, Carolyn Nolan, Jim Schrader, April Dietrich, Cindy Kindl, Marian Cochran, Chris Weber, Judy Williams.

Prayer

The meeting began with a prayer, led by Chris Weber.

Welcome - Chris

Chris announced that Gwen Skrabak, St. Ann Hagerstown, and Anne Mason, St. Peter, Libertytown, will join us at our next meeting. Maria Klicpera, St. Joseph Eldersburg, has also indicated she would like to serve on the committee.

Thanks to all here for being willing to serve again.

Meeting Dates

The following meeting dates were agreed upon by those present:

Thur., Dec. 15, 9am – St. Timothy, Walkersville

Thur., Jan. 19, 9am - St. John's, Frederick

Thur., Feb. 23, 9:30 at CEM Center - lunch provided by CEM.

Thur., March 9 AM – Folder stuffing at CEM Center

Fri., March 10 – Set up

Program Report

Chris reviewed what is in place to date:

Rev. Ronald Witherup - Keynote

Keynote topic: St. Paul - who is Paul for us today? His life in the early church, his spirituality...a portrait of St. Paul.

Fr. Witherup will also do a morning and afternoon workshop.

#1 on St. Paul;

#12 on Catholic response to Fundamentalism

Central Maryland Liturgy Network has requested a Liturgy Track:

#11 (AM)-Living Liturgy: will look at the power of liturgy to transform us, using the documents on the liturgy, and how liturgical volunteers minister.

Afternoon will have two specific liturgy workshops:

#21-Liturgy Planning

#22-Music as Liturgy

Chris will check with Rev. Rick Hilgartner, Mount St. Mary's, to see if he would be interested in presenting #11 and #21 or if he has any suggestions.

It was suggested we recruit Fr. Jim Donohue again as a presenter, as he has been well received in the past. Chris will contact him.

#7 & #19 - Ecumenism 101 - Ordained representatives from Episcopal and Methodist churches will be presenters at these workshops. These two workshops will present an overview of the two denominations.

#10 & #20 - FOCCUS Training

("Facilitating Open Couple Communication, Understanding & Study")

Lauri Przbysz will offer training on how to use this tool for couples who are getting married.

Michael Gorman, Dean of the Ecumenical Institute was suggested as a possible resource on St. Paul.

Fr. Michael Roach - Chris would like to get him to do a church history workshop, though Fr. Roach is busy so this is not likely to happen.

Music

There was a discussion of bringing in a professional musician and having a concert in conjunction with the Mount. It was then determined that Mount students will still be on spring break (March 4-12) so the idea was abandoned.

Logo

Group considered the logo used from this year's Institute.

It was decided to have Luke Williams (who designed last year's logo) design one for this year.

It was decided that the following elements be worked into the logo design:

Theme: Life is Christ, using words from Paul's letter to Philippians, "For to me, life is Christ."

Subtitle of "walking in the footsteps of Paul"

Image of – or representing - St. Paul. Maybe replacing the image of Christ in the Institute logo.

Have figure holding a scroll, or somehow suggest traveling on the road.

Prayer Service

Discussion of having Mass for the opening:

presided by Bishop Malooly

Fr. Witherup's keynote will serve as the homily

Mass would not fulfill Sunday obligation for that weekend.

Group was very enthusiastic about this and felt those who attend Formation Day will like the idea.

Point was made that many will be attending Saturday evening Masses as well, but group did not feel this was a deterrent to having Mass that morning.

Discussed using Immaculate Conception Chapel for Mass, but decided to have Mass in the auditorium.

Logistics of distributing communion discussed.

Group looked at readings for that Saturday

-1st reading – Deuteronomy 26:16-19

-Psalm – 119, “Blessed are they who follow the Lord, who walk in the way of the Lord...”

-2nd reading – Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

-Gospel- Matthew 5:43-48

Group felt readings lend themselves well to theme of following in Paul’s footsteps.

It was decided to add a second reading and have it be from Paul’s letter to the Philippians, which is from where the day’s theme, “Life is Christ” is taken.

Closing

After discussion of possibly not having a closing in the auditorium, it was decided to have the closing in the auditorium, as in the past. While some leave right after the afternoon session, group felt enough people return for the closing to warrant still having it.

Closing song: "I will Choose Christ" by Tom Booth.

Possibly have priests who are presenters give a blessing/commission to all in the auditorium.

Hand out key chains with sandals on them.

Group also considered having bags (donated by publishers) to be given out at beginning of day – to be used for keeping individuals’ items.

Environment

Need to set up an altar on the stage.

Group would like a risen Christ crucifix. April will bring crucifix from St. John’s.

Chris shared that the downtown (Baltimore) office is willing to share cloth, etc. which they have from past events. Maybe group should take a field trip and do an inventory of what they have - for scenery/environment design, etc.

Other suggestions/ideas for the day:

- cut outs of footsteps - for nametags, leading to workshops, etc.
- laminate miniatures of Paul’s map to be distributed
- rename all classrooms with Paul’s destinations (instead of room numbers); these rooms would need to be found by looking at maps, in imitation of Paul’s journeys.
- Have sign posts with names of destinations, pointing the way.
- Perhaps have all committee members wear sandals that day.

Miscellaneous

Marian volunteered to do the continental breakfast for on the morning of Formation Day!!!!

Before our next meeting, all will research key chains with sandals; Cindy will look into musicians and musical selections.

Minutes compiled and submitted by Judy Williams.