

St. Odilia Council Meeting Minutes

Council: <i>Faith Formation Council</i>		
February 17, 2009	Time:	6:45 – 8:35 PM

Meeting Participants:	Present		Present		Present
Sr. Penny Dunn	Yes	Katie Sentz	Yes		
Patti Chervenak	Yes	Mary Jo Stewart	Yes		
Kathy Johnson	Yes				
Kathy Langer	Yes			Guests: Maria O'Reilly	
Andrea Pollari	Yes			Confirmation Coordinator /	
Laura Rodriguez	Yes			Youth Minister	
Craig Rousar	Yes				

AGENDA/ITEMS

OWNER

I. Prayer

II. Service Opportunity

Sr. Penny

Discussion:

1. Faith Formation is sponsoring a Lenten service opportunity to people in Haiti – for Sr. Fidelis' school and clinic needs

III. Review Minutes

Craig Rousar

IV. Discussion on needs of St. Odilia Youth / Overview of Dept.

Maria O'Reilly

Discussion:

1. Edge Program: For 6th-8th graders, not mandatory, any kids are welcome, even non-Catholic. Wednesday nights from 5:43-6:43pm right before Family Faith. High school kids help lead. Want to bring in more school kids. More info on Edge needs to go out, more marketing to educate people.
2. Edge Live: fun event once per month (hayrides, etc).
3. Junior High Faith Formation: 6th-8th graders, 6:45-8:15pm.
4. Courtyard Lunch: 8th graders are invited to lunch with Maria and Fr. Gjengdahl, Kids must sign up and is limited to 1st four only so conversation is easy. Kids are invited to bring one question with them for discussion.
5. Youth Room: available but not really being utilized, only can handle 15 kids or so. No open hours at this time, would require volunteer staffing of 2 adults.
6. Need more space for gathering.
7. Middle school programs at other churches, can we model after something like that? Katie gathering detailed info for discussion in March meeting.
8. What is our parish commitment to youth of this parish? There is interest, Vacation Bible School is a wonderful indicator of that.
9. Life Teen: high school program for 9th-12th graders. Life Teen is St. O's youth ministry philosophy.
10. Confirmation: one year program (new this year). Need to move away from the idea that this is the last step before moving on, but more of an internship into being fully initiated in a catholic life, the door to adult discipleship...the first step. Also need ideas to get them more involved after confirmation. Where do they fit in?

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11. Life Nights: Sunday nights following 6pm mass. Helps teens grow as a faith community. Attendance is small. Usually draws 10th-12th graders due to 9th graders in confirmation at the same time.
12. Teen Bible Study: new bible study with Fr. Gjengdahl; running for 8 weeks, 12 attended the first night

V. Service Council

Craig Rousar

Discussion:

1. Lengthy discussion on what a service council would look like.
2. Need more family service projects, not just those for teens.
3. Potentially an ad hoc committee, maybe reps from other councils sit on it?
4. Would it be one person who just compiles / gathers info from all councils for a directory of service projects, but also searching for new ones? Calendar of opportunities?
5. Could be a great resource for parish members looking for service opportunities.
6. Craig is drafting a letter to the department team leaders re: our ideas and what we're looking for.
7. Sr. Penny talking to Carolyn Breitbach re: Time and Talent info that is already compiled; ask her to potentially attend a meeting.
8. Discussion to continue at March meeting.

NEXT MEETING: March 24, 2009 – Faith Formation building in conference room

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Rodriguez
3-2-09