

YOUNG FAMILIES MINISTRY (YFM)

CORE MEETING

22 APRIL 2018 / 1:00 PM

ATTENDEES

Amy Hartman, Heather Meeks, Hannah Newbury, Anne Kovalan-Santoni, Ann Lahoda, Tabetha Mwita

AGENDA

Review of survey results

1. Main themes of group purpose (in order of popularity): service, social, parenting, faith formation, health and well-being.
2. Most people desired quarterly activities, but many suggested a frequency of meetings that was between quarterly and monthly.
3. See attached document for specifics

Plan for group (gleaned from survey)

- 2 focuses: Service (monthly) and Parenting/Faith formation (quarterly)
- Incorporate both St. James and St. Charles Lwanga

SERVICE CALENDAR (with dates and times!)

- **Spring clean-up and flower planting at St. Charles** (Corpus Christi- 1550 Lincoln Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206) **May 20th, 12:30p-1:30p** after 11:30 Mass. All are encouraged to attend Mass prior to Spring clean-up.
- **Spring clean-up and flower planting at St. James** (718 Franklin Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15221) **June 24th, 11:00a-12:00p** after 10:00 Mass. All are encouraged to attend Mass prior to Spring clean-up.
- **St James Day, July 22nd, 10:00a-5:00pm**- special liturgy followed by a parish picnic at Boyce Park (675 Old Frankstown Road, 15239). We will be

in charge of the activities for the children. Hannah to attend seasonal planning committee meeting on May 7th at 7pm to get more details.

- **Backpack drive/ School supplies drive:** to be collect for about a month by all parishioners in June or July. Once materials are gathered, the YFM will get together and stuff the backpacks or boxes for classrooms. Anne K-S will look into which organization we will go through. More details to come.

FUTURE SERVICE/SOCIAL IDEAS

- Habitat for Humanity in the fall (Ann L. will be contact person for this)
- Fall YFM social- picnic in a park, open invitation to any young family within the community.

PARENTING/FAITH FORMATION

- Tentative topic: Teaching kids about caring for others (diversity, inclusion, in this social climate)
- Guest Speaker: hopefully teachers from Heather's daughter's school
- Plan to meet from 3pm-5pm on a Sunday in July
- Hoping to use Sr. Thea Bowman's gym for the kids to play and a classroom for the adults to learn.
- Hoping to get volunteers from the church to help watch the children.
- Discussed offering snacks for the children.

ACTION ITEMS

1. **Amy-** Discuss budget with parish council, buy gloves and flowers (from Garden Dreams, Wilkinsburg nursery) for Spring clean-up days, put out announcements for upcoming events for bulletin and St. James at end of Mass, eventually put a call out to parishioners to watch the children during July's parenting/faith formation event.
2. **Tabetha-** Check to see if we can use extra bags that St James has already for Spring clean-up,
3. **Heather-** Put out announcements at end of Mass at St. Charles Lwanga about events, reach out to teachers about speaking at our faith formation event

4. **Ann L-** Get in touch with La Roche sisters for guest speaking in the future (talk about topics they would speak on), talk with Fr. Taylor and Sr. Thea Bowman about using the gym and another classroom for faith formation day in July.
5. **Hannah-** attend Seasonal Planning committee meeting re: St. James Day picnic
6. **Anne K-S-** Find an organization we can donate to for the Summer school supplies drive and when we should submit our donations.

NEXT MEETING- June 3rd, 2pm, at Panera in Bakery Square

Will discuss:

- Backpack drive
- Spring Picnic activities
- September's social event
- Finalize July's faith formation event