

Formation Day Planning Meeting
October 26, 2009
St. James Parish,
Boonsboro, MD

Attending

Therese Ivanisin, Cindy Kindl, St. Joseph Buckeystown; Jim Schrader, St. Timothy Walkersville; Irene Wunderlich, St. Mary Hagerstown; Karen Thomas, Holy Family, Middletown; April Dietrich, St. James Boonsboro/St. Augustine Williamsport; Linda Snyder, St. Ann, Hagerstown; Joe Swiss, Div. of Evangelization & Catechesis; Scott Miller, Div. of Youth & Young Adult Ministry; Judy Williams, CEM Center;

Opening Prayer

Recap –Irene

Irene and April recognize the importance of Formation Day and the formation opportunity it brings to all. In order to keep that opportunity alive in Central Maryland, they have agreed to lead the event. We are grateful for Scott Miller, representing the Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry and Joe Swiss, representing the Division of Evangelization and Catechesis for attending our meeting today. We are appreciative of their support. This will strengthen the day.

Shared timeline of duties and list of possible workshop presenters/titles. Choice of presenters based on evaluations from past Formation Days.

To date, theme of day is: “How Big is Your God”
Fr. Paul Couthino, keynote has been booked.
Capstone speaker also booked – George Wunderlich
Also Bishop Rozanski has been secured.

Downtown Support:

One of the two divisions will be handling the registrations for the day. Joe Swiss reminded the team that the event has to pay for itself; downtown not able to fund. Group foresees no problem with the day paying for itself, based on past years.

Regarding the registration process, we will need to have regular communications with the registrar. Coordinating stipends – check requests is another issue to be worked out later.

Misc. Notes generated as April went over the timeline

- Judy needs to coordinate catering quote with April/Irene.
- Judy will update webpage with Formation Day information as it comes in.
- Brian McCrohan may be able to continue updating webpage information after Judy’s departure.
- Question of files – shared directory – April has DVD of all Formation Day files.
- Will try to use as many “downtown” presenters as possible, reducing cost in that area.
- Ask speakers to provide their own handouts (to reduce our copying expense).
- Ask publisher for folder donations.
- Audio Visual Needs – will need Jim to help with this area.

- Remind speakers bringing laptops that we have had problems in the past with Macs. Best to play it safe with a PC.
- Linda Snyder to do signs (classroom, restroom, welcome, exhibitor sign, etc.).
- Linda Snyder also will take on faculty hospitality – getting refreshments donated, if possible, and providing coverage during the day. Noted that 3-4 teens would be needed to help out.
- Faculty Introductions – Brigitte Schmidt will head up faculty introductions
- Karen will be working with Cindy on music.
- Jim to ask St. Timothy’s Knights of Columbus to cover parking.
- Therese – directing traffic from location to location.
- Judy will volunteer on the day to work Registration table.
- Therese – will look into handouts for day. Suggestion of tape measures “How Big is Your God” or yardsticks, or rulers.

Capstone (tentatively):

Begin with regathering music

Short introduction

George Wunderlich

Bishop Rozanski will need a script.

End with music/Gather version of – “Praise God From Whom all Blessings Flow”

Workshop Discussion

- Judy to forward contact info for workshop presenters to April
- Avoid presenters/topics which in the past have drawn small number of attendees.
- Suggested topic of how to draw parents to Mass (Linda)/presenter possibility of Fr. Matt Buening.
- Discussion of doing baptism workshop/Joe?
- Suggestions for Vocations workshop (Joe): how to promote vocations within parish / family.
- Charlie Hiebler – vast repertoire – try to find topic with wider draw/parish collaboration?
- Sharon Bogusz – if she does evangelization broaden topic to draw more: “Becoming a welcoming community” – draw liturgy and other ministries.
- Jim suggested Dr. Diane Barr, Chancellor for ArchBalt– talk about canon law. Narrow topic? Group agreed she would be a nice presence, and also would be free. But may draw a small audience. Will ask her about sacraments of Initiation/canon law topic.
- Georgina Vaca –Maybe do a workshop “en espanol,” just for Spanish speaking audience.
- Kristin Witte – Scott suggested we ask her to speak on “power and privilege of a witness talk.” What makes a good witness talk. What to do when a witness talk goes awry.
- Margaret Brogden – single parenting talk; how to help the single parent; resources for single parent.
- Scott Miller - Living Your Life as a Better Story – a renewal presentation, inspiration workshop
- Chris Weber –

- Lisa McCrohan – working with children of divorced parents a successful workshop. Might tie in well with single parent topic if Margaret does that. Note: Lisa is expecting; need to find out her due date.
- Fr. Matt Buening – presentation on Philippians that was “brilliant” at APYM – spiritual boosting workshop.
- Cindy coordinating music workshop – discussion of making it appeal to all and not being too specific.
- Need an RCIA workshop – Sharon? Concern that it draws a small audience.
- Catechism workshop.

Next meeting:

Monday 9am

Nov. 9

At CEM Center

Minutes compiled by Judy Williams.