

CCM Director's Meeting Minutes

March 6, 2005

12:30 PM

Attendees:

Fr. Martin O. Moran, Emily DeLong, Tom Wagner, Joe Rusiewicz, Tara Archer, Bryan Bzdek, Mike Rakszawski, Kim Custer

Blessing by Father Marty

Committee Updates:

Tom Wagner: Events and Outreach

Committee has typically been meeting bi-weekly.

- Thursday dinner menus and dinner procedures have been addressed including creating shopping lists and checking of supplies. Discussed possibility of dinner outside sometime – ie, a BBQ
- Super Bowl party was a success. Mailing of invitations attributed to increased attendance
- Rooke Congregation has suggested we do a social event together. Suggestions include a trip to the Freez, meeting at the 7th Street Café, going to Pizza Hut. Need to decide if this should wait until fall
- Easter meal/egg hunt – Social committee will provide people to fill eggs, but will not be available to hide them. Fr. Marty suggested small potted spring flowers be given to the female students attending Easter dinner. Social Committee can wrap in paper for distribution.
- Admissions weekend – booth set up with Newman House Chocolate Chip cookies and Rita's Italian Ice.
- Leadership Ropes course at Cowen mentioned as a possibility in the future

Bryan and Emily: Spiritual Life and Evangelization.

Have held one meeting to try to create supporting committee members. Did brainstorming.

- Soul Smorgasbord – Did survey after last Thursday dinner. Result: timing is problem. Recommend moving to earlier time – will advertise as “immediately following dinner” instead of “7:00pm” Possibly allow those interested in participating to eat dinner first – allowing to “jump to the front of the line” could encourage participation as well.
- Discussed Lunch time Apologetics meetings with Greg Amarante – best to start this fall
- Discussed setting specific time to say the Rosary. Suggested to have this right before the Wed. night Christian Life Discussion Group. – Also mentioned the possibility of meeting outside by the Mary Grotto which is lit until 3:30 AM. Meditation chapel is also a possibility, but must be reserved in advance.
- Bible study group proposed for spring semester
- The Passion will be shown at Newman House after the Lenten Dinner on Good Friday.
- A mini retreat is being planned – lasting about 2 hours – including dinner and will be held at the Newman House
- Proposal by the committee for the establishment of a Visiting Spiritual Director In-Residence program was made. Father Marty was open to the idea, and has been in contact with the sisters. They suggested that two sisters at a time come so they could coordinate their programming and pull their resources. This program could be in place for the fall semester.

Mike Rakszawski – Administrative

- New carpet installed in upstairs room at Newman House .
- Student computers have been moved, and George Vojtech has run virus scans
- In the process of planning for graduation – mass/BBQ/senior gifts
- Holy week feet washing – need 12 volunteers
- Public Safety will need to be notified for Procession from Rooke to Newman House
- Spring Cleaning – need to have furniture returned to front porch

Tara Archer, Joe Rusiewicz – Community Service and Social Action

- Have been to Ronald McDonald house and prepared dinner. Plan to go again April 20
- Went to Riverwoods for an ice cream social with the residents
- IRC – requested help at the soup kitchen from 4-7:30. We have 2 people from 4-6:00 and 2 people from 6-7:30.
- April 16 – trip planned to Elysburg. 10 people signed up
- April 23 – trip to Danville – 9 people signed up
- Community in need of canned food. Collection boxes to be placed on front porch and possibly at Rooke Chapel.
- Tsunami relief – Class of 2008 selling bracelets after spring break, possibly holding a bake sale – sorority/fraternity donations of 1 doz. Cookies will count as 1 hr. of service, might have a basket raffle.
- The Vincentians have asked for our help in raising monies for shelters and facilities for homeless men. Kim passed the letter of request to the committee for review.

Father Marty covered the following points on the agenda:

- He stated that the Kentucky trip and the Catholic Lecture series would be discontinued next year, and these funds would be used elsewhere.
- The fall calendar information needs to be to Mike by April 20th so that spaces can be reserved.
- Special recognition should be given to the seniors who have participated in CCM all 4 years.
- Van drivers are needed. CCM will cover the cost of the course to be certified. Please submit names to Mike or Kim.
- The CCM web page should be updated by April 15 with information for the incoming class of 2009 so that it will be available for Open House.
- The Event Forms will be available on line for ease of accessibility.
- The next meeting will be April 10, 2005 at 12:30 PM in LC 246