

Catholic Youth Ministers Association - Fox Valley  
Minutes 10/16/2008  
St Bernardø

**Present:** Anna Donnermeyer, Jane Angha, Celia McKee, Bill Nettekoven, Steve Pable, Donna Cherry, Elisa Tremblay, Chris Thielen, Cindy Kyles-Werth, Peter Gagnon

**Opening prayer** led by Jane Angha

**Minutes approved**

**Agenda Approved**

**Treasurers report:**

Currently there is a balance of \$3273.14 in the checking account. However the Evangelization night will most likely result in a loss of about \$1000.

**National Youth Day**

October 26 11:00 am ó 5:00 pm St Thomas More. there is still room for more youth to sign up. Flyer was passed out

**Regional in-service:**

Wed October 29 5:30-9:00 St Gabriel Neenah. Great opportunity for catechist and volunteers especially in the light of there not being a Gathering. Multiple workshops.

**Youth evangelization night**

Currently we have 480 youth signed up. This leaves room for about 300-350 more youth. Parishes can still sign up. Cost \$2 per student. The night will also be offered to those participating in Youth Unity Night.

2 students are needed for the procession from each parish. Parishes with students interested in one of the brief witness talks should contact Pat Coonen

**Connections:**

Sunday November 9, 6:00ó8:00 St Joeø parish (website lists time as 6:30-8:30 but most promoted 6:00 we will go with that time frame. The Theme is Jesus ø8, from Outside da Box.

**NCYC:**

November 19-22, 2009. Adults are needed to fill various leadership roles including: Registrations and hotels, Bus, t-shirt design, brochure design, breakfast (unless provided by hotel or parishes go on their own), snacks for bus, evening sharing, organize a pre-event leaders meeting or group rally, fundraising and trading items, organize itinerary and list of items to pack. Mark is taking initial numbers to preregister the group, Bill volunteered to organize busing and develop a brochure. The CYMA FV group would like to involve leaders from the parish not in the CYMA FV that the trip be organized by all.

**Lock—in**

Feb 13-14 2009 10:00pm-7:00am Heart of the Valley. We decided to include DVD/projector, inflatable obstacle course, swimming, and volleyball, but not slide or the gymnastic center. Cost will be \$15 and include pizza and soda.

## **Faith FACTOR**

We set the dates for July 14, 15, 16 2009. this will be finalized at the November meeting,

## **Galactic Bowling**

Thomas more has gone and is interested in opening the event to other parishes. They will let the group know when they plan to do it again

## **Adopt a highway.**

CYMA has adopted a highway 55 just south of Freedom. We need to do a better job in the future of covering this area. Steve mentioned that he may be able to get a group to clean yet this month. Bill is planning to have his parish go out in April, Faith Factor will cover it in July.

## **Discussion took place on reaching students not enrolled in R.E. or in Catholic schools.**

Some suggestions were mailing letters/newsletters, birthday and Christmas cards, phone calling and visiting the students and presenting them with a youth Bible.

A discussion also took place regarding out of parish tuition fees, some parishes have a reciprocity agreement with linked or neighboring parishes for in parish fees. Others charge double the regular fee, others charge more. Whatever the parish policy we need to be pastoral and compassionate in our dealings with the families. Many chooses to send their kids to other parishes for a variety of reasons: friends go there, schedule fits better, closer than the parish they belong to.

## **Sharing topic: Fundraising ideas**

Brat fry (w/knight of Columbus) the Knight of Columbus and Catholic knights will often sponsor youth trips or make donation to youth programs. Toilet fundraiser: place a decorated toilet in someone's yard and they pay to have it moved to another's yard.

## **Sharing topic for next month:**

Next meeting: November 20 at St Ed's in Mackville. At 12:30. this is a change from the original schedule of 11/13 at Sacred Heart. Bill will verify the date and place.