

Ministry Team / Committee: Children & Youth

Date of Meeting: February 1, 2016

Lead Chair: Tammy Crawford

Co-chair: Sue Prescott

In Attendance: Tammy Crawford, Sue Prescott, Mary Jo Casalena, Amanda Turner, Laura Vent, Nicole Clark, Denise Steele, Jeanette Croner, Emily Weinhold, Breanna Halkovich, Liz Miller, Pastor Weinhold

Topic	Discussion Points to Note	Actions, Decisions, Recommendations
Welcome and Gathering Prayer	Pastor Weinhold welcomed returning and new members and thanked everyone for their commitment to the youth of our parish. He offered the opening prayer.	Noted.
Review Recent Ministry Team Events	<p>Advent Day – Nov. 29, 2015 Amanda Casteel coordinated the craft. Barb Short and Sue Prescott coordinated the refreshments. The morning included a preview of the upcoming Christmas Pageant and an opportunity to paint new Nativity pieces.</p> <p>Family Festival – December 20, 2015 The Children’s Pageant was a huge hit yet again. The committee felt the children did a wonderful job. The Cantata and Dinner were well done but not as well attended.</p>	<p>The committee recommended that we keep this on the schedule for the upcoming year.</p> <p>The committee recommended that we keep this on the schedule for the upcoming year. The schedule of events will change slightly. Next year will start with a Musicale, then the Children’s Pageant, followed by the dinner. Pastor David is looking into improvements for the microphone system as well.</p>
Action Items and Upcoming Events	<p>Lent Day – February 14, 2016 This will be held during Sunday School Time. The children will be singing songs led by Kevin and Heidi Rizzo. The craft will be scenes of Holy Week.</p> <p>Holy Communion – March 24, 2016 Pastor David and Pastor Short will be holding their fun and informative session on Holy Communion for families and children again on Maundy Thursday.</p> <p>Easter Celebration – March 27, 2016</p>	<p>Emily Weinhold and Amanda Turner will coordinate the craft. Middle School Youth will assist. Laura Vent and Mary Jo Casalena will coordinate refreshments. Jeanette Croner offered to help as needed that morning.</p> <p>Liz Miller offered to make “flashcards” for the larger words used.</p> <p>Nicole Clark and Jeanette Croner will coordinate</p>

	<p>There will be an Easter Breakfast coordinated by the Adult All Parish Ministry Team followed by an Egg Hunt for the children.</p> <p>Easter Celebration in Song – April 3, 2016 Pastor Weinhold noted that this will take place during the Sunday School Hour and will consist of Easter music performed by the choir, cantors and children.</p> <p>Confirmation Sunday – May 15, 2016 Pastor David noted that there may be 7 youth confirmed by Bishop Michael at the 8:30 Eucharist. A reception will follow at 9:30am.</p> <p>End of the Year Celebration – May 22, 2016 The celebration will take place during the Sunday School Hour. Music will be performed by the choirs, cantors, children, instrumentalists, as well as a hymn sing. Parish members who serve the church will be recognized. Refreshments will follow, coordinated by the Adult All Parish Ministry Team.</p> <p>Baccalaureate – May 22, 2016 at 2:00pm Pastor David noted that the service will begin at 2:00pm followed by a cookie and punch reception.</p> <p>VBS 2016 – June 12 to 16, 2016 from 6-8pm Liz Miller introduced this year's theme – Cave Quest "Following Jesus, the Light of the World". The week will begin on Sunday and end on Thursday again this year. Liz suggesting a special event for the last day. Please email her with any ideas or suggestions.</p>	<p>the Egg Hunt. They will create two areas – Under 3 and Over 4. The Youth Group will fill the eggs on March 20 and help hide the eggs before the hunt.</p> <p>Liz Miller is going to encourage the Youth Group to perform a song as well.</p> <p>Reception coordinators will be Laura Vent and Amanda Turner. Middle School and Senior High Youth will not have Sunday School Class. They are encouraged to attend the reception.</p> <p>Tammy Crawford and Emily Weinhold will coordinate the refreshments. A sign-up sheet will be posted for donations of cookies (30 dozen total). Punch will be made ahead of time. Liz suggested having bottles water to give to the choir when they finish singing.</p> <p>A VBS planning meeting will take place on Apr. 4, 2016 at 6:30pm. Jeanette Croner suggested ending the week at the Caverns in Manns Choice followed by a trip to Sundaes Ice Cream. Sue Prescott will contact the owner of the caverns.</p>
	Faith-n-Fun –	Noted

<p>Updates</p>	<p>Liz Miller reported that Faith-n-Fun is going well with 20 regular attendees. Emily Weinhold and Miriam Peck, along with Liz, coordinate the program. More adults are still needed to help.</p> <p>Sunday School Under 3 This will be "As Needed" with Amanda Turner. Room will remain open during services for families that need to utilize it.</p> <p>Pre-K and K-5 Liz Miller noted that Sunday School is going well. She noted that we will begin recycling the curriculum in 2017.</p> <p>Middle School Mary Jo Casalena reported that the class is going well with games and weird Bible stories. She and Amanda Casteel are using the book that Sue gave them and one that Mary Jo purchased.</p> <p>High School Sue Prescott said that she averages 8-10 per class. They are studying church history and will follow with Martin Luther. Sue mentioned that they are a good group that are not afraid to ask questions. Pastors help her with answering all of their insightful questions.</p> <p>Youth Ministries: Confirmation Ministry Pastor Weinhold reported that Confirmands and their Mentors will have their Spring Gathering on Sunday, April 17, 2016. There is the potential of 7 youth being confirmed on May 15.</p> <p>Middle School &amp; Sr. High Youth Events and Activities</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
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	<p>Pastor David mentioned that the Pittsburgh Youth Quake was a wonderful weekend with a bouncy speaker and great band. He reviewed the upcoming events and mentioned that a parent helper was needed for the lock-in scheduled for April 8..</p> <p>Summer at Sequanota Pastor David noted that Cabin Camp will be July 3-8, 2016. Youth may also use their raised funds toward another week at camp, if that week does not work with their schedules</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
Other Thoughts and New Ideas:	Tammy Crawford asked about Faith n Fun for 2016-2017 and how children in other districts would be able to attend. Pastor David mentioned that Faith n Fun may be following a different model next year to encourage more adult helpers and allow for other children to attend.	The committee will continue to brainstorm ideas to decide what is best for the children in our parish.
Next meeting	Monday, April 25, 2016 at 6:00pm	Noted
Respectfully submitted, Tammy Crawford, Committee Chair		