

Notes from the PP meeting on May 13th, 2015

1. Discussion with Mrs. Johnson about school activities.

There are a number of end of the year concerts and festivities happening this month.

Enrollment for 2015-16 is currently at 454. There are enough children for 8 preschools. 99% of families that are eligible to return will return next year. The Walk-a-thon is next week. Each family is asked to have a minimum of \$50 donation.

The last day of school is June 5th. The first day of daycare is June 8th for children that have been in the school for a year. The last day of daycare is the last day of July.

The standardized test scores were received recently. Every grade level in each of the 26 subtest, was above the 50%.

The average for 7th Grade was above 70% percentile, representing 80% poverty. Many of those students did not read independently until much later than average.

The average for 3rd Grade reading was about 60%.

Next year St. Helen will use the ASPIRE test, which is part of the ACT testing. This is a more rigorous test. The Archdiocese as a system achieved Advanced Accreditation two weeks ago. This is an internationally recognized Accreditation. St. Helens will be visited by this group in 2017.

2. Old Business:

a. St. John Paul II celebration, May 17th: Update from committee

Sunday after the 12:30 mass in the Social Center. There is a short video of JP II and a group of young people interacting. Fr. Frank will speak about his memories of JP II, and a Q&A session following. Kasias will cater.

38 people are currently signed up. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Eileen, Pam and Ben met with a member from the YA ministries and discussed various events, including the JPll event. A representative from the YA ministry office will attend, and will promote their trip to World Youth day in Krakow.

YA Group

- Theology on Tap- this is something suggested by the YA ministry to attract one of the primary demographics of our neighborhood. The format is four consecutive weeks on a certain day (Hopefully Mondays- 7/8-8/12) and will partner with St. Clements and perhaps another group. There will be a speaker each week. They will begin promoting in June.
- Oktoberfest or a Potluck is an idea for a fall event.
- During Advent do a service event.

In general, the YA Group is looking to find new ways to promote. Neighborhood Association, Community Page, and in Bars were suggested.

Pam has taken over the St Helen YA Facebook page.

b. Faith Formation for 3-5 year olds: Update from Sabina

She will put something in the bulletin asking for someone to run this event with her. The format proposed is a four class session:

Advent/December, Baptism/January, Lent/March, Easter/May

3. New Business:

Rummage Sale on 6/6

- The Ukrainian Villiage Association is having a joint Yard Sale on 5/30 for the neighborhood, where they will publicize multiple Yard Sales on that date. We decided to move our Rummage Sale to 5/30 to coincide with this neighborhood Yard Sale.

Update from meeting with the Archdiocese about the Parish Turnaround Program.

Parish Turnaround- to make us financially stable. This is a year old program. 40 parishes were identified to be a part of this program. 9 parishes are beginning this process now. This process involves 6 months of support from the Archdiocese.

Parish Transformation- to renew the vibrancy of the parish and the ministries of the parish. This effort is more self-initiated process.

The archdiocese would like our parish to remain and is not currently planning on closing us. They are willing to work with us to help bring up our attendance which will hopefully help us be financially stable. The Archdiocese would like to work with 15-40 parishioners in this Parish Turnaround process.

The first meeting with the Parish Turnaround team and the large group of Parishioners will be 5/28 6pm in Bingo Hall.

Refer to the slides (attached) for more information regarding this process.