

FAMILY LIFE REPORT

Family Life Center

Mission:

- To support our Church (Families, Youth, Ladies Club, Men's Club, Scouts, K of C, etc.)
 - A. St. John Vianney Parish functions. (Ash Wednesday Mass, CYBL)
 - B. Other Catholic Churches (OLSS basketball practice)
 - C. Community (ECHO, Hospice, Daughters of Abraham)
 - D. Non-profits (ACLT, CMH)
 - E. Schools & Government Agencies
- To offer free and/or affordable programs/entertainment to the parish (plays, camps, sports).

Highlights:

- The Drama Ministry will perform 2 plays. In November they will perform "The Great Nursing Home Escape" and then another play during the Eater season. The Drama Ministry is a ministry – not a money maker. The Drama Ministry breaks even at the end of the fiscal year. All plays are by donation.
- CYBL program continues to grow. Again, like last year, we had a waiting list. The increase in enrollment is by word of mouth. Scholarships available to parishioners. Adult volunteers for the program are overwhelming. The snack bar is a big hit and a financial success during the Saturday games. CYBL practice Mon, Tues, Thur, Fri - with games on Saturday. Jim Rodenhaver and Tray Sirman are the coordinators.
- First Sunday Breakfast continues to be a favorite monthly event. Attendance is the same - but, donations are down. (Sept thru June)
- Adult Volleyball (Monday nights) – the attendance is down, attended mostly by non-parishioners. \$4.00 parishioners and \$5.50 non-parishioners per night.
- Open Gym (Tuesday nights) continues to be successful programs for the community. Both nights bring in a steady income. Parishioners are free and non-parishioners pay \$3.00.
- Soccer fields are well used. Soccer practices and games are held Spring and Fall, Mon – Fri. Pre-school, K of C & Youth Group are some of the parish groups who use the fields.
- The Pavilion is used by all groups in the parish. (pre-school, K of C, Youth Group, Men's Club, Ultreya).
- We offered Drama Camp this summer. Volleyball and Basketball Camp were dropped.
- This year the FLC ran Vacation Bible School "The Vatican Express." It went well. I plan to run the program next summer. I already have a volunteer staff in place.
- The Teen Club meets on the fourth Sunday of the month in the FLC.

- The Craft Show was a great success this year, well attended. We had to park cars on the outside of the soccer fields. Next year we will park cars in the parking lots across Main Street.
- “Faith on Film” was not well attended. We cancelled several films.
- The K of C and Jan Pedone are planning a “March 4 Life” program in the Theatre this Jan. 2014. We are coordinating this event with JDW.
- I am working with Eileen Doran to host a “Talent Extravaganza” in March 2014. Promoting the event will start soon.
- Hospice held their annual “Festival of Trees” at the FLC in November 2013. It was very successful. We had a few problems which we can work out for next year (Nov. 2014). Hospice needs to rent large trash bins and work on parking and bus transportation. I talked with parishioners who attended this event and they said it was a good idea to try this event again.

Key Members:

- Building Manager – Joann Scanlan
- Monitors – Dickie Hayes, Conrad White (Open Gym) Sabrina Wright (Adult VB).
- Kitchen – Larry Donnelly
- Sound Booth – Asking for volunteers.
- Drama Ministry – Rita Leclerc and Gisela Victoria
- CYBL Coordinator – Jim Rodenhaver and Tray Sirman
- Rel. Ed. – Jan Pedone (Wed. nights)
- Crystal Moore cleans the FLC on Saturday or Sunday, depending on the schedule.

Strengths:

Parish support, my strength still rests in my volunteer staff. The volunteers are amazing.

I receive compliments on the building all the time:

- How clean the building is.
- How organized we are.

Weakness:

Providing programs for the children during the summer months. We dropped Volleyball and Basketball camp this year. We keep summer camps at a reasonable rate – compared to other community camps. I always check the price of other camps in the community to compare rates.

Weakness (as always) is the yearly financial deficit.

The FLC receives many requests from groups/organizations to use the facility for free. We cannot help all these groups with free rentals. Our operation costs are approximately \$350 per day. If the FLC honored all the requests for free rentals I would be over-whelmed.

Goals:

- All groups and organizations to submit their yearly calendar on time. This will allow Mike Lewnes and me to schedule events without any conflicts. And, if any changes are made to their original calendar - please notify us so we can adjust the master calendar. Planning is critical with so many parish groups using the building.
- Break even financially at the end of the fiscal year.
- Jan Pedone would like to coordinate a “Work Camp” this summer (2014). This camp would be run by SJV, not an outside organization.

Personal Favor:

Please remember any fundraisers, approved by the Pastoral Council, held at the FLC, should be brought to my attention for DATE approval. I have had 2 conflicts this year. I am here to support the parish and I enjoy my work – but, I have events scheduled in advance and like to look at my calendar before any decisions are made. Thank you.

Joann Scanlan
Building Manager

Ladies Club Highlights for 2013 (Barbara Johnson)

We Held:

(2) Dinner and a Movie (January/June)

(3) Saturday Coffee Meetings (Feb/April/May)

March: helped Joann Scanlan with the St. Patrick's Day dinner fundraiser

Organized/Set up the Deacons Luncheon

Helped with Annual Church Picnic

November 9th: Annual Craft & Home Vendor Show fundraiser by the Ladies Club

(FLC gets proceeds from Admission, snack bar and crafters table sales)

Ladies club proceeds were given to the Building Fund , breakdown below

Home Vendor tables sales \$1,395

Crafts sold \$1,093

Bake Sale \$ 550

Raffle(desk/clock) \$ 810 (so far, Drawing is Dec 8th)

Total donated to the Building fund \$3,848.00

Nov 29/30 - Helped Joann Scanlan with the Snack Bar during the Festival of Trees

Angel Tree Drive 2013: collected gifts for 100 children and 65 for the Adult Day Care, Friendly Health Care Services and the Alzheimer's Unit . Gifts will be delivered December 18-19th

December 7th Annual Ladies Club Christmas Social, all the women of the parish are invited.

December 29th Organize luncheon for Marie LeBark

Youth Group

(Cathy Berger)

The Youth Group is open to all high school teens - 9th through 12th grades.

Youth Group has changed its meeting schedule since last report and currently meets the 4th Sunday of each month. 0

Adult Team Leaders: Beth Butler, Cathy Berger, Christa Smallwood, Bernadette Supanick, Alicia & Fred Joseph, Cee Cee Dalton, Bonnie Brown Young Adult Leaders: Danielle Rogers, Kaitlyn Shainer

2013 Accomplishments

- During 2013 Lent, Youth Group presented Friday night Stations of the Cross.
- Youth Group teens helped paint faces at SJV Family picnic.
- Youth in participating in 11:15 Mass to include Lectors, ushers, and gifts. We have a few Young Adults serving as Eucharistic Ministers on 4th Sundays.
- On many 4th Sundays Youth Group has signed up for hospitality.
- We have caroled during Christmas at Nursing Center*.
- During Lock-in. Youth created hand made Christmas cards for Soldiers
- During Lock-In youth donated school supplies and made gift bags to be distributed by food pantry.
- During Lock in all youth participated in Group Adoration (1/2 hour) as well as prayed for intentions submitted by congregation.
- Youth Group collected Coats for Catholic Charities Coat drive.
- Many of the youth who attend Youth Group were also participants at Catholic Heart Work Camp in NC where they performed a variety of service projects.

Fun Activities:

- Youth Group this year has had a couple of "off campus" activities":
 - Bowling
 - Mini golf
 - Kings Dominion*
 - Mass at National Cathedral and visit to the Shrine and Seminary.
- On campus FLC activities include:
 - ice breakers (team building)
 - Kick Ball
 - Water fight in Summer

Notes:

- Alicia is authorized and has sufficient license to drive SJV bus. Bus has been used for transport on a couple of occasions (with prayers and the mechanical help of J.Scanlon).
- Most of activities are paid for by participants and YG Leaders.

Goal for future - continue on current path to build ongoing relationship with parish teens and engage them activities, worship and service.

Girl Scouts (Monica Mower)

We have ten Cadets (middle school) aged scouts currently meeting at the church. Now that the girls are 12 we will be able to do more service projects and take on larger tasks. The girls are always looking for service projects – to earn their Silver Trefoil they each need 100+ hours of community service with 20 hours plus at each level (local, council, national and international). In addition the girls will be starting work on their Silver Awards in the next few months – they will each be doing an individual service project of at least 50 hours showing leadership and creating a lasting impact on the community. In addition they are hoping to do more camping this year - our first camping trip of the spring will be with the service unit April 12 at King's Landing.

Some of our recent service projects were:

- Visiting the veteran's at Charlotte Hall with flag pins and cookies
- Mulching and replanting the garden in front of the Family Life Center
- Writing letters and cards to kids with cancer
- Running a booth for youth day at the county fair on health and nutrition awareness
- Decorating a tree for the Festival of Trees

Upcoming service projects include:

- Making Lyme disease awareness ribbons for all schools with the health department
- Working on the landscaping around the Family Life Center
- Running an activity station at Women's Health Day in May
- Running a session at the Catholic Girl Scout retreat in November

Our girls working on completing their Program Aid training have been helping at religious education to complete their 25 hours of service to younger children. We are also getting ready to start the religious emblem program for middle school girls (the Marian Medal) with girls from our troop and other parishioners who are girl scouts. We are hoping to host the fall younger Girl Scout retreat for the Archdiocese in November.

There are two schools that have K-1 graders looking for Daisy troops because of a lack of leaders. The service unit is happy to train anyone who has the time and talent to dedicate to being their leader. We always have lots of parents willing to help, but no one who wants to take charge.

Boy Scouts (Don Mower)

Boy Scouts have 32 boys in the troop. Two Eagle Scouts.

They are desperately looking for new projects for their Journey to Excellence. Journey to Excellence" is the BSA's council performance recognition program designed to encourage and reward success and measure the performance of our units, districts, and councils. It is meant to encourage excellence in providing a quality program at all levels of the BSA. In order to achieve recognition, the benefactor of the program (projects) needs to be the Charter (St. John Vianney).

Current projects in consideration for Parish:

- Benches along hiking trail.
- A "Gerardo"
- New Picnic Tables