

Pastoral Council

Family Life Report

November 2014

Family Life Center 2013/2014

Joann Scanlan

Building Manager

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:

- Drama Ministry - Rita Leclerc has stepped down from being the Director of plays for the Drama Ministry. There will be no play this November. I need to find a new director. Rita is still a member of the Drama Ministry.
- 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 way down, attended mostly by non-parishioners. \$4.00 parishioners and \$5.50 non-parishioners per night. I need to work on promoting this program.
- 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 "Godspell Jr." Volleyball and Basketball Camp were dropped. I will be looking for coaches to run the summer sports camps next summer.
- This year the FLC ran Vacation Bible School "Weird Animals." 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.
- “Twice Loved Consignment” is a family consignment shop with children’s clothes. This is a good event for the community. Families can purchase used clothing at a reasonable price.
- The league of Women Voters held “Meet the Candidates” forum. It was well attended. This is another event that helps the community.
- Hospice will hold their annual “Festival of Trees” at the FLC in November 2014. It was very successful last year.
- ECHO will hold their “Empty Bowl Supper” at the FLC again this year.
- The “Drug Education Seminar” held Sept. 17 - hosted by Libby Cataldi was very well attended. We had to put chairs in the aisles. I had parishioners seated in the sound booth.
- I will be working on the 50th anniversary timeline. The timeline will be posted in the Lobby of the FLC.

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 – Looking for a new director.
- 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. (finding coaches seems to be the problem) sports programs are big in Calvert County and coaches are hard to find.

Weakness (as always) is the yearly financial deficit.

The FLC receives many requests from groups/organizations to use the facility for free. The Parish Council will decide who has fund-raisers/raffles at the FLC.

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.

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.

**Girl Scouts
Monica Mower**

The Cadette Troop is getting ready to decorate a tree again for the Festival of Trees and preparing a workshop for younger girls on healthy friendships. The girls will be starting their silver projects soon, which will be 11 girl designed and led service projects of at least 50 hours. We will also be helping the Boy Scouts with the 50th anniversary hike.

In the past few months we have:

- led workshops for the younger scouts at the Catholic Committee on Scouting retreat (and will lead again at St. Elizabeth's in Rockville this fall)
- attended the teen retreat "The Many Faces of Mary" in October
- girls are working on their Marian Medal
- Filled the holes in the main field for blind dogs and put in a mulched path for the dogs in wheel chairs to use (and of course took the dogs out for a hike) at Pets with Disabilities
- Ran the "Farmer for a Day" booth at the Calvert County Fair
- Kept the small children busy at the Calvert Women's Health Fair
- Collected toiletry items for DHR to give to the homeless and inmates newly released from prison
- Done some things solely for fun as well like the Corn Maze and camping
- We are always looking for Service Project ideas and opportunities for leadership.
- Lynn Farnsley is the Leader for the new Brownie troop (2nd graders). I know they are still getting settled in. They have been moved from the Columbus Room to the Teen Room in the FLC, and are still settling in over there. I know talking to Lynn after the last meeting she didn't know where the brooms were kept and so they swept the floor with napkins and bare hands. And it was hard for the Brownies to get the furniture set up and broken back down. But they are learning – a scout leaves a place better than they found it.

Boy Scouts Don Mower

- Since last year
- we had 2 eagle projects done at the church and another one at Kings Landing Park
- We had 2 boys receive their Ad Altari Dai award.
- We have a group of Boys and Adults preparing for a trip to the Philmont Scout reservation in New Mexico for 10 days of back packing in the mountains.
- We had 5 boys elected into the Order of the Arrow (which is like the national honor society of scouting).
- We have 4 boys and myself as members of the Annual Scout Religious Retreat committee.
- **The ADW Catholic Committee on Scouting has asked if we would like to host the Annual Cubs Day For Jesus (It a one day retreat type of activities for Cub scouts) they work on crafts and activities where they can earn patches for the Rosary or learning about Saints (all ranks have some religious requirement that the boy Must complete), but we would need the church's approval for that.**
- The boys are looking forward to helping with the Church's bike trip and hike next year. And Since we received approval to start a Venturing Crew we are currently talking with the District Rep on getting it started, we already recruited a leader for it, we just need to make sure we have everything in place before we recruit the youth.

Cub Scouts Tamara Mussmann

- We have 35 scouts in our pack. We have 6 adult leaders and 3 adult committee members.
- We have done 3 service projects for the 2014 calendar year.
- We have 2 service projects we will be doing for the 2015 calendar year.
- **We have faced a challenge this new school year with our base school we recruit out of. We always did a beautification service project at the school, but the new administration would like to change that. We are looking at different options such as doing a beautification at Calvert Country School.**
- We have also added Farming for Hunger as another project.

Men's Club
Steve Cloak

- Upcoming events:
 - o seafood feast at December meeting
 - o election new officers at December meeting
 - o followed by planning for the coming calendar year activities
- Overall, this year the men's club donated many hours
 - o baking cookies for the Kairos prison ministry
 - o supported the parish picnic and the crafts fair
 - o helped a few needy folks who required manpower for moving their belongings to new homes or executing repairs for them
 - o provided manpower to the food pantry

Ladies Club
Barbara Fallin

Ladies Club Highlights for 2014-2015

- March: helped Joann Scanlan with the St. Patrick's Day dinner fundraiser
 - August: Helped with Annual Church Picnic
 - November 8th: 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
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| Home Vendor tables sales | \$1,525 |
| Crafts sold | \$1,017 |
| will sell remaining crafts at 1 st Sunday Breakfast in December , so this will increase | |
| Bake Sale | \$ 423 |
| Raffle (game table) | \$ 475 (so far, Drawing is Dec 14 th) |
| Cook book sales | \$151 |

Total donated to the Building fund in 2014 so far \$3,591.00

- **Nov 28/29/30 - Helping Joann Scanlan with the Snack Bar during the Festival of Trees**
- **Angel Tree Drive 2014: will be collecting gifts for 180 children and 70 for the Adult Day Care, Friendly Health Care Services and the Alzheimer's Unit . Gifts will be delivered December 17-19th**
- **December 14th Annual Ladies Club Christmas Social, all the women of the parish are invited.**
- **January 2015 : Saturday Coffee**
- **On the committee for the 50th Anniversary for the Parish**
- **Ladies Club with help out with the April 2015 Banquet**
- **November Silent Auction/Play**
- **December, New Year's Eve dance**

Youth Group Cathy Berger

- The Youth Group is headed by Beth Butler, with the help of several other adult leaders: Christa Smallwood, Bernadette Supanick, Fred and Alicia Joseph, Bonnie Brown and Young Adults: Danielle & Katherine.
- The Youth Group continues to meet the 4th Sunday of each month participating in the Liturgy of the Word and Eucharist. Youth also lend their time and talent in presenting gifts, ushering and lending their voices to the choir. The Youth Group often signs up for Hospitality on 4th Sundays as well (following 11:15 mass). Some of the activities they have enjoyed together since last year:
 - Lock in
 - Adoration
 - Church Prayer Intentions
 - School Supply Bags for distribution at Food Pantry
 - Made Christmas Cards for Soldiers
 - Christmas Caroling at Senior Center
 - Stations of the Cross Presentation during lent
 - Christian Music Laser Bowling
 - Youth went to Boston for CHWC
 - Meet & Greet BBQ & Water Battle
 - Mini Golf
 - Pumpkins Carving Contest
- Still to Come
 - Lock In (November 21)
 - Christmas Caroling