

Adult Enrichment Team Meeting Minutes

October 22, 2009

Present: Sue Gruenwald, Robin Olson, Theresa Woeller

The committee began with a prayer at 6:40 pm.

The committee handed out an enrichment program interest survey at the Ministry Fair and at Masses. Phill Unti compiled the results into an Access database and returned reports of interests, desired meeting frequencies, and preferred meeting times. The group decided to focus on topics that had 10 or more people show interest.

- Meditation and Spirituality – There was some discussion about what this topic meant. The group decided to try to get the Labyrinth at St Matthews to introduce the idea of spiritual meditation and see if there is interest for regular sessions.
- Basics of Catholic Faith – The committee was unsure who could facilitate this group. There was discussion about requirements for a facilitator and about the options to ask the RCIA team to assist with this. Robin will ask John Stodola for his input on how to find a facilitator.
- Marriage Enrichment – At St Stephens, Robin set up a program for this through the Archdiocese. She will contact the Archdiocese to see if they have facilitators available.
- Other Faiths – The group discussed offering this as a series of lectures and with the collaboration of other parishes or churches. Theresa Woeller will check with Ruth P. from the Women's Spirituality Group to see if she has any ideas.
- Scripture Study – Carol Daun and Julie Joosten have set up an Advent scripture study for Thursday evenings. They will use "The Great Adventure" DVD. The committee would like to contact the people who showed interest in the survey to make sure that they know about this.
- Power of Attorney in Healthcare – This was offered at St Matthews on Saturday, October 14th. Robin will contact the presenters to see how the session went.

The committee also noted that the majority of interest is for one-time lectures or monthly small groups. People are mostly available on Monday evenings.

The Women's Spirituality Group met on October 8th for their Potluck Dinner. Eight women attended and Theresa Woeller agreed to facilitate the discussions.

There is a good deal of interest in an Adult Book Discussion Group that would discuss The Shack. The dates have all been set by Alice and the committee decided to start the discussions in January. Blurbs will be posted in the bulletin to let people know about the group. A series of discussion questions and topics can be found on the book's website, the publisher's website, and the author's blog. There was concern about security on the night that the club is scheduled to meet since the book club would be the only group meeting on that night. Robin will get the names of the people who expressed interest from Phill so that they can be contacted.

There was a discussion about the Advent Scripture Group when the Scripture Study interest was discussed.

The committee adjourned at 7:50 pm.

For the January meeting, The committee will discuss the status of the current and upcoming programs. The team should also begin to discuss the best practices in the handout "Adult Faith Formation: A Catholic Vision".

Attached to these minutes: 3rd draft of the 2009-10 Adult Formation Opportunities calendar

With wishes for faith and peace,
Robin Olson