

Present: Members were notified (either by email, and/or Flocknote email and/or text) that the **meeting was cancelled for bad weather.**

Youth Report: Linea – Youth Group is going well! We have seen pretty steady numbers even with basketball starting up. Our average is about **15 youth on Sunday evenings.**

February 9 is our turn to minister at the **Youth Mass.** We are just short a couple of altar servers, but we don't usually have a problem getting some younger parishioners to help if we need them. There will be a whole row of greeters, a mob of ushers, and three high school youth Eucharistic Ministering! Plus Scout Sunday so we're encouraging all scouts to wear their uniforms and they will receive a blessing at Mass. Another **Adoration night on March 15** at 6:30 pm. The first one went really well and the only negative feedback was "the incense was too stinky". Linea will ask for some volunteers to help Fr. Steve during the service so that the incense can be put away when we aren't using it. This will help keep the stink down. Dan Jinguji has graciously offered to help with the music, and we hope to have Jason McDougall playing the piano again. We will invite families and the parish to participate.

A parent asked Theresa about the possibility of a **Dance sponsored by local youth groups.** There are reports of the high school dances getting a little wild and some of our youth are uncomfortable with the kinds of dancing and behavior going on at them. Theresa and Linea are interested in this idea and hope to get the Community VBS crew involved. Simpson United has a gym that would be an ideal space. We could get some fun appropriate music; have refreshments, and some games and activities. Linea has several helpers from St. Thomas More this year who like to swing dance. They expressed interest in teaching our youth some dance steps, and could possibly teach a few easy steps the night of the dance to interested youth. We are working on getting together with the other youth leaders to start planning.

Mission trip preparations are off to a good start. Right now we have 12 youth signed up and are hoping for a 13th. Because of YNIA's 5-1 ratio we will need a third chaperone, and Fr. Jeff Core has offered to fill this role!

The total cost of the trip is pretty high with the extra car rental, chaperone, and miles. We are looking at around \$13,000 total. This is a pretty big number, but if we can get 150 people to donate \$90 we will be fully funded. To that end the youth started fundraising and are off to a good start! They raised a little over \$450 with their game day hot drinks, and started selling chocolate. We ordered 50 boxes of World's Finest Chocolate and are down to about 10 boxes after one week! Linea is planning to place another order of 50 boxes soon. An interesting bonus to these fundraisers is that a lot of the funds are coming from friends and families outside of the parish. These are people who are happy to help send the youth on their trip (or just really like chocolate), but were not asked to contribute in years past. Hopefully, this will help relieve some of the pressure on the parish to raise such a large sum.

Linea is attending the **LA Religious Education Congress** with Theresa at the end of February. In her absence the Youth Group will have a **movie night on February 23!** The **sixth grade class** is invited to participate. We'll have pizza, drinks and popcorn. Youth may bring their favorite movie snack to share. **Faith Formation Report:** Theresa Great classes—fantastic catechists! We had an In-service this Sunday—preparation for Lent. During the discussion of how things are going, there was a strong response about absences. Many families are gone for sports, or other travel, and do not let the catechists know. So a class is prepared for, say 15 students, and six attend. Or, in smaller classes of six students, two or three attend. This is frustrating to the teachers and a waste of materials prepared. I will write a letter to the families, asking them to inform me of planned absences.

Adult faith formation— Ordered copies of books for the **Lent Bible study series.** We will begin promoting it next week. It is scheduled for March 1, 8, and 15. Perhaps March 22 also.

Women of the Bible — We will offer this study after Easter.

Bibles for the Sunday of the Word of God – We ordered 100 English and 25 Spanish, and there are ten Spanish Bibles left. There was an inquiry about how to read the Bible. We shared some resources. If we do this again, perhaps offer a 'beginners' class on the Bible.

An anonymous donor would like to offer another **book for the parish** at the beginning of Lent. Theresa is reviewing some possibilities.

LA Religious Education Congress—Linea and Theresa will come back filled with inspiration and ideas. A few people have approached Theresa with a yearning to do a **pilgrimage of Camino de Santiago de Compostela.** (The Way of St. James). Fr. Kevin Codd shared his experience in a book. He now has a second book written.

Sunday morning adult bible study update: We are finishing our last section of the Pivotal Players on Sunday 2/16. We will take a break on 2/23, and then start our three-week Lenten study on 3/1 (meeting 3/1, 3/8, and 3/15).

Report to Parish Council: Sunday, March 8, from 9:45-10:45 am in Fr. Steve's office.

Next Meeting is March 3 at 7:00 pm in the St. Charles room.

Opening Prayer: **Penny**; Closing Prayer: **Wendy** Refreshments: **Mary**