

Meeting notes for Young Adult Ministry  
12/22/24

Attendees: Jennifer Mahoney, Lisa Patz, Liz Rehberg  
Absent: Neil Saindon, Tabitha Falat

Agenda:

1. Discuss Jennifer's 'maternity leave'
2. Update on Community Closet from Jen
3. Discuss calendar of events for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025
4. Establish agenda for next meeting

Item 1

Jennifer provided info on how to attend Parish Council in her stead while she is on maternity leave:

- Jan 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:30- optional attendance
- Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>- 9:00am- PC strategic planning mtg- Either Liz or Lisa will attend, and have mission statement provided to PC in advance
- Discussed which months we'd prefer to be in the "Parish spotlight" for POP bulletin:
  - o Attending members chose September 2025 & Feb 2026

Item 2

Jen also provided information on the new Community Closet for consumables at POP:

- All committees to remove "consumables" i.e. paper plates, utensils etc. from their budget.
- Use items located in basement "storage closet" as needed for events.
- Order special items or bulk amounts from Janet Lotto: janet.lotto@gmail.com

Item 3

Calendar of events for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2025:

Lisa outlined the Fox Valley Via Ministry's events that had happened in previous spring in an effort to guide YAM in our community events this quarter:

Via: Once per month meeting held off-site (called "The meeting grounds" at Lawlss coffee café) to conversate on "big life topics." Via hosts this event on 1<sup>st</sup> Fridays 7:00-9:00pm

- YAM: Attending members agreed we should pursue this, but details on which day of the week are not yet decided.

Via: Divine Mercy Sunday YA retreat. Last year's was held April 5-7 at Wynnciff \$70- \$130/ room; Included speakers from diocese, confession, adoration, Mass, personal prayer time.

- YAM: Attending members agree we are not established enough to host such an event ourselves yet, but want to host a 1 day "retreat" ourselves later in year, possibly fall or early advent.
  - o Jen and Lisa are in favor of attending the Via event if held again this year, and encouraging all POP young adults to join us.

Via: Spring Dance held last April 14 @ St. Francis Cathedral center. 6-7pm included a dance lesson, 7-9 open dance.

- YAM: Jen brought up how Via has done some ballroom dance stuff and tied it to Theology of the Body. Attending members are unanimously in favor of hosting our own dance.
  - o Details:
    - Lisa mentioned Father Allouez schools used Ballroom 233 instructor for their annual fundraiser this year. Will look into cost for this service as an option for YAM. She also has a connection to the NWTC Ballroom Dance Club and will research this option as well.
    - YAM to talk to Via about theology of the body, discuss at future meeting how to incorporate this into the event
    - Light appetizers and beverages to be provided

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- Target event date: 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May

Via: Lenten Prayer Night held March 11, 2024. Included adoration with Bishop Ricken for a night of prayer.

- YAM: Liz suggests a green retreat/silent experience: prayer night, adoration, confession, no electronics allowed. Jen and Lisa agree. Target date not yet identified.

For Next mtg: Date TBD

- Establish dates for 1<sup>st</sup> quarter events discussed above.
- Discuss plan of action for personally inviting young adults we see in our community to our next event.
- Discuss a budget for YAM: Estimates based on event planning, deadline in June, protocol for establishment
- Address the establishment of Mission Statement, by-laws & constitution, future meeting schedule for YAM. Include introductory prayer and review of previous meeting's minutes.