

Youth Group Minutes from 11/11/2024

Present: Saffiya Hackel, Kateri Hackel, Amy Jacobs, Maria Severson, Katy Yessa, Kevin Yessa, Alivia Yessa, Ellie Wendtland, Sandy Wendtland, Father Alan Wierzba, Nancy Hackel

Minutes from the 8/28/2024 meeting were read. Maria Severson motioned to approve the minutes as read, Saffiya Hackel seconded. The motion passed.

The Treasurer's Report was read.

Old Business:

Kateri Hackel shared that John Bosco Youth Day was enjoyed by everyone. Four highschool students and two chaperones attended. They hope to attend next year.

One highschool student attended the Youth Leadership Retreat. The youth went with the Marshfield group.

Leaf raking went well. A good turn out. After raking leaves, youth wrote thank you notes to people who helped at the Potato Bake Taco Bar.

New Business:

Ringin bells for the Salvation Army was discussed. The group decided that if anyone would like to do this event to let Nancy know as soon as possible. If there is little interest, the family would be encouraged to register on their own.

St. John's is offering three larger events to the youth in 2025. The events are: The Pilgrimage for Life, Steubenville Conference at St. Paul, and Adventure Camp. Everyone shared what he/she knew or experienced for each of the events.

Discussion continued about each event as far as chaperones, cost, dates, and the change of registering a group. A letter to parents was sent via email on November 1, 2024. Father Alan shared that no one will be turned down due to financial reasons.

The event to Melody Gardens was tabled since Home and School did not discuss the topic.

Respectfully submitted by:
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St. John the Baptist Parish guidelines to subsidize youth who attend large events.

Due to a number of larger events offered through the Diocese of La Crosse and other Catholic Organizations, St. John the Baptist has set up guidelines to financially support youth who would like to attend one or more of the events.

Currently the events that are offered to middle and high school youth are:

Pilgrimage for Life—students currently in 8th-12th grades
Adventure Camp—students currently in 6th-12th grades
Steubenville Conferences—students currently in 8th-12th grades
Mission Trips—students currently in 8th-12 grades

The average cost for each of the above events is \$450.00. This price is early bird pricing.

Who is eligible for assistance?

Any youth from St. John the Parish and/or St. John School*.

What is required for youth to receive any financial assistance from St. John the Baptist Parish?

Youth and their families to help at the following:

- Baked Potato Taco Bar—minimum of 2 hours each.
- Two fundraisers such as the Concert in the Park, Food Truck, Lemonade/Face Painting Stand.

What will youth receive financially for an event:

Youth and their families will pay for half of the registration fee. Transportation costs will be paid by the parish. Both the reduced registration fee and transportation can be applied to 2 of the events in one fiscal year.

***What about youth who do not belong to St. John the Baptist Parish or St. John School?**

Youth who belong to another parish and do not attend St. John School are asked to do the same amount to help with fundraisers and the parish will offer a reduced registration fee as well as paying for transportation for 1 event in one fiscal year.