

PPC Meeting

May 18, 2011

Attendees: Fr. Francis Li, Joseph Kung, Paul Lau, George Lee, John Lin, Sheila Lin, Jennifer Sin, Wendy Sin, Lawrence Wong, Jade Yee

1. Report: International Cuisine Day
 - a. Sunday, June 12 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room
 - i. tickets: \$15/adult or \$40/family
 - ii. 8 demonstrations (aiming for 9)
 - iii. some entrees and samples available
 - b. raffle tickets
 - i. \$5/ticket
 - ii. first prize \$500
 - iii. second prize \$200
 - iv. third prize \$100
 - c. schedule available after this weekend (5/21 and 5/22), will coordinate equipment supply
 - d. flyer revisions
 - i. ticket pre-sale after 5/22's 9:30 mass (preferred for food estimation)
 - ii. not an endless-food buffet, more for tasting other cuisine
 - iii. all proceeds go to church tuckpointing (price more than originally anticipated)
2. Evaluation: Mothers Day Celebration
 - a. attendance good (relative to previous years)
 - b. passed out 75 bookmarks but more mothers than anticipated
 - c. bookmarks preferred over flowers
 - d. mothers were around after mass for the reception
 - e. Mullin farewell was good
3. Evaluation: CCD and School Sacraments
 - a. 17 First Communion kids, because:
 - i. maybe more Catholics or
 - ii. maybe due to school's emphasis on evangelization or
 - iii. maybe more reminders to parents (children through sacraments mean mandatory parent involvement)
 - b. current practices
 - i. Fr. Li's weekly meeting with Principal Cavallone on sacramental program
 - ii. BSJ Ministry Subcommittee
 1. for school to understand what it means to be Catholic through programs and activities for involvement
 2. function as the bridge between Church and School
 3. ideas are presented by the subcommittee but no implementation yet
 4. because of Archdiocese's accreditation of Catholic schools - Catholic identity, subcommittee should prepare written report for suggestions and follow up
 5. George to provide minutes to Fr. Francis

- iii. CCD Evaluation Meeting – early June (this past year, needed more communication between school and CCD)
 - iv. CCD Catechist Meeting – early June (for evaluation and plan for next year)
 - v. In general, need more cohesion between CCD and School sacraments
 - vi. Confirmation Mass on Saturday, June 4 at 5:00 p.m.
 - 1. 5 kids (4 from school, 1 from CCD)
 - 2. Jade to coordinate decorations
 - a. red flowers or plants by Saturday morning
 - b. contact parents (Fr. Li to send contact info to Jade)
 - c. parents will head reception
 - 3. Going forward: plans to have Confirmation in 7th and 8th grade, every two years or team up with another church for Confirmation
4. Planning: Fr. Nick's Farewell
- a. Tentative: Saturday, June 11 @ 12 p.m. in the Community Room
 - b. probably take-out from Chinatown
 - c. John to confirm with Fr. Nick
 - d. please brainstorm a gift, around \$100 but don't feel too limited by this
5. Planning: Monthly Cantonese Mass
- a. General opinion that Cantonese Masses are appreciated and make people feel at home
 - b. Option 1: do anything doable by the congregation in Cantonese, Fr. Li can fill in with Mandarin – most feasible
 - i. John to work with Fr. Li for congregation's opinion and for volunteers
 - ii. Father will print a piece in the bulletin asking for help.
 - iii. Cantonese choir
 - c. Option 2: merge Cantonese with Mandarin mass?
 - i. will need transition (Mandarin mass class for Cantonese-speakers)
 - d. Option 3: fly in priests as needed, but would have to pay all expenses – not feasible.
 - e. Option 4: Find a permanent deacon.
 - f. Based on the success that the Mandarin Group had historically finding Mandarin-speaking priests, they shared the following suggestions:
 - i. host family for each Cantonese-speaking priest we find
 - 1. help the priest
 - 2. create a relationship with the priests
 - ii. use larger number of searchers for Cantonese-speaking priests & can contact:
 - 1. Teri Nuval
 - 2. previous NACCRLA
 - 3. SVD
 - 4. Maryknolls
 - 5. Salesians
 - 6. Archdiocese of Hong Kong
 - 7. Techny
6. Planning: Fathers Day
- a. Sunday, June 19

- b. blessing & 100 pens
 - c. reception team – hot dogs and hamburgers
7. Planning: 3rd Sunday of Every Month during the Summer
- a. No Family Mass
 - b. Father's suggestion: keep the meal—even with fewer people, 2-3 trays of food would be good
8. Planning: Summer Fair
- a. Sunday, July 17
 - b. meeting soon. please bring comments.
9. Other: Tuckpointing
- a. 3 bids so far – one of the contractors not pre-certified by Archdiocese, currently waiting for approval – final selection pending
 - b. paint isn't lead, so cheaper to remove
 - c. can still finish by October if project starts soon. Pray hard.
 - d. tuckpointing project must be considerate of garden project, which will take place at the end of June
10. Other: The Strategic Pastoral Plan for the Archdiocese of Chicago 2011-2016
- a. point of contact - Wendy
 - b. pamphlet will be made available next weekend
 - c. July 2011 begins the Year of Teens and Young Adults
 - i. Chuy for resources, nothing particular yet
 - ii. Joe and Steve (teens) and Ray and Anne (young adults) will join the Strategic Planning Committee
 - iii. newly confirmed can participate in something by July 1
 - d. Ongoing – Parish Transformation/Financial Stability
 - i. collections look good for now
11. Other: Life at St. Therese
- a. social events
 - i. Chris Lowe for picnic days, maybe Linda's house
 - ii. movie nights
 - b. Eucharistic Adoration/Feast of Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)
 - i. Sunday, June 26
 - ii. Benediction after 9:30 a.m. Mass, procession from church to garden with reception outside
 - c. Ministry plans
 - i. to keep each group's members on the same page with each other
 - ii. Liturgical Ministers – renewal every year
 - iii. ministry meetings with Fr. Li
 - 1. Why do you like this ministry?
 - 2. Areas for improvement?

3. Schedule
 - a. June: Eucharistic ministers
 - b. August: lectors; musicians
 - c. Other
 - i. liturgy
 - ii. translators
 - iii. greeters
 - iv. ushers
 - iv. each ministry to develop process for easy training
 1. agenda
 2. action plan
 3. procedure (to-do lists and instructions)
 4. dual benefits: inspiration + written instructions
 - d. Lectures
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12. Other: Security
 - a. Cameron and Christian for security plan (lights and doors)
 - b. should create checklist for last person who leaves, post at doors
 - c. there are 3 doors that don't automatically lock:
 - i. Church – East and West doors
 - ii. Garden door