

JAVA MEETING MINUTES

Date: April 3, 2006
Location: St. Charles Pastoral Center
Time: 2:00 PM

Present: John Regan, Ron Beaumont, Myra Lambert, Guy Jelinek, Peter Mary Hettling, Barbara Kwiatkowski, Marjorie Westendorf, Carolyn Jost, Bernie Hart

I. Prayer: Marjorie Westendorf led us in a prayer on "seeds".

II. Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

III. Formation: "Vocations in Our Families Gathering" – John and Marjorie explained what would be happening that evening. Marjorie wrote up some guidelines and a sample lesson plan for those presenting. It is hoped to have a handout from each presenter to go in the take-home packet so that those who attend can have a guide for their own parish presentations. We went through the entire program, explaining and answering questions as these arose. It is hoped to have about 100 people attend this event. (Those presenters not present will be sent the guidelines with the dates/deadlines listed.)

IV. Programs:

A. Grade Schools – Feb. 2 Vocation Panels were at St. Mary's, Plainfield.

B. Religious Education Programs - Another site, ??? wants three priests and three sisters for a Vocation Panel. They will contact us when they have completed their registration. Barb spoke with a CCD class in Bolingbrook and has one scheduled for St. Norbert's.

C. High Schools – Joliet Catholic Academy received lots of feedback on the Vocation Fair that was held for the Juniors and Seniors. They want us to continue offering this every other year. Benet High School is having their Vocation Fair on Thursday, April 6, from 7:55 AM until 2:45 PM.

D. Youth Groups –(not applicable)

E. University Campuses – Busy Persons Retreats –Benedictine University had five students make the retreat (one of these was done the next week). Lewis had fourteen students. The Vocation Fair at Benedictine University

had good visibility. It was thought we needed a new “gimmick” – like the hats used previously-to get the students’ attention.

F. Parish Vocation Contacts –Both Miriam Days and Jeremiah Days were cancelled due to lack of interest. We are hoping that the “Vocations in Our Families” will draw a big crowd and prove to be an impetus to get vocation awareness happening in the parishes.

G. Serra Club –Ron has his newsletter out; it has a comprehensive listing of events the Serra members are hosting.

V. Status of Ongoing Projects

A. Bulletin Profiles of those in formation – unknown at this time.

B. Poster of Men and Women in Religious Formation – unknown at this time.

C. World Day of Prayer for Vocations – This is May 7, 2006. There is information online for the parishes to use. It was suggested that we check to see if any of the parishes are downloading the information.)

VI. Transition in Diocesan Vocation Office: Fr. Burke Masters (??) will be the new director. The Diocese is selling Fiat House. Hopefully a new one will be built, possibly at St. Charles. This will be determined by the next Bishop.

VII. Announcements: Barb is hosting a Discernment for Single Women on April 11 @ St. Clare of Assisi.

VIII: Next meeting: Monday, May 8

Chair: Barb Kwiatkowski

Prayer: Myra

Secretary: Nora

Formation: all - How to do “Follow-up” with interested men/women – John has some software to share; all are invited to bring ideas.