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JAVA Meeting Minutes

Date: September 12, 2005
Location: St. Charles Pastoral Center
Time: 2:00 p.m.

Present: Myra Lambert, Marybeth Martin, Marj Westendorf, Carolyn Jost, Peter Mary Hettling, Guy Jelinek, Ron Beaumont, Loren Beaudry, Barb Kwiatkowski

NOTE: I take no responsibility to the accuracy of these minutes since Fr. John decided he wanted me to get extra exercise that day by repeatedly sending me back to his office for something e.g. copies, questions asked to others, things he forgot to bring to the meeting...blah, blah, blah!! I think it was at least 45 trips back and forth!!

- I. **Prayer:** Fr. John Regan
- II. **Minutes:** August 24, 2005 minutes accepted.
- III. **Discussion:** There was an article passed out by John from the *NCDVD Journal* called *Creating a Vocation Culture: Family* by Rev. M. Jeffery Bayhi. It was asked if there is an event that we could do in Spring, possibly around Easter, e.g. a Congress where parents are brought together. Most likely it would be parents that are involved in Church already. Possibly have plants in the group. Fr. John asked Sr. Marj to check with *Generations of Faith* to see if they have any program that involves family that JAVA could hook up with. Sr. Marj explained to JAVA how *Generations of Faith* works. It involves the family. It starts with a meal and then a project is done for each age group and then everyone gathers together for the closing. You can also go to their website and print out models. Sr. Peter Mary suggested being able to get JAVA into the parishes for the RE classes to speak on vocations.
- IV. **Priorities / Projects:**
 - A. **Grade Schools** – There is a Panel & Presentation planned for St. John the Baptist School on Wednesday, October 12th for the grade school in the morning and the REP in the evening. *See Commitment Sheet*
 - B. **High Schools** – For Jeremiah Day it was suggested that religious men come that day also to help out. Sr. Barb did contact JCA about hosting a Vocation Fair and they are agreeable to it. She will get back in touch with them to see if there is a date in February available. It would be for juniors and seniors. Guy said Benet said yes to juniors, possibly seniors, in March or April. It is a scheduling issue for seniors. Guy is going to contact Elise to see how she got so many vocation directors to attend the one KAVA put together a few years ago.
 - C. **Parish Vocation Contacts** – Planning meeting is on September 20th at 10:00 a.m. at the Fiat House for the training on Saturday, October 8, 2005. Others needed to help.
 - D. **University Campuses** – *See Commitment Sheet*
 - E. **Bulletin Profiles for those in Formation** – Will start during Vocation Awareness Week.
 - F. **Poster of Men & Women in Religious Formation** – will be done as soon as possible once Nora has all the information from Ron on who is in formation and she receives their photos.

G. Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations – *See Commitment Sheet.* Sr. Sharon Marie Stola, OSB, Director of the Office of Worship for DOJ is in charge of bringing the monstrance to all of the parishes. She asked Fr. John if he could have prayer cards for each of the parishes. John is going to ask Sr. Sharon if she can bring a box of vocations materials to each of the parishes that the monstrance is going to be at. Some of the JAVA members will be present at the parishes during the time the monstrance is there. The pastors of all but one parish agreed to let JAVA come and set up a table for vocations. John told everyone they are welcome to bring materials with them. Suggestions were:

- Vision Magazine
- Prayer Cards
- Catholic Update
- Youth Update
- Jeremiah Day & Marian Day Flyers
- Brochures for their specific congregations

If anyone wants materials at the parishes they are to send about 100 brochures to the Vocation Office by the 17th or bring to the JAVA meeting that day.

V. JAVA Goals & Objectives 2005-06: John asked if there was anything that the members thought should be dropped or did they find anything lacking. It was decided to drop Section B-4 and B-5. There was discussion as whether to drop FROMOTHERS. Everyone said they want this to remain so that they can get contacts, but they also said they need that info on a more regular basis. John explained it was a lack of time available for either he or Nora to get to that. They would talk about getting someone in the office to help with the data entry. John said a young adult website might be a better way to go and one is in the works but it is still just a prototype. John will talk about that website and his vocations.com website at the next meeting.

VI. Adjournment

VII. Next Meeting: **Monday, October 17, 2005**
Location: St. Charles Pastoral Center
Chair: Guy Jelinek
Prayer: Myra Lambert
Secretary: Nora Labanauskas
Formation: Fr. John Regan – Vocation Website

Note: Marybeth talks to herself even when others are present (Must be something to do with being 50!!!)

