

Couple to Couple League of Northwest Indiana
Chapter Meeting
October 19, 2013 at Our Lady of Consolation, Merrillville

Meeting opened with welcome from the St. Gianna Molla Respect Life Group (SGMRLG) of Our Lady of Consolation (OLOC). Members in attendance: Jim & Dawn Czarnik (TC), Kearney Szevery (TC), Rosanne Kouris (TC), Gregg & Colleen Degen (TC), and Todd & Julie Zasada (TC).

Old Business

- Franciscan Alliance Hospital Network. NO UPDATE, NO CONTACT MADE.
- Re-run ad in NWIC marriage supplement in February 2014. DONE
- Presence at RTL dinners. TABLES NO LONGER SET-UP FOR GROUPS. SCHEDULE ADS IN THE AD BOOKS FOR PORTER (FALL 2014), LAKE (SPRING 2015), AND LAPORTE (??).
- Provide brochures to St. Anthony's prenatal assistance program. JZ TO DO.
- Kearney & Dawn to research possible bridal fair and women's fair participation. ADDT'L RESEARCH ON PORTER CO EARTH DAY & NATURAL MEDICAL PROVIDERS (KS), LIBRARY AND UNIVERSITY HEALTH FAIRS (DC).
- Breastfeeding/fertility brochure for NWI Breastfeeding Coalition resource manual. JZ TO DO.
- Follow-up with Rosanne on "organic" themed NFP brochure alternative for diocese. JZ & RK TO DO. ALSO CHAPTER BROCHURE.
- Kearney/Doula/DONA International. KS TO PROVIDE APPROPRIATE WEB LINK FOR OUR WEBSITE.
- NWI CCL-trained couples. KEARNEY TO ASK CENTRAL FOR LIST TO BEGIN OUTREACH.
- Area Chapters & North Central Region. JZ HAS EMAIL INTO CENTRAL RE: REGIONAL GATHERINGS.

Chapter Activity

Teaching – General conversation and questions about teaching, marriage prep impact on classes, charting follow-up, etc.

- Szevery's are holding a 1-hour intro class on 4/12/2014 based partially on "Authentic Love Empowering Marriages" power point (which is available on Volunteer Connections).
- Kearney recommended student/teacher follow-up at 4 and 6 month marks as outlined by Central – just sends an email.

Publicity

- Tuesday, June 10th (happy 40th Bday Dawn!) – SGMRLG pro-life workshop. Rosanne & Julie to staff.
- Saturday, September 20th – SJE/Franciscan health fair from 8am – 1 pm – SEEKING VOLUNTEERS TO STAFF IN SHIFTS. STUDENTS CAN ALSO STAFF THE TABLE, DOES NOT HAVE TO BE TEACHERS.

Chapter Meetings

- Next meeting will be Saturday, October 4, 2014 at 10 am (presumably at OLOC. JZ to ask Janet from SGMRLG to sponsor the meeting).
- Also save date Saturday, April 18, 2015 at 10 am.

Chapter Accounts – For 7/1/2013 to 6/30/2014 F.Y. (as of 4/4/2014): Beg balance Central Acct \$382.92, revenue from course kits \$775, expenses \$491.46, End balance Central Acct \$666.46 – plus an additional \$230.40 in chapter checking account which is maintained separately from Central Acct.

New Business

NWI Breastfeeding Coalition (2nd Wed/month at 6 pm – Hobart hospital)

- Also noted opening of mother's milk drop at Crown Point OB/GYN

- Kearney mentioned shop in Valpo that connects donors mothers with moms-in-need too.

Diocesan Relationship –Rosanne is employed by diocese for 8 hours/week. Coordinating Diocesan marriage prep (among many other things) using Ascension Press “Joy-Filled Marriage.” Three class series will be offered from 9 am to 2 pm, 6 times/year, 3 consecutive Sat or Sun. Seeking TC’s to teach NFP – 3 qty 1 hour classes embedded within the Joy-Filled agenda:

- Czarniks will teach 1 set of NFP – probably Sunday series.
- Zasadas will teach 1 set of NFP – Saturday series bet July & Nov.
- Szeverys will teach 1 set – date flexible.

A chapter meeting will be scheduled to determine which slides to teach – not all will be necessary, especially Theology of the Body slides/videos. Need to be consistent across all six Joy Filled series classes because couples can pop in and out of sequence.

USCCB NFP Awareness Week – July 20-26, 2014. Chapter picnic scheduled for Sunday July 20th at 2 pm, location TBA, potluck and BYOB. Will invite all students as well as those contacted off list from Central database.

Email Correspondence

From: Sharon Peters

We are still teaching NFP for engaged couples for St. Casimir in Hammond and Our Lady of Guadalupe may also be sending couples.