

National Youth Gathering Parent Meeting – January 14th, 2018 update 1-15-18

At this time, there are possibly 17 youth and 5 adults attending the Youth Gathering, once you know for sure please make sure you let us know so we can update the Budget. It is essential that all Youth and parents attend most if not all the fundraising opportunities in some way. We understand you will not be able to attend all, but we will be taking attendance at all fundraisers and if youth/parent are not attending they might have to pay more for the trip out of pocket.

At this time, it looks like the estimated total to raise is \$29,000.00 (this includes transportation, hotel, meals, and registration). That way the only thing each youth will need to bring is money for souvenirs, snacks, etc. The only cost that we will be asking for each person attending would be a deposit that will be around \$100-150 (unless fundraising requirements are not met. This will be announced closer to the deadline in Sept 2018.

Deadline to decide if you are attending is in Sept, if you are unsure about going, please plan to help with fundraising anyway since those not helping who decide to go might have to pay more out of pocket than others. Registration will be closed in October.

We will be having another meeting in a few months to see what other ideas and how we are doing. If you have an idea or want to head a fundraiser (we need all parents to help with heading a fundraiser) please email Erika (ekasperbauer@mchsi.com) or Pastor Peitsch.

If I forgot anything, feel free to email me and I will update the notes.

Thanks – Erika

Upcoming Fundraising Dates

- Feb 4 Souper Bowl (Cindy Simpson will head up) Saturday set up
- March 7, 14, or 21 Lent Meal (Dawn Bethke will head up) need to decide on date
- April 1 Easter Breakfast (Sat afternoon setup) eggs, sausage, biscuits & gravy, fruit, muffins, juice, water, coffee (check with Northern Lights to see what we ordered & what we still have in the Youth Leaders office) NEED someone to head up
- April 7 Babysitting during school auction - (Erika will head up and organize) taking names of who can babysit from at least 4 to 10 at the homes of the kids. Sending email out to all who were not at the meeting.
- Minimum suggested price is \$4 for 1st child, \$3 each additional child. Donations welcome. Youth will give an envelope to the parent and parent will put in the amount of the payment and give sealed envelope back to the Youth to hand in to Erika.
- Tickets go on sale Feb 14th.
- April 29 Refreshments during services
- May Purse Sale -(Jenny Shertz will head up)
- June/July Flocking - (Erika & Dianne will head up)
- July 29 Refreshments during services
- Fall 2018 Garage Sale - (Mya & April will head up)
- Sept 30 Refreshments during services
- Dec 5, 12, 19 Advent meals
- Dec 30 Refreshments during services
- ~~March 2019 Home & Garden Show (Possibly)~~
- April 2019 Action Babysitting & Helpers for Auction

Other Fundraising opportunities:

- Craft Day
- Lawn Care - Do we want to put ads in bulletin, etc about this?
- Various Meals
- Pizza Ranch Night - (Erika will check into and bring back info)
- Pizza Hut Night - (Erika will check into and bring back info)
- World's Finest Chocolate
- Dodgeball Tournament - Great idea - anyone want to head up??

Ideas from the Gathering Website:

- We sell stock in our youth, and Thrivent matched us, so our stock sale made \$3,500 for our trip. We sell stock in our youth because there is no better investment. We make stock certificates in Word and sell them for whatever investment the individual wants to make. Some invested \$5 and some invested \$100. When we get back from the gathering, we hold a brunch after Sunday service for our stock holders to thank them for their support. The kids tell about their experiences and we put together a video montage of their time at the gathering. The congregation loves it!

We just sent in the application to Thrivent. I really think it helped that we had two community servant events to go along with it. This is the first time they matched us, but our church tends to get quite a bit of support from Thrivent. We sell our shares for \$5 each. People can donate to an individual or general fund. We send a postcard to every person who donates and also have a post-Gathering dinner where we invite the contributors and families and share the experience. We encourage kids to send the 'brochure' to friends and relatives who are out of state (Pastor Peitsch looking into)
- Mom2Mom Sales! We do two a year, fall and spring. We charge \$15.00 for table rental or 2 for \$25.00, \$1.00 admission at the door and concession stand. We really cater to the moms by unloading them at their cars and taking everything into their tables. We also help load them up and take it all back to their car for them. This alone is a great hit. I had about 107 tables at our last sale
- Annual all-church yard sale. Everyone in church brings in their "junk" and we organize and sell it on one Saturday in May. It's HUGE!

- The easiest fundraiser for us was putting up a Christmas tree at Christmas time with envelopes hanging on the tree in different amount of dollars written on them.....had a present box at the bottom to drop them in....didn't cost more than a box of envelopes
- We did a hair-dye fundraiser. If we raised enough so that everyone's trip was covered (aside from the initial deposit), he dyed his hair and got it cut into a mohawk. This time leading a group, we had the same conditions (if we raised all the money we needed pastor would dye his hair) but people voted on which color they wanted Pastor Terry to dye his hair. They voted by donating money towards the color of their choice. Of course, for this your pastor has to be a fairly good sport about it
- We do an Italian dinner night with reservations, candlelight tables, and a choice of items preordered of Lasagna, chicken fettuccini, or other than spaghetti. Youth waited the tables with the stress on service and quality. We did this every spring and did very well.
We do a similar thing for Valentines day complete with babysitting. Earn around \$1000.
- We do an annual Valentine's dinner and turn the church into an Italian bistro. We are Trinity so we call the bistro "Trinitino's". We assign different jobs to the parents such as the live auction, raffle baskets and auction of the kids to do service projects for the congregation. The kids do the serving and really get into it. We make about \$3,500 each year. We're limited on hire many fundraisers we can do so we make this the big one!
- We do a quarterly casserole sale. We give the youth families a foil pan and lid, they make a casserole (oven-ready) and bring it back next Sunday. We sell them between services for \$15. I love it because it's not a lot of work on the leader's part, it puts more responsibility on the families, and the congregation loves it! We sell out within 10 minutes. Then during the year before the gathering, we bump it up to monthly. It's great easy fundraiser in our church
- We did the 144 envelope fundraiser. Mark each envelope 1-144 (144 coordinates with a Bible verse) and the amount on the envelope is what the donor contributes. You can raise over \$10,000!

- My group does one we call Money-to-Miles where we figure out how many miles it is from our church to the Gathering. Then we put up a map and have a little plane or bus that moves along. \$1 equals one mile and for each bracket of amounts of people give, they receive different prizes, like a postcard while we're at the Gathering or a gift from the Gathering city.