

## VIA Meeting Minutes September 28, 2009

### Fall Festival

Friday, October 30 from 3:30-7pm

Oct 26<sup>th</sup> - there will be a training session for anyone involved

You'll receive more information in an email once you sign up

Dress up in costume- the kids will have costumes, and it'll be more fun!

VIA Booth: *We still need one more person!*

Five volunteers to man the table for the whole time

Members voted on possible activities: we chose

### On-Going Service Opportunities

Sign-ups for Story Hour and St. Francis Kitchen were available.

#### Interfaith Friends United

St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Social Hall (Ash Street-Taylor Ave)

Need volunteers for the Make A Difference Breakfast

Oct 24 from 7:30am – 1:00pm

8-12 people to help serve food, set/clean tables, talk with the guests

Friendly, outgoing people are needed!

Attire: Navy top, any color bottoms

Contact Jean Marie Warpus, RN, chair at (570) 346-9242 or

[Jeanmarie.warpus@verizon.net](mailto:Jeanmarie.warpus@verizon.net)

#### St. Paul's Parish

Need volunteers to assist with their youth groups

If you want more information, contact Jeanne Evans, Director of Religious

Formation at (570) 961-1549 or [jevans@saintpaulsparish.org](mailto:jevans@saintpaulsparish.org)

#### Nativity Parish, South Scranton

Need volunteers to assist with the English as a Second Language (ESL) classes

Multiple time slots:

Mon/Tues 10-11:30, 12-1:30, 7-8:30

Wed/Thurs 10-11:30, 12-1:30

Contact Sr. Joan Marie Thopmson, IHM at (570) 558-0848 or

[joanmariet@gmail.com](mailto:joanmariet@gmail.com)

### Open Floor

Food Drive

Ends on Oct 5<sup>th</sup>

Accepting boxed, canned, any non-perishable food item

Also accepting baby items (diapers, bottles, etc.) because they are working with a mother-infant center as well

There will be a box at the Family Weekend Fall Fest

Need volunteers to help on Sat. from 12:30-4:30

Any time you can stop by is greatly appreciated

Collecting from the dorms on Mon. Oct 5<sup>th</sup> as well

#### Passion Play

Performance is at the end of March

Auditions will be Oct 26 at 9pm in the Chapel

There are three music pieces: one for everyone, one for females, one for males

Available in Campus Ministry on Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> (pick up to practice)

#### Pro-Life Conference

Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> at the Hilton in Scranton (100 Adams Ave)

\$20 to register for the conference

Go to [www.prolife.org](http://www.prolife.org) to register

#### **National Spring Break Service Trips**

At the meeting, two handouts were given: a sheet with information on how to access the Campus Ministry website for more info, and a brochure with more info on the trip (All student leaders for the trips have been through a peer facilitator program)

\*\*\*ALL applications are submitted online and are due by Friday, Nov. 13\*\*\*

\*Sunday, Nov 22 from 3-5pm is the first meeting for those accepted to the trips\*

Fees: \$150 program fee to be paid once accepted to a trip; due by Nov. 22

\$300 fundraising goal for each person on a trip

Fees cover all transportation, room/board, program expenses, etc.

#### Workfest 2010, Christian Appalachian Project, Kentucky

Student Leaders: Emilia and Nikki

Building new houses- roofing, flooring, painting, etc. In addition, there is nightly reflections, service learning and spirituality projects.

#### Alternative Break in Scranton

Student Leaders: Colleen and Carly

Help the place in which you live!

Will assist many organizations: homeless, children...

Hands on work: cooking, cleaning, painting, visiting shelters and soup kitchens

#### St. Vincent de Paul Center, Philadelphia

Student Leaders: Dana and Megan

Working within the city: homeless, children, mentally handicapped, etc.

The group will decide where specifically they will serve  
Prayer/reflections are coordinated by the program (focus on service/justice)

Change a Heart Franciscan Volunteer Corp, Pittsburgh

Student Leaders: Victoria and Katie

Working with a variety of populations and activities

The group will decide where specifically they will serve

Habitat for Humanity of San Luis Valley, Colorado

Student Leaders: Heather and Vanessa

Rebuilding adobe homes

*Note:* since the location is at 7500 feet above sea level, participants must be in good health, without any medical condition that could be aggravated by the high altitude or that would limit their participation in the physical labor.

US/Mexican Border Immersion Experience

Unique opportunity since you truly become immersed in the people

*Note:* There is no hands-on service during the trip; once back at Marywood, trip participants will educate the campus on their experiences and the issues that were seen/raised

Will visit local workers, businesses, politicians, social workers, etc. to hear their stories

Ability to speak Spanish not required (there will a guide present at all times)

\*\*\*Participants MUST have a valid passport!!!!

Final notes about Spring Break Service Trips:

On application, please rate your top three trips (some trips are more popular than other, but Campus Ministry will try its best to place people with their picks)

All trip participants need a current tetanus shot. Certain trips (especially US/Mexico) may have other medical specifications, but those are still being sorted out

Lastly, the application is *entirely* online!

For more info about the trips, visit the Campus Ministry Office or go to their webpage.