



ST AGNES
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Junior Church Leaders

Meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2006 at 7pm

Present: Ann Reeves, Barbara Baker, Helen Pearce, Stephen Edwards

1. Matters Arising from the last meeting

Colwyn Bay Trip

The Coach trip had been successful as a parish trip although not many Junior Church children went on it. This led to a discussion about parental involvement. Try to include them or at least let them know (through letters, leaflets etc) they are welcome at Junior Church events. We also need to start using permission forms for all trips and activities. (see below)

Bowling/Skating/Horse Riding/Wacky Warehouse/DVD night/Laser Quest

Most of these events had proved too expensive or inconvenient to arrange apart from the Bowling which will take place this Sunday 17th September at 2pm. The DVD night had been great success - decided to hold another one in November (see below)

Football

This will take place probably in the first week of October. Alex has the names and Ann/Alex/Joyce to arrange this.

Trip to Park

This to be held over to next year.

Talent Show

This would be better in the lighter evenings of spring. Decided to hold this over for now and re-arrange in the new year.

2. Leaders/themes etc

The rota and themes are ok until the end of the year. We will review this at the next meeting and create a new theme list in January.

3. Halloween

A new book about creating a positive Christian Halloween party for children had been advertised by the diocese. Too late to organise something this year so decided to buy it and prepare for next year.

4. Younger Children

Sometimes the younger children (under 4's) can distract the older ones from the main Junior Church activity! Suggestion of dividing the hall into two with the main JC activity going on at one end and a rug put down nearer the kitchen end with the soft toys etc for parents to bring their younger children as they need to - a crèche but with parents being responsible for their own child. Stephen to sort out the screen/divide.

5. Older teenagers

It was noted that 3 or 4 of our children are no longer children! We need to be aware of this and whilst they are not complaining as such we must find appropriate ways of involving them and keeping them interested. A booklet

about life changes for year 11 pupils, published by Scripture Union, had been bought. Helen to review it.

5. Child Protection Issues

Following a request from the Child Protection Officer and also an issue raised earlier at this meeting, the following decisions were made.

5.1 REGISTER From now on a register will be kept every week. This will be created from a membership list compiled at the beginning of this term. The membership forms to go to each child will include details of contact names, any medical conditions, allergies etc and also a signature from parents/guardians.

5.2 PERMISSION FORMS for every trip or activity which is additional to the Sunday morning JC session a permission form will be sent out to parents/guardians.

5.3 LEADERS LIST A proper list of leaders needs to be kept and given to the Child Protection Officer to ensure that checks and training are kept up to date.

5.4 TRAINING It is a few years since the last Child Protection Training took place at St Agnes' so we will ask the Diocesan Officer to come and lead a session in the Spring - with Tuesday and Wednesdays being the best evenings.

6. Planned Activities

September	Sunday 17 th	Bowling
October	Sunday tbc	Football Tournament
November	Saturday 18 th	DVD afternoon in the Rectory plan to make it as much like a cinema as possible with tickets, darkness, torches etc
December	Thursday 21 st	CHRISTMAS PARTY 6pm-9pm plan next meeting bit copy the format of last year

Next meeting: Wednesday 8th November 2006, 7pm in the Rectory