

PHXDCCS MEETING MARCH 23, 2016

OPENING PRAYER

Kathleen Polowski 7:15 pm

PILGRIMAGE

Pilgrimage to St. Joseph' Shrine at Yarnell...Saturday, April 2.

Needs more promotion

Kathleen has had some responses and will send another email to advertise.

Ann will check on restroom situation to make sure facilities are available.

CALENDAR REVIEW

- **REMINDER THAT RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS BOR NIGHT IS MONDAY, APRIL 18TH**
- **RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS COUNSELOR TRAINING...MOVED TO SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH**

MEMORIAL DAY MASS AND SERVICE

May 30, 2016

Location is Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Mass at 8:00 am, followed by the flag ceremony. Scouts are invited to dress in Class A/dress uniform. Flag training is at 7:15 am by the flagpoles for those who want to participate in the ceremony.

July 16th is the tentative date for the Committee Meeting in the North

Leaders from the troops in Flagstaff will host that meeting
We can add our leader retreat the same weekend
Possible to stay at Fort Tuthill, **ANN** to check into arrangements.

How can better we involve the northern territory in the committee?

Dinner out

Kathleen Polowski reviewed the rest of the calendar and the change to the timing of the religious emblems, Boards of Review and Ceremony in January/February.

Walk in the Son Retreat wrap up meeting is **April 13** at Saint Theresa at 6:45 pm. It maybe pot luck. Gina will contact everyone.

We need to **pick a date** for the **International Catholic Awareness** event

Will be held at the Saint Joseph Maronite Eastern rite (Lebanon)

We will request attending the festival they host if possible

We would like to host in November

Need a day of reflection or retreat in the fall. Flagstaff would be willing to facilitate.

Where would we have it and what time is best to host? We will need to offer something additional for the Ad Altare Dei candidates? Could have a pilgrimage to the Chapel of the Holy Cross in Sedona, AZ. This is one site where they holy doors were opened by the bishop for the Year of Mercy.

Seminarian Picnic will be **July 31, 2016**. Will the diocesan venturing crew continue to host this event?

Saint George Trek application has changed. Scouts need to fill out the diocesan application form and will have an interview. If the scout is selected, then they must fill out the online application at www.nccs-bsa.org. This is a new format for the official application on NCCS website.

Must be 15 by July 1, 2017 and cannot be 18. Must help with your committee and must have physical stamina. They need to be physically fit to handle the hike. Two slots are allotted for the diocese but there are more slots released after the first round. More applicants are needed. Need to publicize the event. **July 16, 2016** is the application deadline.

RELIGIOUS EMBLEMS CEREMONY

Kathleen asked Steve Miller if Saint Bernadette could host.

Steve was able to get a hall at Saint Bernadette for 1 pm and outside for the reception. No confirmation yet if a priest can

preside. The committee recommended looking for another venue. Kathy will pursue this.

QUALITY DIOCESE

We do qualify for the award. Kathy presented the 2016 Goals and Methods. Committee members need to read the report and give feedback to Kathy.

ADULT AWARDS

- Tony Madonia will serve as chair for the awards nominating committee again.
- Paperwork will need to be completed in full with Parish approval in tact.
- Possible add a line reminding the Parish Pastor that this is a nomination not a guarantee of award.
- Father Dennis does not need the applications. He asks that the nominating committee review all of the applications and forward recommendations to Father Dennis for final approval.

NCCS POPE PAUL 6TH AWARD WILL BE “THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC UNIT OF EXCELLENCE AWARD”

Kathy showed the proposed application. There are changes coming to the award application requirements. Emails will be sent to advise unit leaders.

NEW BUSINESS

Membership initiative. Would the committee be willing to provide the Founders patch and card to scouts and leaders of newly chartered units? Ann motioned that we provide them for the new units. Tony seconds. Passed Unanimously. The committee will provide these for any new unit formed.

COMMUNICATION

Google list is only about 1/3 complete. Responses are no longer going to everyone. Kathy has fixed the problem temporarily by mailing all emails through “bcc”.

KATHY HAS BEEN APPOINTED THE VICE CHAIR FOR THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC COMMITTEE (NCCS). CONGRATULATIONS!!

MARK HEALY COMMENT ON AD ALTARE DEI

The electronic Ad Altare Dei participants need some assistance completing the program online. In some cases the councilor is behind. Mark has been monitoring the progress of the youth involved in this area.

ADJOURN AT 9 PM

CLOSING PRAYER BY ANN COLVIN-SMITH