

NOTES FROM LFL
MARCH 20, 2011 MEETING

A planning meeting was held in Lois Brauer's home on March 20th with five members present: Roger and Ali Bohnhof, James Brauer, Dallas Burgess, and Lois Brauer.

The meeting with a pizza lunch was opened with prayer by Lois Brauer. A number of different things were discussed during the meal no decisions just general information and sharing.

Since Lois was unable to work on figure out how to do some things on her new computer an agenda was not available. However, work was done from a checklist that Lois had devised from previous events and information gained/learned from them.

On-line registration form:

James brought a copy of an on-line registration form he developed for our next event. Members reviewed it and minor changes were made. Since we had not received any information from the speakers as far as a "catchy" name for our event, we selected

Abstinence—God's Choice
"Get Real"

Need a Bible reference—we forgot to select one, folks.

Time frame was set as (with approval from Holy Cross):

3:30 – 4:00 p.m. Welcome and registration

4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Teens – Emily Espinola

Example: Helping teens to have healthy relationship, handling hormones and changes with new-found feelings, looking at life in the future with a spouse, save yourself for your soul mate, the importance of relationship with God and prayer

Adults – Ashley Boddorf

Sharing information on how to talk with your teens about the above topics

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Dinner together (Wrap up and evaluations during this time frame)

Add to the form: Will you need babysitting? _____ How many children? _____

Donations are appreciated; not necessary to attend

Also, after speaking to Emily today it would be helpful for her to know the age of the youth attending so she knows how specific to be about some of the issues related to this topic such as abortion, STDS, etc. **So it would be nice to have a space on the form** "Age of youth attending" _____. Perhaps we could add (To insure the information is age-appropriate.)

Lois contacted Daniel Armstrong at Holy Cross Lutheran to reserve their facilities for the event. It was available and we have it reserved from noon till 5:30 p.m. as of now—pending Lois contacting Daniel for extension of time. We will have the fellowship halls of both the Pre-school and the church and if babysitting is needed we will ask for use of the nursery. Actually, following the meeting Lois spoke to Pat Hull about using it. We would like to use the front receptionist desk at the preschool for registration. Parents and adults will be sent to the church's fellowship hall for their presentation and the youth to the preschool's fellowship hall.

Lois used a “Things to do List” she designed to go over other items related to the upcoming event. Things covered included:

- No fee, but donations will be accepted and a basket will be made available for that purpose.
- Lois will contact Sacramento Life Center again requesting information for publicity--biographies and pictures of the speakers and brief description of their presentations.
- Lois will also find out if they have a need for projector, power point, or other such items for their presentations.
- Ali Bohnhof will contact Barbara Hull [(916) 652-6729 home phone number] and seek assistance for refreshments following the event.
- It was discussed and decision made to give the Sacramento Life Center a gift in the amount of \$300 as a thank you. They charge no fee for their speakers to do presentations but consider it as a service to the public.
- Having music at the event was discussed—whether or not to have it. The majority said they’d like to continue having music with it tied in to the theme for the event.
- Publicity of posters, flyers, etc. for the event was discussed. Members wondered if Nathan’s “graphics friend” would be willing to assist us with publicity. Lois thought he was more into doing brochures for the Chapter but would touch base with Nathan.
- Lois is to contact either Pastor John Paul Meyer or Vicar Toms about having the opening devotion for our event and prayer.
- With publicity, it was discussed to have publicity sent out pretty much as in the past except this time Lois will only send snail mail to those who have attended at least two previous events. We will use e-mails, congregational newsletters, radio stations, Facebook, pastors, CNH e-News, etc. It was also suggested we ask previous attendees to give presentations to their congregations talking it up.
- Discussed whether or not babysitting should be provided. We’ll put it on our registration form and plan to have it available unless there is no response indicating a need for it. Joanne would you like to check with Isabella to see if she would like to be babysitter again. Lois will check with her daughter, Pat, to see if there is someone available at Holy Cross who might babysit. Lois was specifically thinking of Barbara Smith and her daughter, Kim. It was decided to pay the individual, if only was sitter was needed, \$10 an hour or for this event \$25.
- Lois will be responsible for typing up the program as she has a format from previous events—provided she gets it downloaded on her new computer. She will also check the files to see what brochures we still have available on teens and sex, abstinence, etc. After that, she will advise Roger pertaining to the need we have for more brochures on that topic.
- It was suggested that we continue to have Walt and Romaine Sigl be in charge of getting the folders ‘stuffed’ prior to the event. They may call upon other members or friends for assistance. We will include a copy of the program, handouts about the topic, from the speakers or their agency, note paper, etc.
- We will need a photographer. Kim Brauer’s name was mentioned. She had volunteered at the last event but she has gotten a job in San Francisco and most likely will not be here.
- Registration and greeters were discussed. Valeriya Brauer seems to enjoy greeting our guests and does a great job so we’d like to ask for her help again. Also, Pat Hull who is a member of Holy Cross could possibly help us or assist us in finding someone else to work at the welcome/check-in area; directing the attendees where they need to go for the

presentations. We will have the sign-in sheet with the photo clause, nametags, folders, and the like.

- Video-taping was not recommended for this event due to its nature and the fact we want people to feel safe and free to be able to speak up and/or ask questions without the fear of being taped.
- If Douglas Brauer still has the evaluation format from the last abstinence event, we could ask him to provide the evaluation forms for the event. If not, Lois thought she still had a copy in her e-files.
- Lois will be responsible for some kind of thank you certificate to present to the speakers plus the monetary donation.
- Lois will continue getting together all the contacts she has and put them in a listing. Ali Bohnhof will then keep track of our contacts to make sure we have current information available for our use.

It was suggested that President Lois contact our next speaker for the August event and get the individual scheduled for our event. If memory is correct, that would be Denise Davis from the Alzheimer's Association.

Meeting ended about 3:30 p.m. with a closing prayer by James Brauer, Jr.

If there are mistakes/errors or info I forgot, please notify me so I can get it in my notes also. Thanks to those of you who braved the cold, wet, windy weather for the meeting. We actually had fun—right? I did! Thank you all! And for the rest of you, I hope you can make it next time.

Respectfully submitted,
Lois Brauer

P.S. Fiddle sticks! I just remembered something and then had a senior moment where it went right out the window of my mind. Oh well..... **Oh I remember.** I'm going to try to send letters out to those who have attended two or more events and thank them for coming to the events, asking if they'd please help/support us by either joining or volunteering with LFL. She'd enclose a form like the one James made prior to the last event and ask them to complete it and return it to her.