

RECIPE FOR CREATING AN INTERACTIVE TIMELINE DISPLAY

Used for Homecoming Party November 2005 and Parish Story Night 2000 (?)

OTHER USES

Farewell parties, celebrations, strategic planning, annual planning, vestry retreats, parish visioning, discussions about shared goals, kick-offs, introduce new staff or volunteers, volunteer training, prepare group for change

TASK

Create a large wall - hanging displaying events that matter to people in the parish. Encourage people to add events and embellishments.

GOALS:

- generate community feelings, shared sense of accomplishment
- stimulate ideas for the future
- create visual symbol of parish life
- get people involved in creating something beautiful
- notice gaps or patterns in parish life
- celebrate specific time periods (tenure of a priest, a vestry, a life)
- develop group history
- bolster community in times of change

EQUIPMENT NEEDED:

Large sheets of paper
Markers
Masking tape

Optional

Photos from events
Paste on symbols for different events (dove for baptism, for example.)
and glue

ROLES

Research (parish office and parish photobooks; archives)
Recorders -- draw basic timeline and events, with some embellishment.
Add photos above and below. Make explanatory signs and related posters
Hosts -- encourage people to add events and pictures "no matter how small" (some added events, others filled in a decoration with a bit of color ... whatever they feel up to doing helps bring people together.)

1. Select time period covered.
2. Research basic information -- baptisms, ordinations, deaths, births, marriages, festivals, hirings, big projects

3. Recruit Timeline Hosts
4. Write up basic timeline (see pictures) and related posters
5. If using symbols for certain events, print and cut out symbols
6. Consider adding other types places for people to add events (we had a few posters available so folks could highlight regular events, like the play group and the meals served on Thursday and Friday)
7. Add events and photos.
8. Encourage people to write on it. (Perhaps display for several weeks)
9. Photograph timeline for future use.
10. Consider having discussions that capture people's impressions and ideas
11. Follow-up with thanks and be sure to get people's ideas and impressions to people who can use them!

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