

MN FIA Association
2010 Fall Retreat Survey
16 Responses

1. Did you attend the MN Faith in Action Association 2010 Fall Retreat?

Yes 10
No 6

2. If you did not attend the 2010 Fall Retreat, why? (Choose any that apply.)

Didn't have the funds 4
Bad timing (day of the week) 4
Didn't see the value 0
N/A - I attended the retreat 10

Comments:

1. Sent one from our organization though
2. Just joined the listserve. (Survey is not accepting this as my answer, so I'm also choosing Bad Timing just to get out of the loop.)

3. The accommodations at St. John's Guesthouse were great! Let's go there again!

5 – Strongly Agree 7
4 – Agree 3
3 – Neutral, no opinion 2
2 – Disagree 0
1 – Strongly Disagree 0
(4 skipped question)

Comments:

1. With extra time to roam around the grounds would be good to
2. Beautiful campus and wonderful accommodations.
3. You mean for meeting or overnight and food???
4. Excellent accommodations, beautiful and refreshing!!!

4. The meals provided by St. John's Guesthouse were delicious!

5 – Strongly Agree 5
4 – Agree 5
3 – Neutral, no opinion 2
2 – Disagree 0
1 – Strongly Disagree 0
(4 skipped question)

Comments:

1. MMMMMMMMMMM!!
2. The best- healthy and fresh; great desserts
3. Again, excellent! Delicious, healthy, unique, wonderful.

5. I felt the retreat was well organized.

5 – Strongly Agree	4
4 – Agree	5
3 – Neutral, no opinion	4
2 – Disagree	0
1 – Strongly Disagree	0
N/A - Did not attend	3

Comments:

1. Myra did a wonderful job of organizing the event and everything ran very smoothly!
Thanks Myra!
2. Would have been nice to have a little more networking time.
3. Well done. Thank you for all the effort!!

6. Please share what you like the most about the MN Faith in Action Association Fall Retreats.

- I wasn't there
- Opportunity to network. Discussion of marketing, fundraising, and grantwriting.
- The psychiatrist.
- I always learn a lot and appreciate the time to share with others.
- I always walk away with some increased knowledge.
- The networking is wonderful. It also gives us an opportunity to refresh ourselves and relax.
- Speakers; contact with other programs/staff.
- Have never been to one.
- Networking and finding out what other programs are doing.
- The opportunity to reflect on why I do what I do and share with other MN-FIA leaders.
- Did not attend.
- Did not attend.
- It's always great to hear what other programs are doing and how they're doing it. I also truly enjoy the programs that you have had...just to rejuvenate us!!
- A chance to get away and be refreshed. I enjoy the breaks. The monk who spoke to us was so great; would love to hear from him again. The meetings were good, too.
- NA
- I have never attended, due to the timing of the event.

7. Please share what you like the least about the MN Faith in Action Association Fall Retreat.

- I wasn't there.
- I think I gained about 5 pounds! The food was too delicious :)
- Felt kinda weird to dance.
- Not enough people were there.
- I wish there were more of the organizations represented at the retreat.
- The only thing I could complain about is the weather and we can't control the wind.
- Some more spiritual focus for personal reflection.
- Have never been to one.
- Nothing. Everything was good!
- To me it felt a little disjointed I think because the various segments were planned separately - not sure who was to do what and when. Maybe that was just me. I'll be very interested to hear how the day was received by participants.
- Did not attend.
- Did not attend.
- Can't think of anything!!
- Some speakers I enjoyed more than others and felt I came away with something... Least enjoyed - probably the speaker in the afternoon of Friday.
- NA
- The retreat in the fall always lands during quarterly reporting time and also when we are required to attend another grantor's fall meeting. This makes it impossible to attend.

8. Do you see value in the MN Faith in Action Association Fall Retreat?

Yes 12

No 4

Comments:

- Connecting with other FIA organizations.
- Networking. Hearing about how other FIA organizations operate.
- We all need time to reconnect and share ideas so it is very valuable.
- Cannot comment since I have never been to one.
- This "retreat"-type event I think is an important contrast to our Spring TRAINING. At least I've always felt that way.
- I attended the retreat that was held in Sauk Rapids this past spring and enjoyed it immensely.
- Did not attend. Very annoying survey.
- I go to a lot of meetings and conferences...this one always helps me with something. We all have that "Faith in Action" connection, so we can relate. I always come away with something that can help our organization!!
- As we close out the year, we need this time to connect with each other and to be refreshed.
- NA

- I think one meeting per year is sufficient. We are all dealing with less resources right now.

9. Do you have any suggestions for future topics/discussions you'd like to see at either our Spring Meeting or Fall Retreat?

Comments:

- Further discussion of marketing, fundraising, and grantwriting strategies. Discussion of volunteer training and volunteer recognition.
- How to deal with combative seniors i.e. those suffering from dementia.
- Board Development; Financial Management
- I would love to see more about the trends of aging and targeting Baby Boomer Volunteers.
- Sorry, no.
- Go back to St. John's next year or even for the spring meeting for one day.
- Is there a possibility that the Spring Meeting or the Fall Retreat could be rotated so that organizations from Southern Minnesota don't always have to drive 3-4 hours to get to the meeting. Everyone should take a turn in driving the long distance. Maybe find a retreat center in the Twin Cities and one in Mankato.
- In the Spring I think we should follow-up on the whole marketing/development thing.
- ???
- Topics on sustainability and grants is always helpful.
- It would be wonderful if the Fall retreat could be a bit longer... The breaks are very important and give us a chance to meet with each other, clear our heads, etc.
- NA

10. In order for the MN Faith in Action Association to continue in its current capacity, Board Members from our programs are vital. Your input, whether you are a FIA veteran or a rookie, is valuable and instrumental to our continued success. This is open to you, your staff, your volunteers, your Board Members. I, or someone from my program, is willing to serve as a Director on the Board.

Yes 2
No 14

Comments:

- I will look into and think about; maybe one of my volunteers.
- As you know I am one of the "charter" members and along with others would like to be replaced. As a board we may need to discuss a strategy to have this happen.
- Our board chair is already on the MN FIA Board.
- With our merger just happening, we kind of have our plate full, and really don't know who can step up to that plate at this time. We will try to help in the future.
- Don't know.
- We do not have the finances to send someone across the state for meetings.