

Youth Commission
Diocese of Western New York
Minutes of October 22, 2002 Meeting

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Jay acted as a Chair in Wilson Brown's absence due to illness.

Report on Retreat

1) New Mission Statement: Nick Hurd moved we accept the new mission statement, seconded by James Moffitt.

2) Set of goals established as a three-year plan

Year 2003: Age specific events: we need to encourage age specific events.

(Jr. – Sr. and Transition Age) To have persons interested in youth work & events

Year 2004: Diversity: Urban caucus activities, create a multi-cultural event. 3

congregations that have diversity; St. Phillip's – African American; Good

Shepherd, Irving – Indian American; Ephphatha at Good Shepherd, Jewett Pkwy – Deaf.

Year 2005: Mission Project (trip).

Fr. Weir moved we take the challenge of this three-year plan. Seconded by Rachel Phillippi, passed unanimously. Ideas shared to start with Jr. High.

Methods to achieve these goals:

All spaces should be accessible to all

Full funding

Set fees at minimum

Youth to be the catalysts for enticing others

Encourage volunteers to encourage music activities

Publicity

Spiritual mentors

Make worship or devotions part of every event

How do we Measure Success:

Funding base

Expand ministries

Create activities to meet interests

Good food/sleep

Has your faith be deepened? Worship, meditation, devotions at all events.

Discussion regarding why not open up some activities to various age groups

Late fee bill to SUNY Fredonia. Youth Commission needs to pay this fee as a responsibility measure. Fr. Weir moved we do this, seconded by Rachel Phillippi. Discussion ensued how this fee was incurred. In the future all bills for camp will be sent to D House as well as camp money to pay bills in a timely fashion. Motion passed unanimously.

Bishop's Ball discussion

1) Before Lent

- 2) Three-day Weekend
- 3) Need to pick a date
- 4) Need to find a place

Committee will have address and date for “Ball” at next meeting.

We need more publicity

Must make sure Bishop is available

Question was raised about money in diocesan Budget – process explained

James moved we table elections till next meeting. Nick seconded. All agreed to defer elections until next meeting.

Review of the fundraiser of selling calendars:

Selling - \$7; cost - \$3

Split with youth group: \$2 & \$2

Will sell them at Convention Youth Table

Money for cash box will be money from retreat. Moved to use this money by Fr. Weir, seconded by Rachel.

Discussion about Convention and the budget presentation. Encourage involvement – be present. Discuss with delegates value of camp and youth activities. Above all – PRAY! Something will come for camp next year regardless of outcome.

Jay states that twice in the last 2 weeks youth ministry is ahead of where most diocese are. Betsy Boyd stated we are 75% ahead of most dioceses. Jane Hartwell from Maine stated that having youth delegates to convention is a wonderful thing.

Fr Weir stated he is taking a course on Spirituality for adolescents with the R.C. He stated the leader was very impressed with the youth & adults working together.

Typed by Sue Lints