

**Youth Commission**  
**Diocese of Western New York**  
**Minutes of November 26, 2002 Meeting**

Present were Wilson Brown (Chair), Lois Carter, Nicholas Hurd, Kaitlin Krull, James Moffitt, Jay Phillippi (Missioner), Rachel Phillippi, Wendy Schumacher, Daniel Weir, Karen Whitmore, Carol Weist, Bridgit Rodriguez, Barbara Williams, and Ashlee Feldman.

Devotions – using the litany “What We Are Thankful For”

Last month postponed elections for Youth Chair and Diocesan Youth Rep.

Chair Nominations: James & Nick

“D” Council Nominations: Kaitlin

Ashley moved & Nick seconded that we move to elections. Kaitlin was elected. Paper ballots were used to elect co-chair Charlie Moffitt won the election as co-chair.

Report on Calendar Sales: second batch was ordered, no more will be ordered this year. Fr. Dan moved we pay the bill and seconded by Fr. Wilson Brown. James moved & Bridgette seconded that meals for Nick and Bridgette at convention be paid.

Laurie Wozniak spoke about the 2003 event “Embracing the Dream of God”. Trying to involve youth in the program. She spoke about looking at workshops that youth would be interested in. She wants to encourage youth participation. Would like list of workshops that would be interesting to the youth. Youth could also be leaders of workshops for the day. She suggested an open forum workshop. “How you see youth being a part of the Church”. Need to promote youth in leadership of the church and how they are doing this right now. Peter Snodgrass has been asked by Laurie to write an article for Church Acts about how youth are leaders in their Churches today. Also we are going to need runners/pages to assist with the running of the day. Karen Whitmore spoke in favor of leading a workshop.

- 1) Youth led groups – some for just kids
- 2) Integrated groups too
- 3) Open forum style – “Closing the Gap”
- 4) Sharing stories

Ashley suggested topic on contemporary type of prayer and worship services. Fr. Weir suggested liturgical dance & leading music/worship with guitars. Ashley also suggested a new music workshop. Nick suggested youth roles in leadership. Karen agreed that that is necessary – shown open this up to others who are not here but have attended Happening, Etc. Ashley suggested youth activities available to youth. Camp, Happening, Youth Commission, EYE, youth roles in the church. Q & A session for information, especially J2A programs. 1) Intro; 2) Sharing. Fr. Dan suggested “Social Action for Teens” as a workshop.

Laurie asked that we talk again about this at the next meeting as an agenda item for the future meeting.

Bishop’s Ball – March/proposed date. Contact Calvary Church – checking on date. Checked with Lorraine to see if it would be a go with the Bishop. It looks good but Nick is waiting for positive answer.

Reunion for Christmas Holiday – Happening has already planned for this at St. Patrick's Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>.

Youth Commission Goal for 2003 is to have a Jr. High Event in the Spring. Willing to work on the plan, Ashley, James, Kaitlin. Choose date, place, what we are going to do.

Sr. High Event should be the fall.

Karen asked about a Mission Trip. Honduras, Belize, Venezuela, places mentioned Jay will be kept apprised of what & where we will be going. Youth Commission will be involved in the process and plans. Jay will make sure we are informed of plans.

At Convention the Vicar from Epiphany Church in Puerto Rico spoke about expanding their parish hall. This would then be available for visitors to come as well as their own use for classrooms & meeting space. She is asking that we help in anyway. Jay uncertain just what she wants us to do? St. Paul's Cathedral has already donated money for this construction. Wanted the Youth Commission to think about & pray about what we can do to help. James stated he would like us to think about helping to build this. Kaitlin moved that we commit ourselves to pray for them & their endeavor this month. Seconded by Ashley. James suggested we take a small percentage from youth activities to help fund this project.

December meeting will be on the 17<sup>th</sup>. Same time, same place.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Lois Carter

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