

Youth Commission  
Diocese of WNY  
Minutes for meeting of October 21, 2007  
St. Mark's, Orchard Park

Attending: Wendy Schumacher (adult chair), Laura Meiss, Jennifer Seefeldt, Nick Hurd, Sarah Harrington, Jay Phillippi

Meeting began at 2:45 PM (Jay was in Albion with the Bishop and was running late)with Check in.

**EYE** – Questions about adult applications online, Jay promised to get that fixed. Need to look at fundraising plus adults to help with selection next month. May be a Provincial Youth Event (PYE) but that is still up in the air.

**Financial** - Lots of money spent but we still have plenty of money in account. Plus two donations from St. Patrick's Cheektowaga and St. Paul's Angola totaling just over \$300. We now have projector, digital still camaras, video cameras, various cords and accessories and editing software

**DYC** – We have adult coverage for youth reps at convention (Nick Hurd and Wendy Schumacher) Beth Sharry will not be able to attend. Allie Seeloff, Matt McIntyre, Matt Seufert, Drew Metzloff will be able to attend. Should contact Rowland Brown about being there. No churches have come forward to do the DYC event.

**Voting Age Resolution** – Province II has asked Jay to look into getting the NYS Religious Corporation laws changed to allow the option of lowering the voting age for Annual meetings and Convention to 16. This would be consistent with canon. Will require that all dioceses agree, which is where it failed last time. Jay will consult with the Chancellor then pursue.

**Praise Explosion** – Done in cooperation with St. Bartholomew's it was a success. Crowd was about 35 people representing a wide range of the diocese. Everyone seemed to enjoy it.

**Mid year Events** – The Junior High event has bombed two years in a row. Discussion of what we should do. Should we go back to an overnight (last successful one)? Creates difficulties for adults. What about other events or even a combined event of Junior High and Senior High? Tubing, Bowling, or Lastertron overnight. Lasertron showed a lot of interest so Jay will follow up

**Youth Commission dates** – There are spring dates that conflict with Easter among other things. March meeting will be moved to March 9, April meeting to April 13.

**Bishop's Ball** – February 2, need to check with Calvary about date also about what they would like to do. There is some word floating around about music and dinner. Need to get everyone on the same page.

**Reflection on Purpose** – Jay requested that Youth Commission consider the question “Are we in crisis?” Programs are showing very low turnouts, is that a problem or merely a reflection of the demographics of the diocese right now? Discussion touched on needing to work more on relationships with congregations and with Deaneries. Camp needs to be the center piece, the “big event” so perhaps

we need to move toward more smaller events during the year. Perhaps look at regionally organized events that are quick and simple and allow growth of community. Bowling, roller skating etc. Real emphasis needs to be place on personal contacts at all levels.

**Next meeting** – Scheduled for November 18.

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 PM.

Notes taken by Jay Phillippi