

Youth Commission
Diocese of WNY
Minutes for meeting of September 16, 2007
St. Mark's, Orchard Park

Attending: Wendy Schumacher (adult chair), Laura Meiss, Jennifer Seefeldt, Beth Sharry, Abby Seefeldt, Sarah Harrington, Father Dan Weir, Jay Phillippi

Meeting began at 2:20 PM with Check in. Jay led worship.

Election of Co Chair – Wendy requested this as first order of business. Beth Sharry was elected unanimously following motion by Fr. Dan, seconded by Sarah.

EYE - July 8-13, 2008. Trinity University, San Antonio TX, cost \$480 (plus airfare and extras) Applications will be available online as downloads and as online form in the next two weeks. Deadline is the November meeting of the Youth Commission. There was some discussion of ways to raise funds.

Niagara Deanery Youth Missioner - Introduction of Sarah Harrington as Deanery Youth Missioner. She looks forward to working with the diocesan programs and with the deanery parishes. Jay is very excited to see more “home grown” leaders coming from our youth ministry. Jay will be visiting with the youth group later in day.

Camp – Need to get more serious about financial requirements. Junior High is being charged for 3 campers who simply didn't show up. Deposits should be non-refundable and camper is NOT officially registered until we have their deposit. Families should be prepared to pay in full the outstanding balance at registration unless previously arranged. Commission agreed. Otherwise camps went well, and the budgets will balance at the end of the year. Attendance was small but everyone had a good time.

Web page – New design given overall good marks. Some folks having a little trouble with new navigation bar but it was explained. Excitement about the EYouthWNY Cafe Press store. Fr. Dan made first purchases and merchandise looks good. Suggestions for additional products: tote bags, golf shirts, gloves, scarfs and hats. Jay will look into availability and add as possible. Youth Commission recommends purchase of several hundred small buttons to distribute at Convention. Possibly place on cards with info on how to order items and web address.

Money – Jay reported on purchases approved earlier in year. Youth Commission now has computer projector, 2 video camera setups (camera, bag, batteries, charger and tapes) plus two new digital still cameras, software/hardware for video editing, 50 foot cable to connect projector and source plus some additional adapters etc to make it all work. Jay was able to make funds stretch through purchases from E-bay and low price outlets.

Convention – Need to select youth delegates. Request use of St. Martins in the fields, Grand Island for overnight. Possible delegates:

Chautauqua – Kylie Krull

Cattaraugus - ?

S. Erie – Andrew Turner will be asked

E. Erie – Matt Seufert

C. Erie – Beth Sharry

N. Erie – will ask if there is a youth from St. Bartholomew's interested

Niagara – will ask youth from Deanery youth group if they are interested

Genesee – will check with Dean (Fr. Cadena) if there is a youth.

Diocesan Youth at Convention (DY@C) – A variety of logistical problems. Can't bring in outside food, hotel food too expensive, no other food nearby, hard to find leadership since Jay has multiple roles already at convention. Decision to offer a study guide for a self led exploration of Convention. Provide a series of questions, and ideas on how to make it work. Work with those congregations that let us know they are coming so they can meet and talk with youth delegates and adult leadership. Materials to be available online. Look toward doing a full blown event when we are back in Cheektowaga (lots of food available) perhaps next year.

Next meeting – Scheduled for October 21.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Notes taken by Jay Phillippi