

Youth Commission
Diocese of WNY
Minutes for meeting of February 18, 2007
St. Mark's, Orchard Park

Attending: Wendy Schumacher (adult chair), Matthew Seufert, Jay Phillippi (Amanda Szczepanski – youth chair was ill and couldn't attend)

Meeting began at 2:12 PM with Check in

Several notes before the meeting got started – Did Bp. Garrison receive and approve the new youth rep to D Council? Cindy Harrington will not be able to be on staff for Senior High 07 due to a work conflict.

Camps - Junior High has a staff training scheduled for Sat. Feb 24. Senior high staff letters will be going out this week. Applications go live online this week. Costs for this year will be Sleep Away - \$109, Junior High \$290, and Senior High \$299. A possible Senior High workshop on Christian music as an alternative was suggested. Need to follow up with Kathy Parkhurst.

Bishop's Ball - Event was a success. 50 people in attendance and we covered expenses.

- \$243 taken in admission and donations
- \$100 paid to Djs
- \$50 Food and drink
- \$25 Beads
- \$ 68 sent to Youth Commission account

The food and drink was taken from the \$50 rolling fund that is kept by the Youth Missioner. Those funds have been replaced.

There were some questions about the Djs. Problems that they didn't seem inclined to play requests and that some of the music was questionable for the event. Usual problems with balance of music styles. That's a no win discussion since you'll never completely satisfy everyone. Will talk with Djs about problems and music before next year. Also push for lists of requested music in advance! Have asked in past but not gotten much cooperation. Will keep trying.

Jr High Event – Schedule set, Junior High staff invited, need to make sure we have adult coverage. Recruiting adults is now a problem we need to address. This will be the last event that does not require advance registration. Need to continue to push information for attendance.

Tribe – Pushing registrations, Calvary Williamsville and Niagara Deanery seem excited. Hope to see more applications. Received first application from Matt Seufert.

Money issues – Outside account is now closed. Money will be transferred to Diocese account. Amount is \$1,777.82. Already in account is money from donations plus money from Bishop's Ball. Decision to go ahead with purchases of digital still cameras, video editing software and computer projector. All of these come from the Bishop Robinson Society “wish list”. Also looking at buying T-Shirts for camp. Use as an early registration incentive. Chuck Berd received \$180 grant from scholarship line to support his work with Happening Natl. Board. Jay will handle paperwork.

Final budget approved by Diocesan Council. Youth ministry lines look like this:

Budget lines for 2007 Final

Happening	\$2,000
Junior High Camp	\$3,400
Youth Commission	\$ 200
Scholarships	\$4,500
Senior High Conference	\$3,100
Sleep Away Camp	\$1,850
Youth Commission Retreat	\$ 100
EYE reserve	\$1,800

Interesting to note that we did NOT request budgets for Youth Commission, the retreat or for EYE but were granted them anyway. Jay will follow up with Finance Committee as preparations are made for the 2008 budget cycle.

Next meeting – March 18 – discussion of what to do to get more youth and adults involved. Perhaps it is time to move meeting around. Possibility of going to Niagara Deanery and inviting that group to join us. Jay will follow up. There will be NO April meeting due to Holy Week and Easter.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Notes taken by Jay Phillippi