

## Youth Commission Meeting

1-15-06

**Present:** Wendy Schumacher, Kelly & Amanda Szczepanski, Liz Kozak, Katelyn Koziel, Archdeacon Bruce Gillies, Fr. Dan Weir, Nick Hurd

### **1. Urban Caucus**

- Youth planning on attending are Lily Lane, Chuck Berds & Liam Doherty
- \$1500 for air fare and registration- covered by diocese
- Jay does not have their registration forms or an address to send them to
- Also missing written request from Liam for funds (funds already approved by Youth Commission at a previous meeting)- presents a problem as now it is unsure if we will be able to tap into last year's scholarship fund
- Bruce, although he has approval to, cannot make airline reservations until Lily, Liam, and Chuck's registration forms are in (Registration closes February 6<sup>th</sup>)

### **2. Senior High Event**

- High attendance- 22 youth
  - Complaints:
    - Too much "dead" time- more planning and activities needed
    - Movie unsuccessful; popcorn theology didn't work for the selection
    - Older kids felt like chaperones
    - Younger kids didn't listen to adults- lack of respect noticed
  - Suggestions & Comments:
    - Age requirement needs to be at least high-school aged
    - Younger kids felt left out during promotion of Youth Commission, Happening & Happening Board
    - More activities, less free time
    - Epiphany theme and date worked well
    - More youth input on planning next event
    - Condense Sr. High Event into a one-day event or add more activities
- Motion by Amanda that at any youth event under two days in length, all electronics (CD players, mp3 players, iPods, hand-held games, etc.) are prohibited and at any youth event no cell phone use is allowed (Cell phones may be brought, but not used during the event unless there is an emergency). Motion seconded by Kelly and passed.

### **3. Bishop's Gala**

- February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt in Downtown Buffalo
- Table for youth volunteers
- Chuck Burrows is volunteering as a runner at the auction- suggested by Fr. Dan that the E.Y.E. group volunteer as well

### **4. Pizza**

- Question brought up as whether or not to bring back pizza at Youth Commission meetings to attract youth
- Suggested that when the pizza stopped being ordered, attendance dropped- but it was also at that time that the meetings were changed from Tuesday to Sunday

- Felt that most people ended up leaving before the pizza arrived and since our Sunday meetings are in the afternoon and between lunch and dinner, there is no need to order pizza
- Suggested that Youth Commission's need for adults and youth is brought up in Church Acts

### **5. Jr. High Event**

- Saturday February 18<sup>th</sup>? From 10 AM – 3 PM at St. John's Grace; cost \$5
- Youth and Adults Volunteers confirmed so far: Liz Kozak, Amanda & Kelly Szczepanski, Archdeacon Bruce, Averys,
  - Encourage all hopeful JCs for next year to attend, along with more adults
  - Nametags needed
- **SCHEDULE:**
- 10:00- 10:30 Arrival and social time
- 10:30- 11:00 Opening Activity
  - Chart/ List with different things that you need to ask people about (ex. Find someone with the same birth month as you; Find someone who plays the same instrument as you, etc.)
  - 4 on a Couch Game
  - “Secret” Game (Sr. High) – write secret on paper, read off in front of group to guess who wrote it
- 11:00- 11:30 Bible Trivia/ Jeopardy
- 11:30- 11:45 Singing Break
- 11:45- 12:00 Noonday Prayer
- 12:00- 1:00 Lunch and Clean-up (Order Pizza and ask kids to bring a drink or snack to share)
- 1:00- 1:45 Advertising Game- (Sr. High)- Break up into groups and Explain- Create advertisement for either God, Church, Jesus Christ, or the Holy Spirit
- 1:45- 2:00 Present skits
- 2:00- 2:30 Terra's New Games (Baby if you love me, Do you love your neighbor, etc.)
- 2:30-3:00 Clean-Up, Jelly-Roll, Pass out flyers for camps

### **6. Bishop's Ball**

- Set-Up/ Decoration 6:00
- Dance 7:00- 10:00
- Clean-up 10:00- 10:30

-Jay has decorations; needs decorators

-Nick Hurd and Mike Gengo are the DJs- Pop EJ providing possible back-up equipment

-St. Phillips- bringing extra music and food

-Jay taking care of drinks and snacks

-\* 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Bishop's Ball are also an issue. We feel that after the Sr. High Event, that in the future, the Ball is only opened to 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders (unless they are youth groups given special permission from Jay). We feel that Sr. High Events should be strictly kept for Senior High aged youth.