

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

Attending: Wendy Schumacher (adult chair), Amanda Szczepanski – (youth chair), Matthew Seufert, Beth Sharry, Kelly Szczepanski, Rachel Phillippi, Jay Phillippi

Meeting began at 2:10 PM with Check in. Amanda led the prayer.

Jr High Event – Canceled due to low turnout, 4 youth only showed up, with Junior High staff showing up mostly after lunch. Possible causes discussed – weather, publicity, should this event return to an overnight? Recommended that we talk with some junior high aged youth, maybe even include them in the planning of a future event.

Camps - Applications have arrived. No response yet for Sr High staff. Wendy noted that she did not receive her letter so need to follow up on others. 9 applications total for camp so far. Discussed changes in Jr High camp and director's decision re: Junior Counselors. Reservations expressed about loss of leadership roles for youth, loss of promotion of other youth programs. Past JC's in attendance disagreed with idea that they had been dumped on or that it was somehow “all the dirty jobs”. Would like to re-visit these decisions with director following camp this year.

Wendy has a letter asking the congregations for support of the camp programs.

Cafe Press - Jay raised this as an option to raise funds without overhead costs. Use of online “store” where products are produced only on demand. Lots of potential products. Jay will check with Howard to make sure there's no finance objection and will discuss with Bryan Sharry the creation of a new logo for youth ministry. Given the go ahead to explore.

Bishop's Ball – Calvary Williamsville has offered to become partners with YC for this event. Would help with publicity, food and music. Suggested a 50/50 split on profits while remaining a diocesan event. Will move ahead with this.

Tribe – Still have received only one youth application and no adult. Registration is slow province wide, event may be canceled. Waiting to see.

Happening – Candidates list is currently 1 adult and 1 youth. Weekend is in jeopardy. While this will be hard on the youth leadership who will miss this opportunity it doesn't make any sense to force the event. The Happening community doesn't end if there is no weekend in the spring. May also help to focus the community beyond the weekend. Jay suggested an “ultreya” type event (common in other forms of fourth day communities like Cursillo and Koinonia). It is a gathering of the community that is NOT directly linked to a specific weekend. It serves as a chance to gather, share, worship and do something for the support of the overall ministry. Could pre-do place mats or bags, taking those off the schedule for the team.

Meanwhile Diocese of Central PA is looking for help with their first weekend. Need time for training and veteran team leadership. Will help out as we can.

U2charist – Brief update on status, things appear to be going well.

Father John Paul – Going back to a previous discussion of recognition of Father John Paul Boyer's

long support of Senior High Conference. This may be his last year. Thoughts on a present from YC includes a Guardian Angel icon. Jay will investigate.

Next meeting – There will be NO April meeting due to Holy Week and Easter. May meeting is set for Sunday the 20th

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Notes taken by Jay Phillippi