

Youth Commission
Diocese of WNY
Minutes for meeting of May 21, 2006
St. Mark's, Orchard Park

Attending: Wendy Schumacher (adult chair), Rachel Phillippi (youth chair), Amanda Szczepanski, Kelly Szczepanski, , Liz Kozak, Andy Metzloff, Lois Carter, Jay Phillippi

Following check in **Camp** chosen as first item for discussion. Registrations are still very low, 7 for Senior High, 3 for Junior High and 2 for Sleep Away. The theme for the camps this year is "Community". Senior High is still lacking a chaplain at this point. Classes for Senior High are set – Fr. Boyer will return with his class but there will be three new classes – Mother Ellen Brauza will be leading a class on Da Vinci Code/ Gospel of Judas related issues, Bishop Garrison will lead a class called "Your Bishop Listens" which has historic roots in the conference going back a couple decades, and the Youth Missioner will be leading a Bible study that also includes some drama elements. The all conference workshop will be on discernment with small workshops on Anglican prayer beads and General Convention. It may be time to reassess what Senior High is and how we need to use that time in the future. Mostly we need more people to show up.

For Junior High we're still looking at Junior counselors (JCs)

Seniors – Using our Youth Commission time at Senior High to recognize our graduating seniors was a nice touch and gave the presentation a center. We need to continue to do that. The current list of seniors should include:

Kelly Szczepanski, Rachel Phillippi, Liam Doherty, Tara Haggerty, Caroline Hurley, Lily Lane, Maria Matthews, Jen Brock, Sammie Perez, Sarah DeMerle. We'll continue to look for others.

Province II – The province will be holding a provincial youth event in 2007. We need names for the design team, two youth and one adult. Amanda Szczepanski and Liz Kozak are interested. Wendy Schumacher is willing to be the adult but is open to having others move into the role.

Elections- Amanda Szczepanski was elected new youth chair by unanimous vote. No immediate candidates for Diocesan council. Will hold off on that position. Diocesan convention delegate candidates include:

(list not supplied with minutes)

Diocesan Youth Convention (DYC) – Need to generate some energy for this and make sure we have adults available to supervise. Not only for leaders among youth also for J2A classes, confirmation classes, youth groups. Each of those groups would be required to supply some adult supervision as well. Problem is that a lot of our adult leaders are delegates!

H2C(Happening to Cursillo) – Project to help Happeners make the bridge to Cursillo quickly and easily. Program is being developed by group.

Next meeting – September 17.

Meeting adjourned followed by prayer.

Notes taken by Liz Kozak and Amanda Szczepanski, translated by Jay Phillippi