

Youth Commission
Diocese of Western New York
Minutes of January 28, 2003 Meeting

Opened with devotions based on Psalm 100 – led by Nick Hurd

Present were Dennis Avery, Maggie Avery, Wilson Brown (Adult Chair) Lois Carter (Secretary), Kim Greene, Charles Moffit (Youth Chair), James Moffit, Jay Philippi (Missioner), Rachel Philippi, Carmen Seufert (Treasurer), Wendy Schumacher, James Sharcot, & Dan Weir. (We need more pizza next time!)

- 1) Bishop's Ball – Saturday, February 22nd, 8:00 – 11:00 pm \$5.00 Calvary, Williamsville
Decorating – need help Kim Greene suggested her youth group
Publicity by Jay – will be on Web Site
Refreshments
- 2) Jr. High Event – James Scharcott
- 3) Costs of Camp – DCC cost up \$5.00 \$235.00 Aug. 17th – 23rd
Sleep Away same week
SUNY Fredonia cost \$240.00 - \$250.00 June 28th – July 5th

Applications for Jr. High Jr. Counselors on Web eyouthwny.homestead.com

Looking to have a camp training day for staff particularly Jr. Counselors

Do not have theme for Sr. High yet as Chaplin person not yet fully on board with Jay yet
Jay mentioned we are asked to send a questionnaire home to families after camp

Discussion of the Karaoke Nite – various points discussed about the way it was done

Question about whether we need organized activity every night was raised:

- 1) Safety issue – need to know where people are
- 2) much free time in afternoon would be over kill in evening too
- 3) Have Karaoke but not as long a time

May need ideas for 1 or 2 nights

Limited costs

Service Project very costly for buses & the permission factor. Look into local project.

Finances: Jay filled out necessary form for the costs of youth activities to justify the needs for budget for next year. Continues in holding pattern. Convention mandates that monies be funded for youth ministry but the how was not decided. Commission urged Jay to be present at the Council Meeting where this will be discussed. **Dennis Avery moved that the Youth Commission request that Jay be present at the February Council Meeting to assist with youth budget explanations. Seconded by James Moffitt – passed.** Kim Greene stated that we need to let her know what interests the youth. Kaitlin Krull needs to be at this meeting also. Council February Meeting will be at St. Paul's, Harris Hill. Clergy also concerned about how this is all transpiring. Karen suggested that perhaps we should donate some money to a worthwhile cause and to let the diocese know what we are doing. We have to be more effective.

Jay reminded everyone that articles by youth need to be submitted to Laurie Wozniak for Church Acts No one has done this. What you the youth say about yourself is much more powerful than

anything we adults could say. March deadline still a week away. As Youth Minister he feels he needs to be the gathering point.

Karen brought up that she feels the youth are not taking the leadership they need to.

Fr. Brown said that Cheeks as Youth Leader of the Commission should be the point person to bring ideas to. These ideas will then be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Nick Hurd brought up that we need to do things not send money.

Dennis Avery stated the youth are not consistent with their attendance and their actions to carry out what they want to see happen.

Kim Greene mentioned about a seminar for the youth. As representative of a youth subcommittee of council (work group) wanted to know what the youth would like to do?

Cheeks moved we send a letter to the Diocesan Council Youth Work Group to have them come and meet with us the next Diocesan Youth Council Meeting. Seconded by Rachael Phillippi. Passed unanimously.

Province II: We will need Provincial Representatives - one adult and two youth reps we will need to vote on this next month. As more activities develop with the resurgence of Province II activities will be developed and restarted. Going to try to have a youth event by the end of 2003.

Happening Report

Closed with prayer.

Typed by Sue Lints