

Youth Ministries Committee

Monday, June 5, 2006

Present: Debbie Atwood, Denise Bullock, Susan Duncan, Melanie Harrison, Debi McNaught

Meeting was opened with prayer at 7:30 p.m.

Youth Schedule:

6/11		Cars at the Tomball Drive-In. \$5 per person, movie begins at 8:40 p.m.
6/18	6:00-8:00	Church Wide Pool Party at Creekwood Park
6/25		Lock-in at WCPC – look for details in the Life of the church!

PYCC Elections: Melanie reporting:

- We need 1 youth candidate and up to 2 adult candidates by August. Preston indicated that PYCC meetings are the 3rd Saturday of every month August-May from 9:00 a.m. to Noon, with an after-meeting at 2:00 p.m. for those interested.
- Materials from Presbytery were received a week or so ago. Melanie will work on a postcard to be mailed to all youth and their parents. Melanie will also put an article in the July Newsletter as well as the Life of the Church to let any other interested adults know about the positions available on the PYCC for them.
- Every interested candidate will be asked to present, in writing, a short paragraph on why they want to be involved in PYCC.
- Interviews will be held, for youth and adults, on 7/23 & 7/30 at 12:30 in the Youth Room where they will be asked to give a 3 minute campaign speech on why they feel they should be selected to serve.
- Interviews will be held with all members of the Youth Ministries Committee.

Confirmation Class:

Melanie proposed that the confirmation class be held on Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:30 p.m. followed by our standard youth program. The classes would be held for 15 Sundays beginning 8/20 and ending 12/17. Confirmation would commence during Worship at a time convenient and appropriate as determined by the Worship committee and Pastor Jones. YMC would like to request that Sunday, January 10, 2007 be considered. The course will be facilitated by Kim & Jason Petrie, with some classes being facilitated by David Jones and Brendan Ross. The Petrie's have asked to invite a few other couples to join the class this fall as teacher-trainees. This was approved, with the understanding that no one may teach Confirmation without the approval of the YMC.

The curriculums presented and approved by YMC were:

My Confirmation Into the Presbyterian Church (USA) by Frank Beattie, published by Kerr Resources. This is a 7 week study of PCUSA beliefs and does a great job with church history and polity.

We Believe: Professing Our Faith – A Confirmation Curriculum published by the Presbyterian Publishing Corp. This 8 week study takes the beliefs and polity of the PCUSA and makes them a more personal reflection for each confirmand to discern where they 'fit' and where God is calling them to serve.

Mission Tour Auction Certificates: Still having issues with youth not wanting to honor the commitments made when the certificates were produced and sold. The Youth Leaders and Brendan will continue to work with the youth to encourage and help them to honor those commitments.

Sunday School:

All youth (incoming 7th – outgoing 12th) are using the *Equipped for Every Good Work: Building A Gifts Based Church*. This book walks them through the process of discovering their spiritual gifts – and then how they can use them.

Vacation Bible School: July 18-21st: Susan indicated that she still needs youth helpers. Youth may sign up to help on the sign-up sheet on their bulletin board outside the youth office, at the registration table any Sunday or by contacting her at 281-363-2040 or sduncan@wcpc-tx.org.

Family Game Night: We agreed to provide the snacks for the August Game Night on Friday, August 28th. After some discussion, we decided to try to have the youth make home made ice cream – will need several ice cream freezers!

Venturing Crew 1772 asked permission to make a perpetual **plaque** that will hang in the youth room. The plaque would feature **officer patches**, signed by the officer and dated. Every year new patches would be added to the plaque. The motion was approved.

Fun In The Son (FITS): Christian youth conference for HS students. Organized and facilitated by the PFR, a PCUSA organization. This year it is being held from 7/9-7/13. Committee decided that we wanted to keep the costs per youth at \$300, so we will use part of the youth scholarship funds to offset the balance per youth. YMC will pay for up to 2 adult leaders per van of 10 youth. We will rent up to 2 12-person vans from our retreats/camps budget. The cost for any additional vans would be spread among all the youth attending – as long as the cost was no more than \$300 per youth. The event is on South Padre and has been attended in the past by Brendan. It is a life changing experience and all SH youth are encouraged to attend.

KSBJ Anniversary Concert: July 15th at the Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. Groups of 15 or more can order tickets for \$10 each. Otherwise they are \$15 for lawn seating. Melanie requested a volunteer to coordinate and order the tickets. Money should be collected in advance.

Committee decided that we needed an official **‘Welcome to Brendan’** event. Decided to hold the event after the 11:00 service on 8/13. We will purchase a cake from Sam’s and invite the congregation to stop by and welcome Brendan to the WCPC family.

YMC also determined, with input from Susan Duncan and Debbie Atwood, that we would like the **fall kick-off/rally day** to include a **ministry fair!** Have already talked with the Deacons, C3, CEM, Mission Outreach and we all like the idea. Melanie will coordinate the floor plan and table usage, lunch may be provided by the Boy Scout Troop or Venturing Crew. (We will ask Mike Lampkin through CEM to check on that.)

4th of July Parade: Debbie Atwood asked that the youth participate in the parade by decorating a mini-float. Most supplies will be provided by C3, YMC will need to provide our own wagon. We can make our mini-float any type of hat we want and then decorate it to reflect our ministry. More details will be provided in the Life of the Church and July newsletter. We will also need youth to walk in the parade and pull the float while handing out whatever give-aways C3 provides.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Debi McNaught at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Harrison
Elder/Moderator
Youth Ministries Committee