

Youth Ministries Committee

Sunday, July 2 2006

Present: Debbie Atwood, Sally Bowers, Elizabeth Duncan, Susan Duncan, Melanie Harrison, James Mwaaura, Debi McNaught, Brendan Ross, Nancy Schlirf, Laura Stanton, Sheila Young

Meeting was opened with prayer.

Youth Schedule:

- 7/9-7/13: SH only to Fun in the Sun. Meet in the church parking lot at 6:00 a.m. for a 6:30 departure. Will return on the 13th at 6:00 p.m.
- 7/9: 5:30-7:30 JH only event to be planned...
- 7/15: ** Note Saturday event ** KSBj 25th Anniversary Concert at Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion. YMC decided to purchase 15 \$10 tickets in advance and will sell those at WCPC on 7/9 on a first come, first served basis. All others will need to purchase their tickets at the door for \$15. We will meet at the main entrance on Lake Robbins at 4:45. There will be a leader or two on the hill staking out a spot for our group. Parents should plan to drop their youth off, and then return to pick them up by 11:00 p.m. We will use cell phones to call parents as concert ends. We will also market this event to college aged and young adults.
- 7/16: NO YOUTH due to KSBj Concert Saturday night!
- 7/17-7/21: VBS – all youth are asked to help out with this great ministry of WCPC!
- 7/22: Car wash at WCPC 12:30-4:30 to benefit the Tamina Community Center!
- 7/23 & 7/30: PYCC interviews 12:30 p.m. in the Youth Room. PYCC Interviews will be held for 1 youth and up to 2 adult spots. Melanie is the contact person.
- 7/30: Faiths Together meeting 12:30 p.m. in room 202.
- 7/30: 5:30-7:30 – Youth event to be planned...

Brendan will meet with the available youth leaders and finalize the August & September schedules to bring to the next YMC meeting on 8/7 for their information. Melanie reminded Brendan that all youth leaders who have not previously done so, must have completed Child Protection paperwork to her as soon as possible. They were reminded to set a date in late October to complete College care kits and to set a date for the annual youth fall retreat.

Motion: Brendan asked for YMC approval to hold a car wash on Saturday, July 22 from 12:30 – 4:30. All proceeds will benefit the Tamina Community Center. The motion passed. Melanie will make sure that the Finance Committee is also notified as an information item. Melanie offered several large sponges as a donation.

Mo-Ranch Wrap-Up: Debi McNaught: Had an awesome time and the 4 youth that went were great! Debi can't wait to go back! She did notify us that Mo-Ranch is setting up an endowment fund to help keep the cost of attending conferences within a reasonable range. They are asking youth groups to consider having a yearly fund raiser for this purpose. Brendan and the youth leaders will further discuss this and bring it back to committee if it needs approval or action from the YMC.

Reviewed the deadlines for the Good News Herald (15th of every month) and the Life of the Church (Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m.). Everyone was asked to have their submissions in on time – and if possible for the Good News Herald to include pictures!

We discussed moving our meeting day from Monday as Brendan would like that to be his day off. After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Monday evening is still the only good time to meet, so we will remain on the 1st Monday of every month.

Brendan then asked for our patience to discuss a few changes he is thinking about, but hasn't taken any action on yet:

- Would like to start JH & SH together for Sunday school. This time would include contemporary Christian music and announcements. This was met with great enthusiasm and will probably be implemented in some fashion on 8/20 as part of the fall kick-off event. It was suggested that instead of holding this in the youth room, we find some other place that is more visual. Suggestions were the courtyard outside the Fellowship Hall; the Porte Cochere, the Narthex of the Sanctuary and the Prayer Garden.
- Sunday Evening Fellowship: Brendan has discussed with David the possibility of adding a ½ hour of worship with lots of praise music. Again, the overall opinion was very agreeable. There has also been discussion of having the two groups meet at different times (i.e.: JH, dinner, praise, SH). There was some concern that this would be too late for HS students, and that parents with youth in both groups would not be willing to make multiple trips to the church. One suggestion was to have SH first and hold Confirmation class during that time. Brendan was asked to make a decision with the youth leaders soon as the Confirmation class schedule for this fall is being finalized in the next week or so.
- One of the youth commented that she would like to have Youth Sunday more than once a year. We then discussed the possibility of the youth being more involved as a liturgist.
- Creating a 'pool' of Sunday school teachers and youth leaders who would fill in as needed in all areas of youth ministry. The thought is that it would provide coverage and times 'off', it would also give the JH the opportunity to know all the leaders and hopefully help ease their transition into SH youth. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to put this option on the back burner for now, and we'll look at it again in several months to give the youth time to build their trust in the new leaders and Brendan.

The next meeting of the Youth Ministries Committee will be Monday, August 7th at 7:30 p.m. in the Youth Room.

The meeting was closed with prayer by Laura Stanton at 1:50 p.m..

Respectfully submitted,

Melanie Harrison
Elder/Moderator
Youth Ministries Committee