

## **Youth Council Minutes**

**October 1, 2009**

**In Attendance:** Paige Hampton, Jon Farrell-Higgins, Pat Jackson

Pat opened the meeting with Prayer.

**Youth liturgists.** We need to identify liturgists for the first Sunday of each month from November – May. Pat will ask the youth group to sign up.

**Youth Website.** Pat, with much assistance from Forrest Craig (thanks Forrest!) has produced a first version of the youth website. The council had positive feedback. Suggestions for additions include: profile of Youth Council leadership, links to other youth websites of interest. We discussed what precautions need to be taken to safeguard our youth from unintended use of the website. The Council will ask the rest of the youth group for more feedback on the site and we will continue to make improvements.

**Youth Budget.** Pat distributed a copy of the 2009 proposed Youth group budget which projected \$9,895 in both expenses and income for a zero balance. Due to the financial demands on the church (i.e. aiming to bring on an Associate Pastor), we may need to trim our budget further. One expensive item was exploring a mission trip to the Heifer Ranch which would cost \$800 more than our summer 2008 trip to Denver. We will explore other mission opportunities which would be more affordable.

### **Review of Calendar and Upcoming Events**

- **Adult Participation.** The Council discussed the need to involve more adults as sponsors of youth events. This is needed to spread the time demands on our current youth group leaders as well as to reduce the cost in the youth group budget. We will reach out to other adults and youth group parents to see who can pitch in for 2-3 occasions per year.
- **Youth Pledge Day – October 5.** The Youth group will gather to do the following tasks. This is a way the youth are meeting their “time stewardship pledge” to the church for 2008:
  - Spread dirt around outside of church foundation to help deter linkage.
  - Clean out window wells
  - Change out old light bulbs for energy efficient ones
  - Clean stained glass windows in sanctuary
  - Clean pews, pulpit, communion table, lectern
- **Community Youth Group -- October 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 p.m. Representatives from Westminster, 1st Pres, 2nd Pres. (and possibly others) will join us at Trinity to discuss:
  - what do we want CYG to be?
  - PNK rally transportation
  - VIDA Halloween party on 10/30
  - Thanksgiving lock in
  - Joint events going into winter/spring

*We need 1 – 2 youth to join us for this meeting.*

- **Greening of Trinity** – October 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The Youth Council is co-sponsoring this initiative with the Peacemaking Committee. Paige Hampton will be attending and other youth (Shane Ahrens, Meredith Higgins + others) have also expressed interest. This will be the first meeting to brainstorm how the church can be more green.
- **PNK Rally** – October 11/12. Three Trinity youth are signed up for the Rally – Meredith Higgins, Meredith Ricks, Meaghan Ricks. Pat Jackson will be an adult sponsor. Youth who have yet to register should go to [www.PNK.org](http://www.PNK.org) to do so.
- **Movie Madness OR Halloween activity** – October 19 (Pat on travel) We are planning to do either a movie gathering or do a Halloween type outing (Gerry's Berries?).
- **Halloween**
  - **Trunk-or-Treat Set Up** -- Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – noon. We need youth to join us for the set up of our games on the 25<sup>th</sup>.
  - **Trunk-or-Treat** – Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Youth Council has decided to do a series of games that we would put on in the youth rooms rather than try to convert the youth rooms into a fun house. We are planning to use the games we set up for Trinity later in the week when we organize the VIDA Halloween party.
  - Halloween Party at VIDA – Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. We will explore whether other youth groups wish to help out in this effort.
- **Mission Trip** for Summer '09. Pat has been researching the Heifer Ranch as a mission trip option, but that is proving to be an expensive (they charge \$335 per person). Depending on how the church budget process goes, we may need to look for another more reasonable mission site. Pat will be researching that.

**Expanding Youth Involvement.** We talked about how we can continue to reach out to our youth to encourage their participation. We also discussed how we may provide opportunities for older youth to have discussion/gathering times – while acknowledging the important role that our older youth have in mentoring the new members of the youth group. We also discussed the need to boost our attendance at the Youth Council meetings. We will communicate with all youth council members and provide them with the listing of youth council meetings that are slated for the remainder of the year.

**Next Youth Council meeting:** Wednesday, **November 5 at 6:00 p.m.**

We closed the meeting with Prayer.