

Christ the King Youth Ministries Youth Advisors Meeting Minutes October 11, 2005

Attendees

Dan Skibba, Steve Hansen, Pastor Keyl, Denise Chomiczewski, Corrine Chomiczewski, Judy Converse, Kathy McCarthy.

Peer Ministry

We had a short discussion of what Peer Ministry is all about. Pastor will contact Kay Edwards to set up the initial planning meeting for the Peer Ministry program.

Youth Rosters

Dan passed out current youth rosters.

Results from Ministry Team Night

Judy reported that there were no inquiries regarding Youth Ministries. We did not ascertain whether there was ground swell of enthusiasm for any of the other ministries.

Ministry Fair Plans

Dan will be the primary contact in the Youth Ministries room. Dan will set up the highlights tape from the last gathering at Atlanta. Dan will download the San Antonio signup forms from the ELCA site and have them available.

Dan will print the info docs for other events and have them available. Steve Hansen will try to pull together some type of electronic picture album from past events.

Skills Inventory

Jim Edwards published a sample Skills Inventory form that he wants to use at the Ministry Fair. We discussed this and decided that we would wait and deal with Youth Ministries skill inventory as a group when we have more time to prepare for it. CtK has not had a skills inventory in over ten years so we did not feel that there was a lot of risk associated with not having it done in the next week.

Safe Church Training

We discussed the upcoming Safe Church training at CtK on Saturday, October 22nd. All adults who deal with youth were encouraged to attend. We discussed the need for establishing proper personal and sexual boundaries in the church setting. It was noted that adults who cannot attend the session at CtK might also attend the session at a later date at an Episcopal church.

Hayride

Gethsemane Lutheran in Manchester is sponsoring this event. Participation was tabled at our meeting because there was no adult to handle the sign-ups. Subsequent to the meeting, Sue and Lisa Hansen volunteered to handle the sign-ups.

Monarchs Church Night

We decided not actively pursue this event because there was no one available to take the lead. We will keep our options open regarding a game after the first of the year.

Hammonasset Report

Since all of those present at the meeting had also attended the Hammonasset event, we discussed our reactions to the event. Once again there were not only no discipline-related issues with any of our youth, but also it was evident that our youth continue to value the time they spend with each other.

There were a few issues that required some discussion:

Because there were so many adults, we did not need to require youth participation in meal preparation and clean up. Dan stated that he wanted to minimize youth help so they could spend more time socializing. We discussed the positive effects of youth working with adults. Dan reluctantly agreed to build in meal preparation camaraderie and clean up comrade into next years Hammonasset plan.

Peder Eide spent a great deal of time promoting a charity that deals with the “adoption” of children in poor countries. The amount of time spent on this topic and the resulting “heat of the moment” adoptions that took place will be an agenda item for the synod Hammonasset planning committee. A number of adults felt that this was inappropriate. The CtK youth group adopted a child. Dan and pastor had some concerns regarding this action because it was not in the context of evaluating the different ways the CtK youth group could make a difference. Dan pointed out that a similar situation occurred at a previous Hammonasset event where the speaker got everyone fired up. That youth group, however, soon lost interest in the adopted child. The group felt that while it might have been handled differently, there was no reason to believe that this will not work out well.

There was a case where a parent was called regarding a health issue of one of the youth. The call was appropriate for the situation. We emphasized that the advisors need to communicate more when these situations occur.

Youth Quake

We are currently accepting sign-ups for this event. Dan will call potential attendees before the signup period is over.

San Antonio Update

The planning team has been meeting and we are currently accepting sign-ups. Dan and Denise Chomiczewski will be available at the ministry fair to answer questions.

Crop Walk Banners

We table this item. If CtK produces a banner, it will be done through the team organizing the event for CtK.

Youth Calendar

We discussed the need to share information so Dan can put the events into the calendar on the web site.

Periodic Youth Gatherings at CtK

Judy discussed the meeting that followed the last youth choir practice. The youth have planned a Halloween party for November 6th and a pre-New Years eve party for Friday December 30. Youth are leading the planning effort for these events. Adults will assist where needed.

Spirit Journal

Dan received an email from the youth pastor at Grace Lutheran, Auburn, Washington regarding a "spirit journal" that will be passed among youth groups all over the country. Dan will respond and indicate that CtK will participate.

College Addresses

Every year we receive a request from the synod for info on college students. Dan will forward the information that he has to Judy who will look into how easily we can pull this information together.

CtK36

Pastor filled us in on the activities for the youth in third through sixth grades. Pat Whalen has taken the lead in organizing the events. Many of the youth in this age group along with their parents participate. We anxiously watch the success of this ministry because of the relationships that are forming among the youth in this age group and how they might carry forward as they move into the 7th grade and above. Pastor said that there has also been some activity planning for children younger than third grade.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 15th at 7 PM.

Action Items

Pastor Tim

Set up meeting with Kay Edwards to start planning for Peer Ministry training.

Dan

Print San Antonio signup forms for Ministry fair

Print San Antonio info sheets for Ministry Fair

Print info docs for Hammonasset, Youth Quake and Spring Fling for the ministry Fair.

Add Halloween party and New Years Eve lock in to calendar

Respond to spirit journal inquiry

Judy

Look into the feasibility of gathering information on youth away at college