

Christ the King Youth Ministries

Minutes from August 24, 2006 Meeting

Attendees

Denise Chomiczewski, Corinne Chomiczewski, Dan Skibba, Matt Skibba, Judy Converse, Lisa Hansen, Melissa Graves, Betty Mulrey, Tami McKay, Caitlin Shields.

Box City

This event was sponsored by the Greater Nashua Interfaith Hospitality Network to increase homelessness awareness among youth. Lisa Hansen, Morgan Quinlin and Dan Skibba attended from Christ the King. It was pretty wet right into the evening. The weather cleared before the attendees build their cardboard shelters where they spent the night. Lisa and Morgan felt the exercise on budgeting was very enlightening. They also felt that some of the events seemed to target younger kids.

San Antonio

Corinne, Lisa and Judy recounted their experiences in San Antonio. The event was memorable and gave the attendees a better understanding that were part of a larger church body. The music was outstanding and the various events provide opportunities to explore and enrich their faith.

There was discussion as to how the attendees can share their experiences with the congregation. Judy and Dan will pursue this.

There was an incident on the last night where most of the attendees gathered in one of the rooms to visit after curfew. This involved two issues. One was the covenant that disallowed closed doors when attendees of the opposite sex were in the same room without adults present. The second issue was the break in curfew. The closed door issued was discounted because it was generally accepted that leaving the hotel room door closed after one AM was safer than leaving it open.

This leaves the main issue as the curfew violation. This was a break in trust that was unfortunate and has been discussed with those involved and their parents. The youth involved stated that they felt that curfew was arbitrary and that they did not feel that they could approach the adults present to get it extended. While this did not justify their actions, it is something that will be examined when planning future events.

Dan spoke with the parents of the youth involved regarding the phone calls that were made to the parents because the consensus of people aware of the situation felt that if parents needed to be notified, it could be done the next day when they returned home. Four of the five parents stated that the situation did not warrant a phone call. There was also an issue where the messages left were not specific leaving parents in a highly agitated state until they found out what really happened. We need to manage these situations better in the future.

Calendar for Upcoming Year

Hammonasset

Sept 8 –10, 2006

Halloween Party/lock in

Nov 3, 2006

New Years party / Lock in

Exact date to be determined. Initial Planning team includes Melissa Graves, Corinne Chomiczewski, Denis Chomiczewski and Lisa Hansen.

Youth Quake

Jan 26 – 28, 2007

CtK Lock in

Mar 23, 2007

Spring Fling

May 18 – 20, 2007

CtK Spring Campout

Date to be determined.

MayFest Spring Fundraiser

Date to be determined.

Project Compassion

We discussed the future of the project compassion child that is currently supported by CtK youth fundraisers. We will look into alternatives more closely tied to the ELCA.

New Outdoor Event for Spring 2007

We want to plan a new annual camping event that includes some of the following:

- Hiking
- Camp cooking
- Devotional activities
- Team-building activities
- Service
- Other outdoor activities

Matt Skibba will head up this team. We want to hold the event in late May or early June. We have talked about doing this at a state park because the fees are economical for youth groups. The planning team will determine the venue.

Other Items

Youth Ministries Promotions

We want to address the promotion of youth activities in order to keep youth aware of what is happening and to let the congregation know how active this ministry is. We would like to provide a bulletin insert and a monthly Clarion article.

College Student Address Updates

Tammy McKay will get the updated information of youth who are away at school so we have an accurate list for address labels when we send cookies.

Youth Ministries web pages

We are looking for someone who has the time to improve our youth web pages. We would like to have a page for each event with links to related sites.

Action Items

Judy

- Determine how best to share the San Antonio experience with the congregation.
- Contact Deirdre Schmidt to see about sponsorships similar to project compassion.
- Prepare devotions for next youth advisors meeting.

Dan Skibba

- Determine how best to share the San Antonio experience with the congregation.

Caitlin Shields

- Set a date for MayFest.

Tami McKay

- Update youth address for youth who are away at school.

Matt Skibba

- Organize planning team
- Set a date for the event.

Next meeting Date

Sept 21, 2006 at 7 PM at Christ the King. Judy will do devotions.