

Spring Con 2012 Post-con YAC Meeting Minutes

Meeting start- 10:05 AM

❖ Registration

- Getting everyone checked in, organized, and numbered for touch groups has never gone smoother.
- A special thanks goes out to Hannah for keeping folks in line and not letting people pass without properly checking in as the registration table. Her method of making sure you can't go further than the registration table without paying and handing off the correct forms will likely be enforced in the future.

❖ Opening Circle

- Other than the chattering youth, everything went well. To avoid the dull roar that is our habit to talk during circle time, it has been suggested that we sit next to people we don't know as well when we need to have circles.
- The acoustics of the main room weren't the best, and some people honestly couldn't hear, silence or not. In the future, we'll consider the sound projection and space of the main rooms and will use mikes if it becomes necessary.

❖ Touch Groups

- Most of them went really well, although we remind people to participate and don't be difficult.
- We also remind leaders to lead the touch group and follow the guidelines you are given when you volunteer to do this job. Also, please show up for your jobs, folks. If you don't, everyone else gets thrown off. This is a youth led community, so make sure you live up to your responsibilities. They're not *that* hard.
- We would ask that the TG coordinators let the leaders know when to end, or at the very least, figure out an ending time or just a duration time that touch groups should occur.

❖ Sponsor Meeting

- Adults notified us that this too went well and that new parents/sponsors found it to be a very helpful introduction to the community and information source. Kudos to the adults!

❖ Worship

- The only commentary we got here was in the future, for the bridgers' angel wash, we should see about letting the bridgers get to hug each other, however this was slightly countered by the comment that they have all weekend to hug each other, but the atmosphere and meaning behind it can be a little diluted in average con setting, so we will look into this.

❖ Wake-up

- Wake-up kind of didn't happen this con, seeing as a lot of people got up on their own, so nobody really did this, which left the few deep sleepers or people in obscure areas in blissful unawareness, and we can't have that. Despite the possibility of seeming obnoxious, we will be making sure somebody goes through a thorough sweep of the church to get everyone up so they, at the very least, have the chance to get breakfast if they so wish.
- ❖ Food
 - We enjoyed a good spread of snacks and that's always a plus.
 - We were reminded that some of the best snacks are fruits and veggies because everybody has to get sick of the nonstop sugar youth gorge upon in touch Groups. The snack tables should be able to help counteract that a bit, but nobody is complaining about the delicious dessert table we got on Saturday evening. Thank you chefs!
 - A no nut church means absolutely no nuts.
- ❖ Workshops
 - We hear everybody's got along well and without a hitch, so good job guys.
- ❖ Spirit Circle
 - Again, too much yammering from the peanut gallery, but otherwise good.
 - We all agree that the impromptu story retrieved from the nursery was a good choice.
- ❖ Lunch
 - For those that did not attend, what happened was a 'huger banquet' as I believe it was called. I'm pretty sure you can look up what that is, or if not, you could ask Caitlin Ballinger or she can redirect you to who to ask about this event.
 - Most of us have agreed this event would have been much more befitting of a TRA or maybe a SAC YAC event.
 - We have also agreed that this probably should have been a voluntary event and that people should have been notified of what they were about to get into, especially chaplains who should have been warned of the backlash that may occur. This event can mean different things to different people, but for a lot, it is emotionally upsetting.
 - Overall though, it was a little non-sequitur to the con, and the speaker wound up giving more of a lecture than anything else, and it contained a lot of redundancy, nothing against him.
- ❖ TRA
 - The monopoly got an "eh" reaction. It was interesting an all, but it's just not everyone's thing. That an time constraints but a little bit of a rush on it, although it was mentioned the 'game pieces' were enjoying themselves.
 - The discussion half of the TRA got a lot of positive feedback, so that's great. The only issue was an accidental cut off due to some communication errors.
- ❖ Surprise Cleanup
 - All went well on this front, although we again want to note that we should check the church's resources beforehand so that we know about how many vacuums and such are at our disposal.

- On good note, it was pointed out that the messes that are made are shrinking and this was maybe the neatest con some of us have ever seen.

❖ Talent Show

- We have moved to take any game shows out of the talent show.
- Although it was noted specifically on the sign-up sheet, guys, don't do multiple acts unless you're assisting someone else!
- The talent show was a little long this time, but it's Spring con, it's big, so it's fine.
- We would like to make a limit on the amount of time that can lapse between acts to hopefully get things running a bit quicker, and we want to bring back the 'on deck' system so the next act is ready to get up and go.
- It has been brought up that maybe an intermission, for the long talent shows, be implemented so people can stretch and use the restroom without missing acts or running out between them.

❖ Bridging

- It has been asked that music counteractive to the mood and seriousness of this event not be played.
- A lot of folks were asleep while this was happening since it was just after the talent show, and people always end up dozing off, but it's kind of rude, so we want to see about having a wake-up or energy break after the talent show to get people up.
- There was a bit of a too big break between the talent show and bridging, we want to eliminate that.
- Seniors, this is a note for you, you are allowed to sign each others' books. There was a bit of confusion on this point, so we'll look into finding a better system for allowing this since most times the seniors are shoed out of the signing room. Sorry about that guys!

❖ Dance

- It kind of didn't happen this con, which is a bit of a disappointment. By the time we could start, it was extremely late and most people were too tired to stay up.

❖ Closing Circle

- No complaints other than don't sign shirts during the hugapillar.

❖ Other/Side notes

- I think I accidentally injected some sarcasm in here, sorry about that. I also looked up the use of apostrophes because I'm that anal about grammar and correct usage of the English language. When writing, that is.
- We had a bit of a backed up schedule, as can occur, but we want to get away from that because then stuff like cancelling the dance or skipping event can happen. We suggest trying to keep the morning on track as best we can and taking the schedule more seriously, as some are wont not to.
- With the money left over from the budget for the 2011-2012 con cycle, YAC is going to see about purchasing a YAC Laptop to keep all documents on and organized. Or a portable drive. We want to, by the end of it, have a database with all our notes and information as well as a complete con song library.

- Not to chaplains, feel free to kick people out of rooms so you can chaplain. It is your right and responsibility to do so, so don't feel like a jerk or anything for it. And people getting removed, don't be difficult.
- All matter accumulated over the 2011-2012 con cycle will be discussed further in depth so we can find solutions to issues and resolve matters. Post con YAC meetings mostly exist to we can gather the topics we'll need to discuss and address.

Meeting end- 11:30AM