

Post-Junior High Con YAC Meeting 2011

Junior High Con- Fantasticon

*Time start and end were unfortunately, not recorded. I apologize.

❖ Discussion about Friday evening

- Registration
 - Everything went smooth and easy for the regular attendees. Many of the new youth however were confused about what forms were needed and what to do. That, however, is the responsibility of the church's RE Advisor, as well as explaining what cons are to the new attendees. This has been mentioned to the churches that had a problem, and should be kept in mind in the future.
 - Apparently, about twenty or more unregistered adults and youth showed up. People. Please. Register or do not come unless you have contacted the tri-chairs and received approval.
- Opening circle
 - Managed to still stay short, concise, and understandable with a reasonable time of thirty minutes.
- Touch Groups
 - Strangely enough, it has just now really occurred to the YAC that the food isn't the only thing that needs the option of being gluten free. Touch Groups should have access to some gluten free candy for the youth that have such needs. Thanks to the fact the online half of registration covers dietary needs, we can know ahead of time if we need some gluten free candy and about how much.
 - The Touch Group schedule was looser than usual, which worked well for a more laid back kind of con like this, but we want to keep in mind for the busier, more chaotic cons, we need to stick closer to the schedule for the sake of order.
 - The number distribution needs to be checked to be sure it's more even since we wound up with a few small TGs again, but were well handled.
 - The usage of the same games for the longest times has been brought up by various senior con attendees. It would be appreciated if everyone could keep in mind that we could use a few new games and ice breakers, and we're going to be looking through the book, *Deep Fun*, for suggestions.

- Worship
 - Worship this con was a peaceful affair, again with good length that neither drug on and on nor cut off too quickly.
 - When we went outside for Saturday night Worship, it was difficult to hear the readings. This is run into occasionally and will just have to be kept in mind next con.

❖ Discussion about Saturday events

- Wake up was surprisingly, but not unpleasantly, calm this time around, actually being later than most cons and it was fairly easier to rouse the UU youth than it sometimes has been.
- Food Stuffs
 - The request was made to remind kitchen staff to call the vegetarians to the front of the line for meals it would apply to since youth that don't need to have the vegetarian food will often still take it and then, if the vegetarians are in the back, get none of the food they can have.
 - Apparently breakfast was not called upstairs, which resulted in everyone who was hanging out up there to miss the morning meal. We'll make sure this doesn't occur again.
 - Food ended up running short, partially thanks to the extra influx of unexpected people, but still, it's better to overdo the amount of food than run short. This was brought up, and will hopefully be followed through with.
- Spirit Circle
 - All of YAC has come to the agreement that none of us know the songs completely anymore, thus need reviewing. Apparently they are in the book, **Deep Fun**, which every UU congregation has a copy of, so we can review them before next con hopefully.
- Workshops
 - Workshops were smooth sailing this con, except we had one or two people sign up to run about five different workshops with others. Please only go for two. The only other issue was the craft workshop left a mess that one of the youth ended up cleaning on their own. Thank you Allie.

- Surprise cleanup occurred just after lunch. It is asked that the senior higher and regular attendees guide the newcomers in what they're supposed to be cleaning up during the surprise clean up, since there was a little confusion on their part as to what exactly they were doing.
- TRA
 - There was some mixed response to the TRA, many claiming it was fun, enjoyable, and loose, but it fell apart after a while.
- Talent Show
 - This talent show wound up a little messy. Turns out the mike stand we usually use belongs to either Sully or Jack, since they usually bring one, so we're now looking into buying one for the YAC to transport to all the churches to avoid any issues like not having a mike stand. We improvised this time around, but it'd be preferable not to resort to that in the future.
 - The jokes used when MCing were the exact same from NeonCon and dragged on a little too much.
 - If anyone has any questions about if their act is suitable for a Jr. High Con, consult the tri-chairs for final confirmation. We had a small problem there.
 - The talent show was not made known to most people, despite it being announced once or twice. We need to try and spread it around more when the signup sheet is up.
- Dance
 - The volume was up a bit too loud, and as the dance was in the room just beneath the sanctuary, needs to be adjusted to such conditions from now on when they occur.
 - It was asked that the DJ please be polite to people who request during the dance, since a few complaints were heard.
 - A new variety was presented in the dance this con, which some enjoyed, some did not. It's all preference.
 - It has also been asked that songs are not repeated.
 - Again, there was a slight problem with the doors being opened to cool off. People, those stay shut, listen to us when we tell you this. Thank you. We're sorry that it gets all hot and sweaty, but curfew is curfew and the doors need to remain shut.

- Night Angeling
 - A reminder was issued that the YAC need to make sure night angels know to wake up the next shift. Again. It was brought up that Night Angeling is a serious important job that should be taken as such instead of being treated so lightly. It has been suggested that Night Angels actually have a meeting on Friday evening to reestablish who is going when and to make your time slot known so someone can make sure you are up and checking around. Also, Night Angel base is the registration table.

❖ Discussion about Sunday morning

- Clean Up
 - The junior higher got right on it upstairs, but the downstairs lazed a little, with lots of kids just sitting around doing nothing. Still, with a few youth taking charge and efficient work, everything was fairly successful.

❖ Other

- During the con, no respect was given to the Tri-Chair/Chaplain room, mostly because that was the best room and had couches, so it was understood from the beginning it would be invaded by con goers, but we still hope to avoid the raiding of the designated room in the future. Again. Also, a game was held in there before the Talent Show, and even though the players had every intention of returning afterwards, the room was needed for chaplaining mid show, and thus had to be picked up by one person. Again. Apologies, and we'll be reminding people that they can't leave games out, especially not in there, even if they are coming back.
- Guys, please stop getting jobs just to come to con unless you plan on doing that job and taking it seriously. Not pointing fingers, but this has been brought up a few times this meeting.
- It was asked that we be a little more mindful of boundaries that are meant to be held in place at Junior High con. It wasn't really bad, but we're asking that we try a bit more control. PG-13 folks.
- No aggressive hugging in the Hugapillar please. Thank you.
- There are two OMD YAC webstes, omdyac.org and ohiomeadville.org/yac. Both are linked to each other and have the same content, but omdyac.org works correctly and ohiomeadville.org/yac does not. The main ohiomeadville.org/yac page has been set to redirect to omdyac.org.