

Social Action Con 2013 Post-Con YAC Meeting Minutes

Meeting start- 9:20

❖ Registration

- Multiple youths wanted to sign up late, mostly due to some confusion over the registration deadline. The sign up was put up very close to the deadline this time due to some internal communications that had to be taken care of before sign up could be made available. This is unlikely to occur again as it was dependent upon the social action aspect of the con.

❖ Opening Circle

- While not as lengthy as some opening circles we've had in the past, it would seem that we're backsliding a little and we want to put that to an end now and keep these meetings as short as possible.

❖ Touch Groups

- The organization and distribution of people for touch groups was messy and uneven, with a fair few people expressing dislike for the numbering hands system. As per request, the YAC will be trying the preset touch group system once more, where who will be in which group is arranged before arrival.

❖ Worship

- Other than being a little lengthy, worship was agreed to have been enjoyable and well put together, as per usual.

❖ Wake-up

- Everyone got up when they needed to and Saturday morning went well.

❖ Meals

- The food was good with no complaints, though some are making the request to have tacos for lunch in the not too far away future.

❖ Spirit Circle

- Due to timing of the first offsite, half the youth were not in attendance, though the circumstances of this SAC were a bit unusual with the two offsites at different times and this isn't expected to happen again.

❖ Offsites

- Despite the great offsite options that were made available this SAC, if at all possible, the YAC wants to have the offsite activities coincide, as the varying times have proven to be too disruptive.
- SAC is a working con and there should have been more youth attending the offsites, which will be emphasized to remind everyone.

- It is suggested that in the event of con offsites, even if one isn't inclined to go at the time of registration, print out the offsite forms and get them signed anyway because at the con one could change his or her mind or want to attend because friends may be going. At the same time, it is also suggested that permission to attend an offsite just be a part of standard SAC forms.
- Unfortunately, there were some youth who signed up to do the offsites who were wiped from the list when the system reset some registration information with the addition of the second offsite to the options, which caused confusion amongst the registration and the attending youths that ultimately resulted in their not being able to go on any offsite despite wanting otherwise.

❖ TRA

- While TRA is sometimes lauded as non-compulsory, that is just a technicality. It is considered exceedingly rude and disrespectful to not attend, especially when the planned event includes a theme-speaker. Not many were missing from this con's TRA, but it is still an important point the YAC would like to bring up.
- The TRA speech was mutually seen as very informative and mentally engaging, garnering a good deal of positive response.

❖ Talent Show

- This con's talent show lasted for a length that the community hasn't seen for a while. As the activity running for this length of time is no longer typical, it didn't receive many complaints and was unexpected but understandable as a guest mc'd the event and was not aware of the YAC's efforts to consolidate and shorten the show.

❖ Workshops

- Timing for this con was thrown for a major loop, which resulted in a few things, one of which being the cancellation of a few workshops since there were leaders and youth not in attendance at two different times for the offsites. Still, what workshops did run were enjoyable.

❖ Dance

- One sponsor noted that most of the music played was rap and wanted to confirm that this was the youth preference and not the dj's. It was easily cleared up that not only is it just youth preference, it is essentially a youth made playlist run through facebook before each con where a number of songs are requested, mostly being rap.
- While this dance did come to a close early, most thought it ended well without any disappointed stragglers as there have sometimes been.

❖ Surprise Clean-up

- The YAC was pleased to find that though church supplies were limited, the youth got the preliminary tidying done quickly and efficiently.

❖ Breakfast

- No other comments than it went well.

❖ Night Angeling

- The 5-7 Saturday shift seems to continue to be passed up only to be picked up by one gracious YAC member for the past few cons. As distasteful as the shift may seem, it is necessary and some more youth need to be stepping up and picking up the shift.
- If one signs up to night angel and can't follow through for any reason, get a replacement.

❖ Other

- The co-chair/chaplain room would seem to remain a popular room, despite previous notes about how if someone isn't a co-chair, chaplain, or someone being chaplained, he or she should not be in there. As a rule of thumb in the past, this designated room was usually an out of the way, less desirable room to ward off the regular con goers. It has been suggested multiple times to return to this idea when circumstances allow, but at the same time, due to reoccurrence, the YAC will be looking into reviewing the rules pertaining to the co-chair/chaplain room, and should it be found that the current rules are not suitable, they will be reworked. If someone hangs out in there for a short while, it isn't seen as a huge issue, but if they fall asleep, they need to be kicked out, which makes the situation difficult because no one liked kicking people out of rooms so it's seen as preferable to not be in there at all than to come to that result. The co-chairs and chaplains are expected to be sleeping in the co-chair/chaplain room though, even if friends are elsewhere as these are the people that people should be able to find when they need to be found. Complaints will not be heeded on that matter as it is a ongoing condition of those particular YAC positions and a youth is aware of what they are committing to when he or she signs up for one of them.
- Friendly reminder to watch one's step at night and to not bump into/kick/trip over people.
- An interesting suggestion of a reverse quiet room has been brought up which will be considered for the future, as there are some youth who would appreciate such a room.
- In relation to graduate visitors, there were a few who made an appearance at this con. While the timing for their visiting would normally be between dinner and the talent show, timing was very loose this con and the YAC didn't want their appearance to disrupt the TRA, so they were asked to work around that.
- A continual reminder is made, to make sure it sticks, is that if you're not going to do something, so not sign up to do it. If you do sign up to do something, do it. And if for some reason you can't follow through, contact the YAC or whoever needs alerted immediately.
- To avoid situations where deadlines are pushed and people are fumbling to finish up past the due date, it is suggested to tell someone the deadline is this day, when the actual deadline is not for a few weeks past. This makes sure things are obtained early and in a timely fashion. Also, this way, if someone misses a due date, the responsibility can still be passed on to the secondary party with a reasonable amount of time to finish up.

Meeting end- 10:08