

Spring Post-Con Meeting 2014

Start 10:29 a.m. May 19th

❖ Registration

- Went well but would've been better with a computer
- There was a problem with people receiving confirmation emails but not being on the list

❖ Opening Circle

- It was too long and a clearer agenda is needed
- Maybe we won't need to name and explain every leadership position
- We need to spend more time on the rules, maybe using other YAC members-it would take extra time but show joint responsibility of rules
- Make sure touch group leaders read the rules at the first touch group meeting
- There's no need for jokes concerning the rules
- We could make cards each with a rule on them, and hand them out to people, who would then get up and explain their rule when it is called
- Keep everything clear, serious, concise and brief to show gravity

❖ Touch Groups

- Generally they went pretty well
- Better communication would be good
- Too many people were registered and some touch group leaders couldn't come, so the coordinators had to ask other people to lead

❖ Worship

- The Friday worship, including the drawing component was great; thank you, Shaker Heights youth group
- During the angel wash people were talking and there was not enough understanding of the reverence and respect for the space, however the end atmosphere is different from the beginning
- More description of the activity and difference in hugging lengths could help with gaps in the circle
- Angel washes always take a long time
- Talk in soft whispers, the cuddle puddles towards the end were a bit disrespectful

❖ Night Angels/Saturday Night/Sleeping

- It might make more sense to move the 5-7 shift down an hour (4-6)
- It went well, there were no big issues and rules were followed
- Two adults are better than one
- The 1-3 shift is still a shift and a job despite the dance
- People were being loud near Linda at night and did not get quiet after she asked them to; there should be awareness and respect for adults needing sleep

- Some people were very loud after the angel wash
- The Saturday sleeping arrangements were kind of strange
- The dance usually has a defined ending at regular cons, but this one winded down around 3:30 a.m.
- However, at spring cons the dance always runs late, but we should tell youth to quiet down after the dance
- Youth stayed at the dance for a very long time because it was the only co-gender area; it would be nice to add a co-gender quiet room
- Keep quiet/sleeping rooms quiet!

❖ **Saturday Morning**

- It went well and people were awake
- A few people slept through breakfast, for which they could ask a co-chair or ask kitchen staff if there are any leftovers (mention this at opening circle and the end of meals)

❖ **Food**

- The food was wonderful!
- Shaker Heights has said they could advise/help other churches with food planning
- All the kitchen staff were volunteers and we never ran out of food
- The grab and go breakfast was great
- There needs to more peanut butter and jelly and other protein-filled foods at the dance

❖ **OMD Board Youth Liaison**

- Goes to OMD board meetings and acts as a youth voice
- There are three online ones and 2-3 church meetings a year, and getting rides is easy
- There's regionalization discussion, and remind board members to appoint youth voices to other things
- The liaison does not have to be at every single meeting
- Gus Roussi and possibly Eliza Steffen will see about filling this position
- The next meeting in July does collide with Goldmine

❖ **Workshops**

- Morning workshops went well, but were maybe a bit too light
- There should be a standard variety of workshops, i.e. a record of workshops that have been done and someone could just pick one to lead off a list
- Put workshop ideas in the anonymous box
- Have an orientation workshop at junior high con, and a leadership positions workshop that is a standard for spring con
- Bring back more adult and youth led workshops
- The DIY workshop was awesome

❖ **Surprise Clean Up**

- The toddler room got destroyed with toothpaste everywhere and toys knocked over; it was probably the little kids who were at the church, however nobody reported it
- The janitors were nice but the stairs were difficult to clean

❖ **Talent Show**

- It was great!
- Cecilia Phillips got skipped (send her an official apology); Joe (MC) says it was his fault, he switched people around on the list with their permission
- Kristen Hermann was also skipped but was added in before bridging
- It might be a good idea to have an MC and also one person to queue people up, i.e. a 'stage manager'

❖ **Bridging**

- It was very sad with lots of crying, but also sweet and tender, people cried even though it was only their first con
- It was great to have so many young adults, especially recently bridged ones
- Remember that Henry McNabb is the new young adult liaison (contact him on Facebook or through Linda McNabb)

❖ **Sunday Morning**

- Waking up was hard for everyone but the church was cleaned
- Youth need to step forward for vacuuming and other cleaning
- All YAC members must step up and set an example with cleaning
- It should not always be the same people stepping up, there should be better designation that involves everybody
- One touch group (or all touch group leaders) could go to co-chairs and be delegators

❖ **Hug-A-Pillar**

- It went well, however somebody's toe got dislocated

❖ **YAC and Leadership**

- There is not enough representation and visible presence of YAC, you must carry it in you!
- Remind youth at cons to come to the next YAC meeting
- Create an environment where everyone can hold each other accountable regardless of their leadership position
- Be assertive and reasonable
- A flipchart with important dates is effective
- There will likely be two YAC meetings, one in Wooster and one in Columbus
 - The first will be the big discussion and electing leaders
 - The second one will be planning the two fall cons

End 11:34 a.m. May 18th