

# Social Action Post-Con Minutes 2014

**Meeting start:** 9:39 a.m. March 16, 2014

## ❖ **Registration**

- We should start making registration rules more rigid and expecting more from the youth.
- There should be a list of preferences for off sites prior to the SAC.
- If someone forgets to register, we shouldn't let them register late (with exceptions for new congregations)

## ❖ **Opening Circle**-went smoothly, there were no significant issues.

## ❖ **Worship**

- Both were fantastic, and connected successfully to each other.
- There was no formal worship workshop.

## ❖ Saturday morning wake up went fairly well.

## ❖ **Food**

- The dinner with the Bhutanese youth was incredible and delicious, as was the soup.
- We ran out of lunch food, which was a big problem.
  - Paul Lawson had to go to the grocery store six times during the con, which should not happen.
- This tends to happen more with new churches, and older churches can also have a change in personnel. Therefore, we should have a plan if the host church does not meet food expectations.
- YAC needs to take ownership of a food planning; this will be discussed at the Spring YAC Meeting.
- A Food Dude would still be an excellent idea.

## ❖ **Dom's Presentation and Bhutanese Youth**

- Everyone loved Dom and the presentation, and everyone from nice and fantastic.
- Overall, it went extremely well, and the youth were surprisingly focused and attentive.
- Kelly, from the museum said the youth seemed very comfortable with us, and none of the initial concerns ended up being issues.
- Follow Up
  - Thank you letter for the multicultural center
  - Spreadsheet of our contact information for the Bhutanese youth
  - Information about refugees in other cities to give to the Bhutanese association and their group for youth
  - Small donation to the museum (\$50+) and the Bhutanese association

## ❖ **Off sites**

- Rides were very messily organized, and drivers had no emergency information for their passengers, which is a massive liability issue and cannot happen again.
- There must be a list of everyone for each off site.
- Everyone should fill out a transportation form to take with them to con.
- All paperwork and organization must be done before the first off site.

- For the office painting offsite, we need to figure out supplies, instruction, and how many people can participate so everybody can be functional.
- Also, SAC off site activities should be something everyone has the skills to do.
- In general, off site communication was poor.

#### ❖ **YAC Leadership**

- There needs to be detailed definitions of everyone's duties in YAC; Aaron Bowie is working on this.
- At Summer YAC, we will fully redefine leadership roles, and work on a sensible division of labor.
- Remember that communication methods are only as effective as the recipient of said communication.
- Leaders cannot always delegate; they must follow up on every detail, with the committee, church, etc
- Melody MacFarland, one of the SACs, felt there should be more clear responsibilities for the SAC.
- Create more standing rules that are easy to change
- Unfortunately, the only people not fully paying attention during the talent show were some of the leaders, which sets a bad example.
- To be in leadership, youth must be able to attend almost all cons.
- At Spring YAC, an official DJ must be elected.
- Create a Facebook document that everyone can add to and brainstorm with.

#### ❖ **Talent Show**

- Joe Schmittgen, asked that people only sign up for the talent show if they will follow through with it; however, we want many people to sign up for the talent show.
- Joe will ask youth to go up and cross out their name if they decide they do not want to perform.
- Include up next/on deck.

#### ❖ **Dancing**

- The free dancing time was successful and a lot of fun. Two people got hurt, but the injuries were mild and it wasn't a big deal.
- The dance ended early, but it wasn't a problem due to the free dancing time before.
- There was a suggestion that there should be a greater attempt for the dance to cater towards everyone; however, this isn't necessary, as the dance is only in one room.

#### ❖ **Sunday Morning**

- Wake up was very cold, but there were no issues otherwise.
- Clean up was alright, but many people were slow to put their things away.
- Adults were unsure about when to help out or take charge, so that should be clarified.
- The floors were not cleaned after breakfast.

#### ❖ **Hug-A-Pillar**

- It was freezing cold outside and very short.
- It wasn't an ideal location, but was the best option.

#### ❖ **Touch Groups**

- Half of the touch group leaders that signed up did not register for or attend the con.
- There were only six touch group leaders.
- Leaders need to sign up right away, and have clear contact with Ryan Rowe and Aaron Bowie.
- Many people were unclear on how many touch group meetings there would be, and with who (Bhutanese youth or not).
- There needs to be clear clean up assignments for Sunday morning.

**Meeting end:** 10:51 a.m. March 16, 2014