

Summer YAC Minutes 2012

Meeting start- 10:10pm, Friday, August 17th

❖ Agenda

- Fill open YAC positions
- Plan the 2012 Junior and Senior High Cons
- *Elections will take place the next day, but we wanted to make everyone aware of what was available so they could be thinking on it.*

❖ Positions that require filling

- Worship Coordinator
 - Two slot position, one slot available, two year term
 - Previously- Oliver Evans
 - Currently- Alex Loverich Bernard; one year left
- Registrar
 - One slot position, one slot available, one year term
 - Previously- Jack Decker
- Touch Group Coordinator
 - Two slot position, two slots available, one year term
 - Previously- Rowan Winder and Hannah Bowie
- SAC Coordinator
 - Two slot position, two slots available, undefined term
 - Previously- Kelsey Bird and Alisan Easter
- Junior High Liaison
 - Multiple person position, multiple slots available, undefined term
 - Previously- Chloe Piper, Rain Maxwell, Maddy Prestridge, and Bella Zingerelli
- YAC Youth Chair
 - Four slot position, two slots available, two year term
 - This was going to be a three slot position, but that seemed to work out best as a one year deal, and was unanimously approved to be changed to a four slot position of two terms, with two teams staggered, so there is always a team of two people in the position that have experience
 - Previously- Caitlin Ballinger
 - Currently- Sophia Strickler and Tommy Sullivan; one year left
- Adult Co-chair
 - Multiple slot position, one slot available, undefined term
 - One open slot
- DJ

- One slot position, one slot available, one year term
 - Previously- Henry McNabb
- ❖ Bylaws – To be read through, revised, and adjusted as need be
 - New youth
 - Began a debate about a reoccurring issue, the attendance of new youth at SAC, SpringCon, and YAC meetings. Most points brought up were the same as the previous year. There are pros and cons to attending a YAC meetings before attending cons, and it has actually been good for most people that do. We have determined to make it clear to people that YAC meetings are the business side, do not come here unless you plan to work. Otherwise, most new youth that attend were invited to be there, so are likely to be aware of these parameters.
 - Idea for the revision to the law pertaining to the attendance of youth new to OMD events- *New youth are allowed to attend YAC meetings as long as they understand it is a working meetings and are still restricted by the rule that they must attend two YAC meetings to sign the book and join YAC so that they may run for a position. Aside from this regular restriction, they must also have attended at least one con before running for a position of power in the YAC or be a touch group leader at cons.*
 - Cons per year
 - It would seem that a few years back, there were leadership development cons. Most youth have never heard of this, so it was one con that has fallen through and not been mentioned for a good while. However, a new leadership development program is being developed and implemented thanks to Evan
 - Age restricted event
 - The YAC shall use its collective discretion to determine if a Junior High YAC member may attend a Senior High Con or SAC YAC and act in a position of responsibility.
 - To attend SAC, it was decided that anyone that wishes to go must fill out a short questionnaire to figure out if the person honestly wants to attend and is serious about the social action aspect.
 - The YAC has decided to hold the Senior high con first this year, in hopes that letting the older youth have a con to spend with their friends first will allow them to be more focused when it comes to the Junior High con, where they need to be doing jobs and acting as leaders of the community.
 - For Junior High Cons, junior highers have priority over senior highers in the sign up, and vice versa for the Senior High Con.
 - The Role of a YAC Member
 - No adjustments made
 - YAC Relationship with Adults
 - No adjustments made
 - YAC Officials

- While we do have a District Liaison/OMD Board Youth Representative, it has been suggested and approved that the Youth Co-chairs should be attending these meetings, and will begin to do so as they can.

Break for dinner- 11:44pm, Friday, August 17th

Resume- 12:05am, Saturday, August 18th

- The youth co-chairs are required to attend at least one of the OMD board meetings each as a part of their position's responsibilities.
- ❖ Money
 - Money and forms from youth cons are all sent to an OMD office official.
 - Currently Beth Casebolt
- Aside from other happenings, the co-chairs are going to look into reinstating the youth newsletter to keep people up to date.
- The Co-chair/Tri-chair/Quad-chair issues is discussed some more, and the idea is to be implemented.
- ***Evin Carville-Ziemer, the youth contact to the OMD board, talks about her plans for the youth leadership trainings, overview the information and plans. This will be available publicly at a date of her discretion, as everything is still being put together.***

First segment of meeting adjourned- 12:55am, Saturday, August 18th

Continue- 9:20am, Saturday, August 18th

- ❖ Agenda
 - Pick the themes for the Junior and Senior High Cons
 - Elections
 - Plan the Junior and Senior High Cons
 - Review the issues of the previous year
- ❖ Themes
 - MedievalCon
 - PirateCon
 - SpaceCon
 - NintendoCon- Broadened to GameCon
 - TheatriCon
 - Lord of the Con
 - Captain AmeriCon
 - Native AmeriCon- SAC idea
 - ButterCon
 - My Little Connie
 - Politicon- SAC idea

- PlayerCon
- Jack Decker Con
- InfectiCon- Merged with Conster
- CampCon
- BabyCon
- SpyCon
- SparkleCon
- ConFest/FestivalCon
- InternatiCon- SAC idea
- SurvivorCon- Merged with Conster
- DragCon
- PokeCon- Merged with GameCon
- Consino
- Monty PyCon
- Conqueso
- Wild West Con
- Conster

Break- 10:33am, Saturday, August 18th

- *Junior highers are supposed to discuss amongst themselves what they'd like for the Junior High Con theme to be.*

Return- 10:46am, Saturday, August 18th

Junior High Con- GameCon

Senior High Con- Conster

SAC tentatively set for Appreciation for Willy Won Con

SpringCon leaning towards MedievalCon

❖ Elections

- Youth Co-chair
 - Candidates- Rain Maxwell, Oliver Evans, Jack Decker
 - Oliver withdraws
 - Rain and Jack elected
- Adult Co-chair
 - Paul Lawson
 - Alyssa Lamb
 - Paul Lawson elected

Break for lunch- 12:36pm, Saturday, August 18th

Return- 1:28pm, Saturday, August 18th

- Registrar position unanimously merged with the youth co-chair position
- Request for a head chaplain position made
 - It was established that this is not necessarily an official elected position, but one that a person is appointed to with a vote of confidence from YAC staff.
- DJ
 - Candidates- Joey Marfy, Sydney Dunnett, Liam Newberry
 - Liam elected
- Touch Group Coordinator
 - Chloe Piepho & Amihan Tindongan, Chloe Lawson & Claudia Victoroff, Maddy Prestridge
 - Chloe L. and Claudia elected
- Worship Coordinator
 - Candidates- Oliver Evans
 - Oliver elected
- SAC Coordinator
 - Candidates- Maddy Prestridge, Devon Lawson
 - Maddy and Devon elected
- Junior High Liaison
 - Candidates- Chloe Piepho, David Wilson, Judah Hyde
 - Chloe, David, and Judah elected

Break- 2:35pm, Saturday, August 18th

Return- 3:38pm, Saturday, August 18th

- ❖ **Senior High Con-** Conster, October 5th-7th at the UU Church of the North Hills in Pittsburg
 - **TRA-** A game called 'Startrek' though it will be changed to fit our purposes. Utilizes a set of carts and an easily built flashlight. Thanks to Amihan for the game.
 - **Chaplains-** Caz Tidrick, Oliver Evans, Devon Lawson, Chloe Lawson
 - **Touch Group Leaders-** Shannara Stetson, Maddy Prestridge, Dalin Frantz, Ryan Rowe, Chloe Piepho, Amihan Tindongan, Judah Hyde, Liam Newberry, Harriet Abigail Ward, Joey Marfy, Nicholas Gill, David Wilson, Alisan Easter, Kelsey Bird, Frankie Lepp
 - **Night Angeling**
 - Friday
 - 1-3 Lydia Hyde & Amihan Tindongan
 - 3-5 Lindsay Adams & Josh Ward
 - 5-7 Joan & Hannah Taub
 - Saturday
 - 1-3 Maddy Prestridge & Dalin Frantz
 - 3-5 Ian Maclachlan & David Wilson
 - 5-7

- **Workshops**
 - Scary Stories- Judah Hyde
 - Melonheads- Harriet Abigail Ward
 - Legends of Mothman- Harriet Abigail Ward
 - Outdoor Games- Liam Newberry and Ryan Rowe
 - Slender- Joey Marfy
 - Modern Monsters- Maddy Prestridge and Amihan Tindongan
 - Make-a-Monster- Maddy Prestridge
 - The Monsters Within- Liam Newberry
 - Sock Puppets- Chloe Lawson
 - Monsters of Pittsburg- Caz Tidrick
 - Monsters, Inc.- Joey Marfy
- ❖ **Junior High Con-** GameCon, November 16th-18th at West Shore UU Church of Rocky River
 - **TRA-** Dubbed the Game of Life, a rp sort of game reminiscent of D&D quick run style
 - **Chaplains-** Oliver Evans, Caz Tidrick, Devon Lawson, Chloe Lawson
 - **Touch Group Leaders-** Shannara Stetson, Harriet Abigail Ward, David Wilson, Ryan Rowe, Amihan Tindongan, Liam Newberry, Dalin Frantz, Maddy Prestridge, Chloe Piepho, Kelsey Bird, Alisan Easter
 - **Night Angeling**
 - Friday
 - 1-3 Dalin Frantz & Maddy Prestridge
 - 3-5 Lydia Hyde & Lindsay Adams
 - 5-7 Amihan Tindongan
 - Saturday
 - 1-3
 - 3-5 Ian MacLachlan & River Palowitch
 - 5-7
 - **Workshops**
 - D&D- Judah Hyde and Maddy Prestridge
 - Card Games- Liam Newberry
 - Children's Games- Claudia Victoroff and Chloe Lawson
 - Nintendo- Shannara Stetson
 - The Games That We Play- Liam Newberry
 - Outdoor Games- Liam Newberry and Caz Tidrick
 - The Troubles of Gambling- Maddy Prestridge
 - Women in Video Games- Leona Dunnett
- ❖ **Review of the previous year**
 - We have finally managed to cut opening circle down from the preposterous length it had grown to. It use to average at least an hour in length, we've cut it back to 20-40 minutes and successfully convey what need to during that time.

- Dietary needs are always a bit hectic. We are working on gluten-free candy and we need to pay attention to church food restrictions as well as attending youths'.
- Aside from being introduced at opening circle, there isn't much to identify a chaplain with, aside from a customary bandanna. We want to be sure these are displayed openly and clearly.
- We need to get flashlights for the night angels to use, as well as implement a night angel introductory meeting at the beginning of cons.
- Chaplains and the touch group coordinators tend to hop touch groups, which is what they're supposed to do, we just advise that they stick with a group for at least ten minutes before moving to the next.
- Just a positive comment, surprise cleanup has actually become a surprise in the past year, no longer being held directly before the talent show, but at various points in the evening.
- It has been mentioned quite a few times over the past year, and we repeat it again now, do not be opening doors during the dance. By that time of night, you shouldn't even be going outside anyway.
- It has been suggested that we start to vacuum the floors every night, so there isn't a huge buildup or lots to clean up Sunday morning.
- The talent show has a horrible tendency to last way too long. Each person is talented and we appreciate it, but the dance gets cancelled or shortened when the talent show runs for too long, as well as other issues arise. From now on, the MC will only do tiny acts if time needs filled, otherwise, they will time and regulate the talent show and it's acts. Each act should be no longer than five minutes.
- Touch Groups are mandatory. Each youth must attend their assigned touch group during the specified meeting times.
- If you sign up to be a leader in some way, do it because you're going to lead and are willing to step up. Don't just use it as a means to an end.
- Touch groups need to do their assigned set up or tear down jobs for meal times. This will be communicated better to the touch groups to help them understand that this is their job and they will do it.
- **Use common sense, people.**

Summer YAC 2012 adjourned- 5:05pm, Saturday, August 18th