

Summer YAC Meeting 2013

Meeting start: 11:14 p.m. August 17th

❖ Agenda

- Elections
 - Youth co-chairs (2 positions)
 - Touch Group Coordinators (2 positions)
 - Secretary (1 position)
 - Worship Coordinator (1 position)
 - OMD Board Representative (1 position)
 - Adult co-chairs (2 positions)
 - Social Action Coordinator (2 positions)
 - Junior High Liaisons
- Bylaws
- Food and Budget
- Touch groups
- Head Chaplain
- Regional Con

❖ Covenant

- Respectful listening
- CUYODS
- Co-chairs Jack and Rain will facilitate
- Respect the work environment
- Respect the rules
- Honor the YAC
- Step up/step back rule
- Avoid redundancy
- Hand signals when appropriate
- Stay on topic
- Take care of yourself and each other

Break: 11:35 p.m. August 17th

Back in session: 11: 53 p.m. August 17th

❖ Detailed Agenda

- Friday
 - Go over agenda
 - Go over positions
 - Eat and bedtime
- Saturday
 - Breakfast at 8:30 a.m.
 - Elections
 - Themes for cons
 - Plan cons

- Review of miscellaneous items
 - Regional Con
 - Head Chaplain
 - Budget
 - Food
 - ♦ Con Cookbook?
 - ♦ Fuud Duud and Registrar
 - ♦ Elect a youth kitchen assistant?
 - Website
- Update bylaws
- OMD regionalization
- Junior High Liaison position
- Staggered positions
- Apprentice positions (Webmaster, etc)
- ❖ **Available positions for elections**
 - Youth Co-chairs (2 positions)
 - Needs to memorize bylaws
 - 2 year position
 - Will run cons.
 - Adult Co-chairs (2 positions)
 - “Bumper guards”
 - Social Action Coordinator (2 positions)
 - Organizes off sites and speakers
 - Must plan extensively
 - Youth OMD Board Representative
 - Decided to call Dalin Frantz
 - Spirituality/Worship Coordinator
 - Plans Friday and Saturday night worships
 - Leads Saturday worship workshop
 - Secretary
 - Takes notes at YAC meetings
 - Sends various emails (to OMD administrators, etc)
 - Types meeting minutes (Sooner than 2 months after said meeting)
 - Touch Group Coordinator (2 positions)
 - Coordinates touch groups
 - Junior High Liaisons
 - Reach out to junior high participants at cons
 - Promote YAC to junior high students in their congregations
 - Head Chaplain role
 - To be used as a buffer zone
 - Organize and unify the chaplains
 - Must have been an active chaplain
 - To be made an elected position
- ❖ **Rules Concerning Multiple Positions**
 - It was decided by a vote that a YAC member may only hold two positions if the YAC group feels that they do not conflict at the time of elections.

Break: 12:25 a.m. August 18th

❖ **Elections**

- Worship Coordinator
 - Candidates: Judah Hyde, Gus Roussi, Eliza Steffen
 - Elected: Judah Hyde
- Touch Group Coordinators
 - Candidates: Aaron Bowie, Abby Ward, Ryan Rowe
 - Elected: Aaron Bowie and Ryan Rowe
 - There was a discussion on how we should organize touch groups, whether we should sort them out before hand instead of the previous system of just writing touch group numbers on everyone's hands, as people try to switch groups with that system. We decided to discuss this later on, or leave it to the new touch group coordinators.
- Co-Chairs
 - Candidates: Devon Lawson, Chloe Piepho, Ryan Rowe, Eliza Steffen
 - Elected: Devon Lawson and Chloe Piepho
- Secretary
 - Candidates: Cavan Bonner and Eliza Steffen
 - Elected: Eliza Steffen
- Social Action Coordinator
 - Elected: Melody MacFarland and Danieh Foltz
- Junior High Liaisons
 - Lindsay Adams, Claire Gill, Cavan Bonner, Lydia Hyde, Aaron Bowie and Eliza Steffen
- Adult Co-chairs
 - Candidates: Dave Gill and Christina Hermann
 - Elected: Dave Gill and Christina Hermann

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❖ **New Apprenticeship Roles**

- A DJ apprentice for Joey Marfy is needed.
 - DJ apprentice: Sam Roscigno
- Webmaster apprentice for Ryan Rowe
 - Aaron Bowie, Cecilia Phillips, Nic Gill
 - We decided that it would be convenient to have multiple apprentices for this position. There was also a discussion about expanding YAC media use, for example, having a social networking and media team that would update a live Twitter feed, YouTube channel, and more.

❖ **Head Chaplain Role**

- This will be an experienced chaplain who helps newer chaplains and knows all the rules (confidentiality, etc)

- They must have chaplained at a con, and chaplained someone at a con, additionally.
- They must have had some kind of confidentiality training.
- It is a very sensitive position and complicated to choose someone for.
- It was decided, after an extended discussion; that the head chaplain position would be chosen by first have nominations by the YAC community, and then a final selection by youth and adult co-chair majority vote.
- Head Chaplain: Caz Tidrick
- ❖ **Regional Con Discussion with Evin Carvill-Zeimer**
 - Two years ago, there was a regional meeting with youth from each district, and they decided to hold a regional con, with a theme of diversity.
 - OMD YAC suggestions for regional con:
 - Touch groups with youth from each district
 - There should be some activity about how to truly do successful, productive youth leadership.
 - Possibly, each district could plan a workshop.
 - We could discuss the best practices of youth empowerment in our different districts, and additionally have a large discussion about how the districts deal with diversity issues.
 - Have a discussion concerning the diversity of faith tradition and worship in various districts, how they maintain spirituality, etc
 - It would be great to use the location's strength to do an interesting and powerful off site activity.
 - We talked about having a theme speaker, i.e., a UU "celebrity" to talk about the history of UU youth, or a similar topic, and also to encourage more adults to attend as sponsors and drivers.
 - It was decided that we would offer a workshop on regional con at I Think I Con (senior high con).
- ❖ **Goldmine Leadership School**
 - Nick Hurt, who attended Goldmine over the summer, said that the camp was a lot of work, but there was still social time, and there were only ten people in the camp, so everyone became very close. He learned a lot about leadership and UU history and would definitely recommend the camp.
 - Goldmine may be forming a partnership with the southern Ontario district, in which case one year the camp may be north of the border, in Canada, and south of it, in the U.S.A., the next year.
 - Fundamentals of Healthy Youth Groups consists of youth and adults working together to improve youth organizations and events.
 - This year, likely in February, there will be a spirituality development con, which may possibly be combined with chaplain training.
- ❖ **Night Supervision at YAC Meetings**
 - Due to recent events, we discussed how to supervise YAC meetings in the nighttime, as opposed to youth cons. It was decided that, in order to protect liability and the working atmosphere, until further decisions, there we be a bedtime for YAC meetings, and genders would be segregated for sleeping. The second night, on Saturday, everyone slept in the same room, with supervision.

Also, it must be emphasized that everyone must bring their own bedding to OMD YAC events.

Break: 3:52 p.m. August 18th

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❖ **Con Themes**

- Theme Ideas
 - Chalice Con
 - Intergalaticon
 - CONrad
 - Steampunk Con
 - Psych-CON-ology
 - Dance Con
 - Baby Con
 - Carnival Con
 - I Think I Con
 - CountercUUlture Con (Punk Con)
 - Ice Cream Con(e)
 - Linguisticon

❖ **Senior High Con-I Think I Con**

- The theme will be I Think I Con, a con about confidence, self image, the media, and all the issues that stem from that.
- Workshops
 - Girl Hate/Feminism-Harriet Abigail Ward, Melody MacFarland, and Eliza Steffen
 - Writing Compliment Notes-Aaron Bowie and Nick Hurt
 - Regional Con-Oliver Evans and Dalin Frantz
 - Virtual Confidence-Brian Ward
 - Dude Hate- Judah Hyde and Caz Tidrick
 - Outdoor Games- Ryan Rowe and Joey Marfy
 - Worship Planning- Oliver Evans and Judah Hyde
 - Redonk Nervousness-Lily Farr and Eliza Steffen
- Touch Group Leaders
 - Harriet Abigail Ward, Melody MacFarland, Tommy Sullivan, Eliza Steffen, Nick Hurt, Nic Gill, Judah Hyde, Cavan Bonner, Cecilia Phillips, Pete Decker
- Chaplains
 - Caz Tidrick (Head Chaplain), Oliver Evans, Lily Farr, Ryan Rowe
- Night Angels
 - Friday
 - 1-3 Claire Gill & Aaron Bowie
 - 3-5 Caz Tidrick & Lydia Hyde
 - 5-7
 - Saturday
 - 1-3 Lily Farr & Melody MacFarland

- 3-5 Cavan Bonner & Josh (?)
 - 5-7
- TRA- The TRA will be an activity called “Fuzzy Backs” where everybody writes compliments about each other and sticks them on each other’s backs.
- ❖ **Junior High Con-CONival**
 - Workshops
 - Mirrormask-Aaron Bowie
 - Carniculture-Judah Hyde
 - Creepy Carnivals-Harriet Abigail Ward and Wesley
 - Carnival Costumes- Harriet Abigail Ward and Melody MacFarland
 - Outdoor Games- Joey Marfy and Ryan Rowe
 - Festivals Around the World-Cecilia Phillips and Paul Lawson
 - Worship Planning- Oliver Evans and Judah Hyde
 - Carnival Dungeons and Dragons-Cavan Bonner and Nic Gill
 - Touch Group Leaders
 - Harriet Abigail Ward, Nic Gill, Cecilia Phillips, Nick Hurt, Claire Gill, Alex Bernard, Eliza Steffen, Lily Farr, Cavan Bonner
 - Chaplains
 - Caz Tidrick (Head Chaplain), Oliver Evans, Ryan Rowe
 - Night Angels
 - Friday
 - 1-3 Caz Tidrick & Lydia Hyde
 - 3-5 Aaron Bowie & Eliza Steffen
 - 5-7
 - Saturday
 - 1-3 Oliver Evans & Lily Farr
 - 3-5 Cecilia Phillips & Cavan Bonner
 - 4-7
 - TRA- The TRA will be a scavenger hunt to find mask-making supplies and then everyone will make carnival masks.
- ❖ **Food at Cons**
 - We need a sense of youth responsibility with food at cons; it takes a huge amount of work and time which we often take for granted.
 - Rules and positions about food preparation and clean up could be added to the by-laws, or touch group jobs could be stricter and more organized, so touch groups could do the set up and clean up.
 - Fuud Duud Position: This person would go to host churches, speak with the DRE in person or through a phone call, and talk to and advise them about dietary restrictions and how to buy food effectively for the large number of youth at cons.
 - At cons, we should try to simplify food preparation, and keep it fairly inexpensive while continuing to have good quality and delicious meals.
 - It would be helpful for future cons and for budgeting purposes to have a “Con Cookbook”. Jack Decker, who currently carries out Fuud Duud responsibilities, will work on the Con Cookbook, and also teach the other co-chairs how to organize food at cons.
- ❖ **Con Newsletter**

- Cavan Bonner, Eliza Steffen and Caz Tidrick will work on creating an OMD YAC con newsletter to be released at least two weeks prior to each con.

Recess: 8:27 p.m. August 18th

Back in session: 8:00 a.m. August 19th

- ❖ **Revision of YAC By-Laws-** We decided it was best to go over the by-laws and revise as necessary during the Summer YAC meeting, as opposed to an online vote during the fall, possibly using a quorum to decide.
 - The YAC membership rules will be changed from he/she to gender neutral terms such as “they” or “the youth”.
 - The “conference dean” term will be removed, as YAC now operates using four youth co-chairs, not a dean.
 - Whether we should change the wording of the co-chair position concerning the end of one’s term from “graduate high school” to “age out of the program” was brought up. It was decided by a vote that the wording would be changed to “age out of the program”. However, a youth may only hold the position of co-chair until they bridge out of the youth program, not until they bridge out of the program. In order to make this distinction clearer, we voted that a youth must be 17 years old or younger to run for the co-chair position.
 - Every year, two new adult co-chairs will be elected. To prevent adults with bad relationships with the district, their DRE, or others from being elected, candidates for the adult co-chair position must be recommended by a consensus of all co-chairs.
 - In the wording for the SAC position, the part about planning a youth caucus at the annual meeting will be removed, as this event does not happen anymore.
 - Touch group coordinators will be responsible for assigning touch groups and their clean up or set up duties.
 - The head chaplain position will be added, with all the rules previously decided. Additionally, the head chaplain will organize chaplain meetings throughout each con.
 - The Fuud Duud will be appointed by a consensus of all the co chairs.

Summer YAC Meeting adjourned: 9:12 a.m. August 19th