

MNO Synod Youth Committee Meeting

9:00 am, November 5, 2011

Present: Carey J. Buss (Secretary), Bruce Gelhorn (Chair, had to leave at 11:30), Larry Ulrich, Lindsey Byron (had to leave by 2:00), Maure Lackman (took part-time Chair in this meeting), Luke Filipowicz (arrived late, 10:15 am.)

1. Call To Order:

- Maure will chair the meeting after 11:30, as Bruce has a funeral he must attend at this time.
- Bruce leads a devotion on All Saints Sunday, involves a history of Halloween, reformation.
- We each make our own crests and share them.

2. Move to accept the agenda: with the addition of setting next meeting dates. **MSC.**

3. Next Meeting: **March 10th, 2012. MSC. We will also keep in mind October 2012.**

4. Move to accept the minutes of the March 2011 meeting. **MSC.**

5. Discussion of Synod Convention Leadership:

- We will add Saara Vuorela's name to this list, along with Jeff Buhse, Troy Miller, Luke Filipowicz, and Connor Trueman.

6. Youth Ministry Facilitator's Report:

- Prairie Fire CD's; remaining 60 copies to be distributed at Synod Convention for free, as they no longer are selling.
- CLAY bus trip is mostly under control, we just need to plan a pre-gathering event. This will be done in January.
- Move to accept the report. **MSC.**

7. Report from Justine Hesselbart from the National Convention

- Can we have a preparatory meeting for the youth delegates for both National AND Synod conventions? (In addition to Synod Orientation)
- She was a good choice as a Youth Delegate, spoke well at the microphone.
- We have read and received the report.
- We will receive Erin's electronically.
- They will hopefully present at either the December or January Youth + Campus service.

8. Report from Maure: "Stronger Together" (Sept. 13-16, 2011) aka L.A.S.T.

- Recommend not for us to attend L.A.S.T. 2012; the meeting was non-beneficial in comparison to the cost. Unwillingness to listen on the part of the Anglicans at times, CLAY received negative reactions, such as "Too costly" and "Just a big party".
- Regional match-ups were not had, no reps from the 3 Dioceses near to MNO.
- Much of what was discussed, we already do well.

9. Review of the Fall Retreat:

- Very cool to see every single person involved in the worship.
- Some logistical items to consider Re: dramas - more time, more clear theme statement.
- Perhaps open up some Drama + Music workshops in the future? Smorgasbord of workshops?
- This will help youth to come back to their congregations prepared to take on leadership roles.
- Honorariums: 3, at \$100 each, out of appropriated funds, along with the deficit.
- Move to give Martine Teetaert, Barret Miller, and Caroline Wintoniw each \$100 in honorariums. **MSC.**

10. Budget Review

- Apply to purchase a new keyboard for Prairie Fire; apply at next meeting.
- Write out budget, keep it as is.
- Move to propose the following budgets to Synod Council. **MSC.**

11. Bruce must leave at this time. (11:30)

12. Winter Gathering Planning

- Steinbach will host. Do we rent out the rec centre?
- Thursday soon, Carey, Luke, and Larry to go to Steinbach.
- Theme: Reboot your faith; a spiritual boot camp. (We will choose 4 of the 7 spiritual disciplines to discuss)
- Leader ideas: Some peers, some elder leaders. Possibility of Bishop Susan helping out? Jennifer Marlor would also be a great option.
- We will ask Bishop Susan to make an appearance.
- Which 4 spiritual disciplines? 1. Prayer 2. Telling 3. Scripture Reading 4. Giving
- Perhaps ask Rebecca Ulrich to help as well.
- 4 different people to lead each chunk, like we did in Gimli.
- Lindsey will send in some reports re: Winter retreat. Should we have a theme song? etc.
- We need to spend much more time on worship planning.
- Carey Buss will be the activity leader.
- Who else do we ask? Bishop Susan, Jennifer Marlor, Mara Rozitis (prayer), Justine Hesselbart (Telling), Jeremy Langner, Rebecca Ulrich (Giving)
- Move to make the theme "Reboot your Faith: A spiritual bootcamp." **MSC.**
- We will stay in correspondence regarding the schedule.

13. Lindsey has to leave at this time (2:00 pm.)

14. Potential Committee Members

- Michael Kurtz, Hildy Vickers for rostered members. (Bruce Gelhorn's position)
- Youth position (Christian Robson's position) : Justine Hesselbart, Hannah Shirliff, Emily Schwartz.
- Carey will stand for another term if approved.

15. Restructuring (Synods)

- With this in mind, can we keep Regina in mind in 2013 for a winter gathering?
- This will hopefully attract some people from Saskatchewan?

16. Move to adjourn the meeting. MSC.

17. We end in prayer, Larry leads us.