

Youth Commission 8/20/11

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1. Youth Commission Guidelines (as suggested and agreed on by all members)
 - a. must attend at least 3 meetings in the year, failure to attend results in removal from Youth Commission
 - b. be respectful of other ideas and don't bash
 - c. try to be inclusive of all groups, make people feel included
 - d. business during meeting and social at lunch after
 - e. respect each other outside of youth group and youth commission
 - f. check your facebook/email/

2. Missionpalooza Review
 - why decline in #'s youth/adults?
 - a.choosing other events due to cost
 - b.a lot of seniors chose not to go
 - c.other mission trips?
 - d.st. james still in disarray, loss of leaders, decline in youth numbers,
 - e.parish conflicts
 - f.demographic shifts: good shepherd has more jhigh
 - g.3 week long events in a summer is a lot. hard to do all 3.
 - h.possible negative carryover from mega camp negative vibes?
 - i.the need to work to make money for college, etc?
 - what to do?
 - a.invite other dioceses from province?
 - b.think it will improve next year without EYE competing
 - c.improve our marketing/communication efforts to youth and adults about importance of service and how fun/meaningful the event is

3. Fall Fun Fest
 - a.welcome event, invite others!
 - b.reinstitute family groups, so people get to know each other, put that back in schedule
 - c.work on people's attitudes toward get to know you games
 - d.get some new games, maybe try board games
 - e.no more "do you love your neighbor" and over used get to know you games, use new ones
 - f.be welcoming to all, be aware of that throughout the event
 - g."what's up bro? how you doing?" Maggie H.
 - h.would a youth be willing to talk about importance of welcoming/non cliques
 - i. assign peer ministers to buddy up with new people?
 - j. let new people ask questions about FFF or other events to PM's YC's in fam groups, chance to bond/connect

k.introduce YC's/PM's

4. Happening

a.change in staff selection process

b.invitation to all previous participants to attend staff day, must return forms or attend staff day to be considered for staff, after staff day Daniel/Lizzie will put staff together based on who has turned in forms/attended staff day

5. Mega Camp (reactions and feedback from youth commission members)

a.high schoolers did not like having elementary at High Y service, distracted and took away from the experience, possible separate experience for age groups

b.maybe only need one all camp eucharist

c.concern over seeing younger campers alone on camp, wondering what they're doing

d.lunch room mockeries, meal times need to be separate, frustrating

e.work on high schoolers attitudes to see it as leadership and giving back vs.

being annoyed that "their" experience is being diminished by other age groups

f.sr. high frustration with younger campers

g.have senior high closing service at high y for seniors?

h.Is there a way to have different meal times?

i.could high schoolers eat lunch at Jones all week?

j.senior high got pushed to back at some activities like fishing, canoeing,

k.negative attitude from Y staff toward campers

6. Mega Camp 2012

a. Despite concerns all members agree to try Mega Camp again in 2012

i. Staff/Attendance numbers are compelling

ii. More positive reactions than negative

iii. Wisdom of trying new program more than once before change

iv. Feel improvements can be made to address concerns raised