

Meeting Minutes; Youth WIN Team Meeting

March 2, 2020 | 5:30pm

In attendance: Chuck, Jeff, Beth, Patrick, Izzy, Genny, Mary Beth

Opening prayer offered by Mary Beth.

Beth reported that the Mid & HS events were well-attended, 28 at each. MH was really great; HS also did laser-tag for their event, and they had a blast.

The JUMP event with 4/5th graders also had 28 students – there was LOTS of energy this year! Jeff reported that all the kids had a great time...and all were VERY tired the next day. Mary Beth said her son had a wonderful experience.

Social Topics: Beth reported that the topics have gone well, and the numbers in MH didn't really dip. Although some kids intentionally stayed home from some topics, many parents reached out to Beth to thank her for offering the subjects, and told her they were purposely making sure their kids attended.

Super Bowl: 23 HS kids attended and had a lot of fun, though none actually watched the game! Beth is considering changing SB night to become just a "tailgate pre-game party" for a short time, then sending kids home by game time.

Beth shared two very major changes for next year that she is considering:

A) CONFIRMATION

Overall, things went well for the first year of changes, but this year there are only 9 Confirmands. Concerns are that kids coming into youth group have very little theological/Bible background. Her 3-yr curriculum is very heavy into "faith basics." She is considering having the Confirmands scheduled to attend Sunday night YG during the 'curriculum' portion, and then also be required to attend a certain number of Mid-High Meetups on Wednesdays. This would offer the flexibility of being required to attend both a certain number of Sunday nights and Wednesday nights, where they would have opportunities to be with a "community" of MH kids on each night. The Wed night time would move to just one session at 6-7:30. Confirmation leaders would be needed for either Sun/Wed nights. Additionally, the Confirmation Retreat would become the "Mid-High Retreat," where Confirmands would be required to attend, and all other MH students would be invited to attend. The Confirmation 'church visit' would become the first part of a MH event, and then all other students would join up for the laser-tag event.

B) SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICE

Beth is very intent on having an engaging Sun night service. That's not in her wheelhouse to be the "MC" of Sunday nights. In talking with Nick Reinhardt-Swierk, she found out that we may be able to get an Eden Seminary student to be an Intern, with the specific task of designing the Sunday night worship, including stage design, working with the band, AV themes, etc.

Other topics briefly discussed:

- March 8th will be a Parent Meeting; a therapist is presenting on Screens, Social Media and Mental Health.
- Bistro: the profit this year was better; 20 more tix sold over last year. Total figures not yet available.
- Trivia Night: Tickets are now on sale on Sunday mornings and on the website. All proceeds will go towards redesigning the 3 smaller youth rooms. Julie, Shaleigh and Jaedyn Parsons are coming up with design ideas!
- 4th/5th Grade JUMP: the transition is going very well. As mentioned, Mary Beth was very happy with her son's experience at the event. There will be one more regular JUMP meeting, and at the last one, the 5th graders will join YG. YAC will plan that event.
- Youth Metrics: Average attendance is 83. We are on trend for 2020.
- Spirit Camp Steering Committee has met, and the theme for summer 2020 is GO!, based around evangelism.

Next Meeting: Monday, March 30, 5:30 pm

A closing prayer was offered by Chuck.

Meeting adjourned at 6:38 pm