

Youth Development Council of Greene County Board Meeting August 21, 2014

Present: Mike Alley(staff), Pete Costigan, Roy Dye, Janet Frye, Bishop Michael Jackson, Ron Morris (President), Vicar Jane Piver, Ginny Reese, Carl Schmitt, Andrea Whitmarsh, Pastor Chuck Winner,

Guests: Heather Myers

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of July 17 were approved with the amendment that “Special camps can devoted to one particular topic or activity can operate for up to twenty-five (not five) days.

Treasurer’s Report: (Bishop Jackson) The ending balance in the YDC checking account as of 8/21/2014 is \$33,080.70, with total deposits of \$751 in July. Expenditures totaled \$5,386.26 in July, and \$2,090.76 in August. Total expenditures for the Youth Camp in June and July come to \$10,155.71 including the YAC salary. There are no more expenditures pending for the Youth Camp. Minus the YAC salary, the cost of the Youth Camp is closer to \$6,000. Ron Morris asked about whether checks 1034, 1035, and 1036 had cleared the bank yet, and they had not.

Youth Advocate and Coordinator Report: (Mike Alley)

Summer Camp Follow Up: Mike presented a handout to the Board, which was a summary of a debriefing that he did with Summer Staff (the 3 interns) the week after camp. A suggestion from Mike is that next year 3rd through 5th graders have a 9am to 2pm three week camp, then a week break and the same thing for 6th to 8th graders. For the future Mike believes that YDC should continue to invest in the lives of these kids that we have already built relationships with and that should be the foundation of YDC’s work, and let the program build from there. Ron Morris thanked Mike for his astute observations , and Ron and various Board members commented that whatever direction YDC goes in, whether a smaller program serving a selected group of kids over a longer period, or a more traditional Boy’s and Girl’s Club model, will have implications for how our program looks, for fundraising, and for the community. Mike will be meeting with David Struther, Executive Director of the Madison Boys and Girls Club, while Ron has been in touch with Nan Coppage on the Board of the same, and will be meeting to get their budget and financial information. Mike has met with Kathy of 4-H, and Julius Bates, Greene Co. Recreation Department. He has continued to keep in touch with families and does have some kids plugged into activities in the community. He is also meeting with Carlyle about the website.

Corporate/Organizational Matters:

Laptop Computer for Youth Advocate Coordinator: The Board voted to allot up to \$750 for a laptop computer for Mike Alley to shop for a purchase a computer to do the work of the organization.

Contribution to STAR for expenses: YDC received a letter from STAR, asking for compensation for Roy Dye’s time and supplies in working on YDC fundraising activities, which

YDC had not contributed money toward. A motion was made and passed to reimburse STAR in the amount of \$500 for administrative work and materials/supplies associated with YDC fundraising. STAR will then reimburse Roy .

Some discussion ensued on what should happen to a December 2012 donation for SACSI, (mentioned in the letter from STAR) and given to STAR to hold at the time in order that the donation could be tax deductible. Carl Schmitt suggested transferring it to YDC, which he sees as a natural offshoot of SACSI and he also asked if the donor could be contacted. Ron Morris said that he thought he could contact the donor but felt that since YDC did not even exist when the money was given, that it belongs to SACSI, which, in legal terms, is an unincorporated association that met for a time, and had members who attended meetings. Ron agreed to call a meeting of SACSI within the next two months and the matter was left there.

Reports From Committees:

*Andrea Whitmarsh reported briefly, since she had to leave early, that she had discussed the Student Action Group (SAG) for YDC with the Guidance Department at the high school, and she and Guidance will do everything they can to make it happen.

Fundraising: (Roy Dye) Roy reported that the Committee composed of himself, Carl Schmitt, and Pete, and also with Mike Alley attending, had met to discuss needs and next steps. In looking at where YDC is now, Roy noted that there are some sources of funds expected by the end of the year in the form of the \$5,000 grant from Social Services, pledges from Churches not yet received, and the \$10,000 grant application to BAMA works (which outcome won't be known until December). Based on that, Roy estimated that YDC might expect to have cash reserves of in the range of \$10-14,000 by the end of the year; however, since \$14,600 has been budgeted for the after-school program, clearly more funds will be needed. He mentioned some possible events the Committee had discussed, especially a "Turkey Trot" race on Thanksgiving morning. The fundraising discussion turned to the question of thank you notes: to donors-- which have been done-- but also to volunteers in the summer camp. Barbara Nye has a list of all summer camp volunteers. Ron Morris said the notes should come from the Board, and he and Mike would write a letter and get those out on YDC letterhead.

Scholarships for Fall activities: (Ron Morris) Ron apprised the Board that he thought there was a cushion to be able to spend some money on scholarships due to there being extra money in the Administrative fund of \$3000 which has not been spent, that the summer camp came in quite a bit under budget, and the YAC salary is covered. After discussion, a motion was made and passed that the Youth Advocate Coordinator be authorized to spend up to \$1,000, with a maximum expense of \$100 per child, for fees for extracurricular activities, for kids in this year's summer camp program, and with documentation of those receipts for YDC records.

Student Advisory Group: (Carl Schmitt) Carl, Pete Costigan, Mike Alley and Andrea Whitmarsh met to discuss the SAG, and they are in the formative stages of trying to get it set up. Andrea is working

with Guidance to come up with a list of students who may be interested. They have talked about establishing it as a club at the high school. Mike Alley told the group about a teen volunteer with the summer camp, Raleigh, who basically gave her whole summer to working with the camp, and also donated her own time outside of camp to working with the kids and getting to know their families. He suggested that Raleigh start out in charge of the SAG, because of her obvious commitment and experience, and has already discussed this with her and with her family. The YDC SAG Committee was very enthusiastic about this development. Pastor Winner asked for clarification of the goal in having a SAG and received the answer from Carl that the goal is to bring a youth component to the YDC, and getting kids input into what YDC does.

Long term planning:

Turkey Trot Fundraiser: (Ron Morris) Ron suggested making this a 5K run, since the Office of Economic Development is already doing a bike race this fall. Pastor Winner suggested making it a walk/run in order to have it be a family friendly event. Ron suggested some individuals in the community who may be willing to help organize this event.

After school program: (Pete Costigan, Carl Schmitt) Pete and Carl led a wide-ranging discussion touching on many questions, including what kids would be included, what activities would look like, and where the program might be located. The program might include 20 kids at first, because of the suggested 1:4 teacher/child ratio, and get larger if more money was available. Carl noted that a lot of work was needed to develop this program and suggested that a committee be formed to take it on. Heather Myers said that a small group of homeschooled students are very interested in volunteering with the after school program. Mike talked about an inspiring JMU program using college interns coming to the schools which is character-based with separate boys and girls groups.

The meeting was adjourned just before 7 pm. The next Board meeting will convene on Thursday, September 18.

Respectfully submitted by Ginny Reese