

**Committee Report Form - -Yellowstone Presbytery**

**Committee Name: Camping and Youth**\_\_\_\_\_

**Committee Report for Council Meeting, scheduled for: March 18, 2011**\_\_\_\_\_

**Submitted By: Curt Kochner and Susan Thomas**\_\_\_\_\_

**I. For Council's Information:**

- a. The Committee's Three Stated Goals for 2011:
  - i. Priority 1: Increase participation in Fall and Winter Retreats
  - ii. Priority 2: Increase participation in Summer Camping Program
  - iii. Priority 3: Recruit leadership for Summer Camping Program
  
- b. Date of Committee Meeting: March 1, 2011  
Date of Next Meeting: TBD
  
- c. Members Present: Rev. David Andrew, Rev. Susan Thomas, Rev. George Goodrich, Curt Kochner
  
- d. Main agenda Items:
  - Update from Facilities Committee
  - Winter Retreat 2011 Review
  - Summer Camp 2011 Schedule and Planning
  - Fall Retreat 2011 Dates
  - PCCCA Conference Report
  - (See attached minutes for details)
  
- e. Decisions we made:
  - Summer Camp Brochure printed and distributed and available online
  - Summer Staff Application available online

**II. We Request Council's Input on the Following:**

**III. We request Council's Action on the Following:**

**IV. Council desires the Committee to consider the following:**

**Camping and Youth Committee Minutes**  
**March 1, 2011**

**Agenda:**

Opening Prayer: Curt opened with prayer

Members Present: Curt Kochner, Susan Thomas, David Andrew, George Goodrich

The meeting opened as a Joint Meeting with the Camp Facilities Committee. Those in attendance from the Facilities Committee included Brent Long, Simon Hill, and Chuck Beck.

Facilities Update

-Updates- Water/Trees: Simon reported that the Forest Service will be removing trees that are a threat to building. Trees that have been infested with beetles are not being removed as a part of this project. Tree removal will not impact any of our camps.

-Projects for 2011: The completion of the well and water distribution system is the primary focus for this summer. There was a question about the possibility of beginning to replace mattresses. This is not a current priority since there are plans to build Hayden bunks in the future. Hayden bunks have a wider lower bunk so it is easier to sit on the edge of the bed and not hit one's head on the upper bunk. The wider lower bunk would require a different size mattress.

-Well and water distribution system: The Facilities Committee is considering possibilities for completing the water distribution system. Costs incurred to date include \$7,180 for the drilling of the well, and \$9,733 for design costs. The Facilities Committee has voted to add a chlorination system to the water distribution system. There are several questions that are being addressed before taking the next step in completing the project:

-Is a chlorination system required?

-Have adequate water samples been taken to determine the need for a chlorination system?

-Does the design of the well require a chlorination system?

-What alternatives are available to complete the water distribution system? Is there a provider that can install a less expensive alternative that still meets the requirements?

-How much money will be needed to complete the project?

-Will additional funds be needed, beyond the \$34,000 currently available, to complete the project?

These questions will be addressed with the DEQ and the design firm (Sanderson-Stewart). The plan is to complete the installation of the system prior to the beginning of youth camps.

We discussed the possibility of gathering at Westminster Spires on June 8, the day before the start of Revamp the Camp, to do a walk-through and to look at the camp from both the facilities and the programming points of view.

#### Winter Retreat 2011 Review

- Mizpah Christian Retreat- February 25-27, 2011
- 38 youth registered for the event along with 10 adult leaders
- Theme "Christ's Choices and My Character"
- Gillian Goodrich and Peter Cleary were the speakers
- Excellent reviews from the youth that attended
- Thanks to Pam Jackson taking care of food and several other adjustments, we ended up with a net of \$580 in the budget for this camp. This will be available to help cover expenses for the fall retreat.

#### Summer Camping Schedule 2011

-The Camp Brochure is completed and copies were distributed at the Yellowstone Presbytery meeting at St. Andrew on March 1. Additional copies will be sent directly to youth that participated in the 2010 Youth Triennium, Fall Retreat or Winter Retreat. The brochure and registration forms are available on the Yellowstone Presbytery website. An email was sent from the presbytery office to all churches on March 4.

-We will use the Got Spirit? Curriculum as the foundation for developing our program. A copy of the Week at a Glance overview of the themes of the curriculum was distributed.

-Drafts of sample schedules for each camp were distributed. These provide a template for planning the schedule for each week.

-The Staff Application was finalized and is available online. We plan to select our counselors by mid-April.

-Camp Planning Outline: A copy of the Camp Planning Outline was distributed with the packet. This includes many of the details that will need to be completed as a part of planning for the summer program.

-Budget: We increased the camp fees by \$10 for each camp to provide some additional funding. Stipends for counselors were increased.

#### 2011 Camp Schedule

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| -Revamp the Camp:       | June 9-12  |
| -Faith Lutheran Church: | June 26-30 (Andrew Wiens, West Fargo, ND, Contact) |
| -Summer Camp Training:  | July 6-9   |
| -Elementary Camp:       | July 10-14   |
| -Junior High Camp:      | July 17-22   |
| -Senior High Camp:      | July 24-29   |
| -Family Reunion:        | August 8-12  |

-Highland Holy Days: September 2-5

Fall Retreat 2011

-Junior High- Yellowstone Alliance Adventure/ Bozeman- October 20-22

-Senior High- Rockhaven/ Bozeman- October 20-22

Planning for the Fall Retreat will need to progress at our next meeting in order to book our speakers, plan the schedule and get the brochure and registration materials designed.

PCCCA Conference Report

-A brief overview of the PCCCA conference has been distributed.

Closing Prayer: George Goodrich closed the meeting with prayer.