

## **Committee Report Form - -Yellowstone Presbytery**

**Committee Name: Camping and Youth**

**Committee Report for Council Meeting, scheduled for: January 21, 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: November 12, 2010  
Date of Next Meeting: March 1, 2011
  
- c. Members Present: Curt Kochner, Susan Thomas, Jody McDevitt, George Goodrich
  
- d. Main agenda Items:
  - Fall Retreat Review
  - Winter Retreat Planning
  - Summer Camping Schedule
  - Proposed Budget for 2011 for Camping and Youth
  - Facilities Update (Rev. Brent Long was a guest)
  - Promotion and Marketing of the Camp Facility
  - PCCCA Membership
  
- e. Decisions we made: (See minutes below for more details)
  - Winter Retreat location and dates
    - Mizpah Christian Retreat Center, February 25-27
  - Summer Camp dates
    - Elementary Camp July 10-14
    - Junior High Camp July 17-22
    - Senior High Camp July 24-29

### **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**

**November 12, 2010, 10:00 a.m.**

**St. Andrew Billings**

Opening Prayer: Curt Kochner opened with prayer

Members Present: Susan Thomas, Curt Kochner, Jody McDevitt, George Goodrich

Dwelling in the Word: Based on John 4: 7-29, 39-42

Agenda:

### **Fall Retreat for Junior and Senior High Youth Review**

- Summary Report from Jody McDevitt attached
- Numbers of campers/ Junior High and Senior High
  - 22 Junior High, 20 Senior High
- Staff/Adults
  - 10 adult leaders and one child
- Budget
  - \$5,730 in expenses
  - \$4,680 from campers
  - \$1,050 subsidy from Presbytery budget
- Program
  - George and Kathy Goodrich provided talks
- Items to note for future planning
  - Notes and suggestions from Rev. Debbie Funke were distributed and will be considered in planning future events.

### **Winter Retreat 2011 Planning**

- Dates- February 25-27
  - Location- Mizpah Christian Retreat Center north of White Sulphur Springs
  - Program- Arrive Friday evening- Snacks/Games/Late Evening Devotional
    - Saturday- Day at the Retreat Center/Bible Study/Talk/Sledding/Recreation/Worship
    - Sunday- Skiing or snowshoeing at Showdown/Hot Springs at White Sulphur Springs
    - Request to meet with youth at 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Billings on December 1 to get feedback on the schedule and program
  - Budget- Housing \$20, Food \$30, Leader/Speaker \$5- Approximate registration \$55-60
  - Staff- See if Nick Hatch, Associate Pastor from Great Falls may be interested in being leader/speaker (Late Addition- He is not available, and we are still considering a leader.)
  - Brochure- Jody will put together a brochure to promote this event.
  - Transportation- Arranged by each youth group
  - Small Group Leaders- George will contact Traci in Butte to see if she would be interested in helping arrange small group leaders
  - Food- See if Pam Jackson would provide leadership for providing food for the retreat
- Junior and Senior High together- Plan to have Junior and Senior High together for this retreat, and have two separate retreats beginning next fall.
- Fall 2011 Retreats- Senior High at Rockhaven- October 20-22
    - Junior High at Yellowstone Alliance Adventure- October 20-22 (near Bozeman)

## **Summer Camping Schedule 2011**

-Schedule-

- June ??- Revamp the Camp- Sandy Welch from St. Andrew to host
- July 6-9- Staff Training
- July 10-14- Elementary (Going into 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>)
- July 17-22- Junior High (Going into 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>)
- July 24-29- Senior High (Going into 9<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>)
- August 8-12- Private Use- Family Reunion
- September 2-5- Highland Holy Days- St. Andrew Presbyterian Host for Yellowstone Presbytery

-Staffing- George Goodrich interested in taking care of hiring of staff, providing staff training, and being dean of one of the camps. Curt interested in serving as camp host for the duration of the camping season.

-Brochure for camp- George

-Staff application- George

-January 7- Host a Share the Dream Luncheon in Billings for everyone interested in helping in a leadership role for the Summer Camping Season. A preliminary list of people to invite to this was discussed.

-Spring- Meet with Camp Deans in the spring to develop schedule and curriculum for each camp

-Jody has an account through which we can do background checks on staff for \$10 per person.

-Camp Director Job Description- Draft of a position description for Camp Director was distributed.

## **Proposed Budget for 2011 for Camping and Youth**

Copies of the proposed budget approved by Presbytery were distributed

## **Facilities Update**

Pastor Brent Long from the Camp Facilities Committee joined the group to provide an update.

-A new well has been drilled. There is sufficient water flow from the well to supply the needs of the camp. No pump has been installed. Since there is no pump in place, it is not possible to test the quality of the water. The committee is considering next steps. The quality of the water will determine the need for level of chlorination needed, if any. There is a chlorinating system in place for the current water source. It is not clear at this point what the next steps will be to complete the installation of the new water system. In any case, a trench will need to be dug in order to bury the line connection water from the new well to the existing distribution system. It is possible that a well house may need to be built to accommodate equipment.

-A number of the trees on the property have been infested with spruce beetles. Our caretaker, Simon Hill, works for the Forest Service and is an excellent contact. We expect the Forest Service to begin removing trees this winter. There may be some clean up required after the trees have been removed. The Facilities Committee will stay in touch with our contacts at the Forest Service- Jeff Gildehaus and Simon Hill- on this project.

-We will plan to hold a joint meeting of the Camping and Youth Committee with the Camp Facilities Committee as a part of the meeting of Yellowstone Presbytery to be held at St. Andrew in Billings on February 28- March 1.

**Promotion and Marketing of the Camp Facility**

Copies of the current brochure for Westminster Spires, the rate schedule and camp rules, and the application for use were distributed.

**PCCCA Membership**

Our membership in PCCCA is current through next year. Curt Kochner will attend the PCCCA Conference at Highlands Camp and Retreat Center in Allenspark, Colorado, November 14-18. Scott Thrasher from Rockhaven will also attend.

Closing Prayer: The meeting was closed with prayer.