

# **Council Retreat Minutes November 16-18**

## **Agenda:**

- Con Debrief
- Job Descriptions
- Ballot Item Gathering
- Social Action Survey Results
- Anti Racism/Anti Oppression Survey Results
- Possible Updated Registration Software
- Medical Release
- Drug Policy, Covenant, Registration Forms, Inter-document Consistency
- Meeting with Jeanelyse: Youth Volunteers
- Con Growth
- Mega Tent
- NomCom Requirements?
- Beach Cleanup

## **Job Jots:**

- Phoebe: Sleeping Bag Rental Investigation
- Nikki & Harley: Anti Racism Anti Oppression Training
- Ryan & Rob: Talk to Chuck about feasibility of rental
- Ryan & Abbie: East Coast Contacts
- Amelia & Alexa & Abbie: Porta Potty Palaver

## **Con Debrief**

REALLY EXCELLENT	LESS EXCELLENT
<p>Awesome Vibes  Low Yeller Stress  Nommy Food and Good Cooks  Shift Rooms  Social Action  Most Touchgroups  Worship  Bridging  Wink  No Pregnancy (except Rob)  Workshops  Service Attendance  Church Watermelon Sales  Marcus  No Organ Man  No Leadership Clique  Some MUUGs integration  Cleaning  Minimum Breakage  Closing  Touchgroup Co  Orientation Start Time  Leadership Pow Wow  Adults  Leadership Workshop  Phoebe Yelling!</p>	<p>Coffee House  Gofer  Sunday Morn  TG closing organization  Room Accessibility  Surprise Funeral  we were janitor slaves  Children around Closing  CUYODS (ladies please!)  Climbing on the church (disrespect)  Registration: YUCK (so much yelling)  Finding physical locations of YELLers  Sacramento Clique  All Con Inclusiveness  Couples: clarity, comfort of community  Touchgroup Leaders  Gap Time  Announcement Formatting  Hush???  ERIC? Ya goof.  Aduuuuults!  More Adults  Respect the space</p>

**Con Debrief Elaboration:**

Coffee House:

- Really Stress Step up Step back
- Limit peeps to one act only or justify multiple acts
- AFTERNOON COFFEE HOUSE!

Gofers:

- Need to be contactable
- MELONS
- Gofer (and cooks) need to register before first grocery run
- Brief them for real.

Touch group closing organization:

- Peeps need to respect the leaders
- To be fair it was very cold outside
- Rooms need to be planned better

Rooms:

- The Co-ed loud room needs to be winkable to avoid room changes

Cleaning:

Too much was left for council  
More should have been done on Saturday

### **NomCom Requirements**

Newbiness doesn't affect value of insights  
Do not present NomCom as a touchgroup funtime  
Do not encourage newbies  
We shouldn't allow obnoxious people, leader can ask them to leave

### **Jeanelyse**

Regional Assembly & Jennica

on April 26-28

in San Jose

YRUU will sleep at the church

*Youth Volunteers: Alexa, Abbie, Ryan*

We are invited to be involved with Pacific Southwest Bridging

Training the Trainers

*Youth Volunteers: Ashley, Phoebe*

Youth Advisory Board:

*Youth volunteers: Phoebe, Sarah, Harley, Torger*

Chuck Money Fluctuations:

\$1500 for normal cons

\$1800 for elections con

We should start a list of adult advisors!

We should put the R back in YRUU hardcore!

### **Registration Software**

Constant Contact is the name

Standardizes forms

We will have con goers' info on file

the district uses it and likes it

people would register online but would still have to bring their signed medical release and covenant to the con

We would need to ask for more money from chuck because most people would pay online

Basically everyone would be able to access it

*Proposal:*

*We should get online registration software*

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### **Social Action Survey Results**

Generally people like social action

Direct Action and Discussion are favorite activities

People like to have options to choose from

¼ of people think social action should not happen at every con

Social Action Summit: 60 want it to happen but 40 say they would go  
SASY will make this happen

### **Camping Con**

Aptos REALLY wanted us to use their church

Aptos is very small

Aptos only has 3 toilets

We are going to be ice blocks

Trenches around the tents will be dug to keep us dryer

There isn't a room big enough to have a circle orientation. It will have to be audience style

We need to stress CUYODS and respecting the space

Tell Peeps to bring multiple sleeping bags

Have a box on the registration box to check to say: I don't have warm things

encourage people to try to get a sleeping bag from a friend before checking box

Discourage Sink Showers

No individual tents.

CAMPING CON NEEDS:

Big Pots

Cones and Caution tape for church borders

Smaller Tents for boys and girls quiet rooms

Alexa's Grandmother

Cough Syrup

Hot Drinks

Rented Sleeping Bags (Phoebe)

Sign out sheet

(no communally shared personal sleeping bags)

Major Tarps

Porter Potties times infinity

1 hr a day for cleaning

Towels, a lot of towels

Extra money

Transport for the giant tents

### **Beach Cleanup**

2.5 miles away

participants would be limited

more parent permission would have to happen

more trouble than its worth

### **Anti Oppression-Anti Racism Training (ARAO)**

growing cons means growing diversity

start with social action event and see amount of interest then do a weekend

we shouldn't do a workshop because people will want to do con things instead

add this to chaplain and leadership training

social action is more accessible than a weekend and we want people to go

## **Con Growth**

Ask Jason for Graphs of Actual Numbers

Possible Solutions:

split cons

Con goers would vote on how to split

No matter how you split cons, one half will be better than the other

People will go to the one they want to go to

There is so much bad

rent facilities

religious aspect would not be in the space

(but the people are what make it worshipful)

we could just rent for elections

parents might be concerned

boys and girls club is an option

opens up churches that want money

encourages growth so we would have to change accordingly

we would make less money

registration fee might have to increase

we might need to turn away people who don't pay or organize

scholarships

registration cap

not inclusive

too easy

Bring Back the R in YRUU

Turn away late registrants

## **Proposals**

Move Registration Window back 3 days (Sunday to Wednesday)

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Turn away all registrants

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### Program Restructuring Brainstorm

Doesn't Work	Change	Start
Freetime for nonworship goers Rigid Schedules	Silly Touchgroups Workshops Worship Coffeehouse	Spiritual Mornings Emphasizing Covenant and Principles UU TIME 6 sources Fish Bowls Explaining of why we do things Grace before noms Tables for Food Game Night