

Starmount Presbyterian Youth Committee Minutes of September 2, 2019 Meeting

Attendance - Nuth Yak, Lilly Bursey, Jason Gundacker, Kurt Kronenfeld, Kyle Webb, Martha Bursey (chair), Laura Roberson (staff)

- Meeting opened in prayer by chair
- Recap of 2018-19 SPY year: Laura stated that the year was successful with a steady average attendance of 12 youth. Youth Sunday, Montreat Youth conference and Mission Possible programs were well attended and impactful to youth. The biggest improvement she would like to see is more adult volunteers participating in Sunday evening programming.
- Looking to 2019-2020 SPY year:
 - Laura provided a calendar with planned/scheduled events for the upcoming year. A list of SPY youth, including grade and school attended, was also provided for committee. The group is has a few more high school age students than in previous years and the students attend a wide variety of schools.
 - Kyle Webb will help coordinate and recruit volunteers for Sunday programming.
 - Due to school, Laura will not be able to attend Saturday events. We will work with her to find adult chaperones and transportation when there is an event scheduled for a day/night other than Sunday evenings.
 - Meal Coordinator needed. Martha will coordinate through December and ask for another parent to coordinate from January through May.
 - Laura may be helping with Confirmation during Kathryn's maternity leave. Details of Confirmation are still in planning and Laura will let us know more as plans are finalized.
 - Montreat 2020 was discussed. A vote was taken and our youth will attend week 5 (July 26 - August 1) in 2020. Different housing will be needed as last year's house was not in optimal physical condition. In order to have more ownership of the trip, youth may fundraise for a portion of the expenses of the trip. Stock sales were discussed as a opportunity for fundraising and way for youth to share their experiences with the congregation.

- Laura discussed how invested the youth are in mission work, especially mission trips. She is researching the possibility of a summer mission trip. The trip would be regional and may focus on our middle school youth as participants since they do not have the opportunity of attending Montreat Youth Conference until they are older. She will fill us in with more details as her research comes together.
 - Group Culture was covered by Laura. She feels the youth have really begun to work well as a whole and are invested in what happens at youth group and with each other. The youth attending Montreat Youth Conference had the experience of dealing with racism and its affects. It was a bad experience that turned in to deep discussion, sharing of experiences, and became affirming of the connections our youth share with one another. Laura has seen this type of bonding occur in the group over the last year and looks forward to watching it grow this year.
 - SPY Parents - Martha will contact parents of youth and organize 2-3 events throughout the year for the parents to attend. They will be dinner, discussion, and some fun outings.
 - Meeting Dates for 2019-202 - With Laura's input, we decided to meet again on January 12 following church. It may be a working lunch meeting. Should any other business arise in the mean time we will meet via email or a called meeting.
- Meeting was closed with prayer by Laura Roberson.