

St. Kitts AYP A Island Council Report
To Regional Council
Monday 19th October 2009

INTRODUCTION:

Members of the Clergy, Various Parish Organizations and Lay Representatives, good evening, it is with a feeling of satisfaction and fulfilment that I bring you warm and sincere greetings from the Anglican Young Peoples Association and present this report to you.

MEETINGS:

Island Council General Meeting is held the 2nd Saturday in every month at 1:30pm at different parish halls around the island, whilst executive meetings are held electronically or in live sessions anytime before General Meeting. At general meeting each branch pays \$5 subscription to the council.

Branch Meetings are held as follows:

- St. Peter's – Mon. at 5:30pm
- St. Thomas' – Mon. at 7:30pm
- St. Anne's – Mon. at 5:30pm for Juniors and 7:00pm for Seniors
- St. Paul's – Sun. at 6:00pm for Juniors and Tues. at 6:00pm for Seniors
- St. Mary's – Tues. at 6:00pm

MEMBERSHIP:

There are five (5) Branches presently functioning with approximate membership of 140, with two (2) junior groups based at St. Anne's and St. Paul's. We have three (3) inactive branches, St. John's, Holy Trinity and St. George's and one (1) dormant branch, Christ Church. Congratulations are extended to the St Paul's branch that has 80 members on roll with about 70 regulars. That membership alone is more than two (2) islands in our diocese total membership combined. Plans are ongoing to try and revive the three (3) inactive branches as well as start a branch in Christ Church.

FUNDRAISING:

Fundraising is mainly done at the branch level and efforts range from variety concerts to cake sales and sometimes dinners. At the Island Council level, fundraisers include Bake Sales and A.Y.P.A Day tag Sales.

PAST ACTIVITIES:

Island Council Social

The Island Council Christmas Social was held on the 19th December 2008 at St Paul's playing field. It was to be done in the form of a barbeque and games night but only the barbeque came off. The members socialized and fellowshiped with one another.

A.Y.P.A Day

A.Y. P. A Day was downscaled this year as only one parish sold tags, but was once again celebrated on the first Friday in February.

Weekend Camp

The Annual Week-end Camp was held at the Challengers Community Centre from April 24th – 26th, 2009 under the theme, "Embracing our Youths, Enriching our Fellowship, Through Spiritual Commitment." There were 38 campers who benefitted from sessions such as "Time Management", "A.Y.P.A Basics",

“Group Dynamics” and “Getting to Know One Self.” They also learned skills like Dancing, Cooking and Dramatizing. The principles of the organisation were incorporated into three days of learning and fun.

Convention 2009

The St. Kitts AYPAs Island Council held its annual convention on the weekend of July 10th - 12th. During the convention several activities were held such as the annual speech competition - Devon Harris of St. Paul's won the prepared speech and Danielle Warner of St Anne's won the impromptu speech. Another activity was the annual Quiz competition which was won by St. Paul's. The final activity for the weekend was our annual Elections and the results are as follows:

- President - Mr. Gavin Williams
- V. President - Mr. Travis Gibson
- Secretary - Ms. Nikkiesha Wilson
- Treasurer - Mr. Jermaine Stevens

The new executive later met and appointed Ms. Sharelle Boddie, Mr. Naren Maynard and Mr. Steven Duggins as Asst. Secretary/Treasurer, P.R.O. and Advisor respectively.

Corporate Worship

On 4th October 2009 the AYPAs Island Council had its first Corporate Worship and Installation of the Island Council Executive at the St. Peter's Anglican Church.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Suggested AYPAs Week of Activities from Jan 31st – Feb 7th 2010

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| Sun. 31 st | Co-operate Worship at St. Paul's then visits and serves lunch to inmates of the Elderly Home in Saddlers and in Sandy Point. (Get donations of dishes and/or dishes prepared by member branches and served by members) |
| Mon. 1 st | Live Discussion on ZIZ Radio Programme Up Front topic “AYPA, its' Aims and objectives with membership drive” |
| Tues. 2 nd | Individual groups adopt an area to clean up (Suggestion Your Church and environs – Church yard surrounding streets) |
| Wed. 3 rd | Individual groups visit to sick and shut-ins in Parish (small fruit basket or food hamper is suggested to take along) |
| Thurs. 4 th | Similar Live Radio Programme on Winn fm as on Monday upfront. |
| Fri. 5 th | AYPA Day (All AYPAs members Past or Present wear AYPAs T-shirts and sell tags for that day) |
| Sat. 6 th | Fun Day |
| Sun. 7 th | Youth Rally in Afternoon (Not just for AY members) each parish do an item whether they have an AYPAs group or not. Several short (15 minutes) speeches after each item or Two Guest Speakers |

Other suggestions: - Liaise with ZIZ Management to have an AYPAs personal read the evening news even if along side the regular news reporter every night during that week.

NB: We will get a letter sent to the Ministry of Education as well as the various work places seeking permission for AYPAs Members to wear their shirts on AYPAs Day.

CLOSING:

In Conclusion on behalf of the Executive members of the St. Kitts AYPAs Island Council we would like to thank the members of the clergy especially our Youth Chaplin for their support and words of wisdom over the past year and is looking forward to your continued support as we continue to embrace our youths through spiritual commitment.

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Gavin Williams-*President AYPAs Island Council*

