**Joplin District NYI Council Meeting**

January 20, 2024

**Present:**

Fred Toomey, Sarah Fash, Paige Moles, Kurt Schmitt, Wiley Hendrix, Charlee Goodau, Cody Swearengin, Luke Letsinger, Evan Knight, Patrick Wheeler, Tony Deweese, Lydia Deweese, Jason Whittington, Cheratin Dunn, Nick Sprague, Jace Dillow, Rick Pearson (Video report

**Not Present:**

Tiffany Gray, Mark Eigsti, Molly Henry, Johnny Rost, Dennis Troyer, Kristi Frisbee, Sierra Sprague, Haley Freeman, Eder Aquirre, Mandy Smith, Isaac Henley, Amanda Pride, Neal Davidson

**Word from Fred:**

* Alongside evangelism and discipleship, we need to focus on *leadership development*.
* Do not let your agenda, your boss, your expectations of what will or should happen, etc, dictate your actions and decisions. The Holy Spirit alone should be dictating our actions and decisions.
* None of us are good at all things. Surround yourself with quality people.
* Leadership in the Bible:
  + Esther 4:14
  + Proverbs 23:7
  + Exodus 14:13-16
  + James 1:5
  + James 4:10
  + Exodus 18: 21-23
  + Luke 15:1-7
  + John 13:1-5
  + Exodus 17:12-13
  + 1 Corinthians 3:7
  + Matthew 20:28
  + 1 Peter 5:6-7

Important!

* See the website for all things NYI
  + Multi-Year Calendar Link (scroll to bottom): <https://www.joplindistrictnaz.org/training>

**Directors Reports:**

**Encounter**

*Luke Letsinger*

* 274 total
  + 206 students at Encounter
    - 6 no-shows
  + 68 leaders
* Price will stay $85
* Questions: Contact Luke Letsinger at [4pastorluke@gmail.com](mailto:4pastorluke@gmail.com)

**Reconnect**

*Kristi Frisbee*

* Info:
  + Friday-Sunday Young adult (18-23 year old) camp at CTR
  + Students can attend for four years after high school
    - They may attend after their senior year but this should not replace their last year at teen camp
* Next Event:
  + July 19-21, 2024
  + Cost $145
  + Registration already on the website
  + Speakers: Kristi Frisbee, Fred Toomey
* Questions: Contact Kristi Frisbee at [kristifrisbee@gmail.com](mailto:kristifrisbee@gmail.com)

**Bible Quizzing**

*Patrick Wheeler*

* Praise: New church will be doing quizzing!
* Four churches participating
  + Lamar
  + Webb City
  + The NOC
  + Nixa Nazarene
* Next Event:
  + See schedule on website for all 2024 quizzes
* Questions: Contact Patrick Wheeler at [patrick.wheeler@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.wheeler@gmail.com)

**PK (Pastors Kids) Retreat**

*Cody Swearengin*

* Praise: first time we have had over 10 students in many years!
  + Evan Knight (and many other PKs) testify to the importance and impact this event has had on their lives.
* Recap:
  + 18 PKs
  + 2 sponsors
  + Incredible Pizza
* Next Event:
  + Jan 10-12, 2025
  + Cost $75
* Questions: Contact Cody Swearengin at [rufio7070@gmail.com](mailto:rufio7070@gmail.com)

**Refresh**

*Tony Deweese*

* Praises:
  + Tons of community building and new friendships being made across our field!
  + Brand new students who were not connected to a church, came to Refresh and found their community in Christ
* Recap:
  + 83 students total
    - 3 districts represented
      * Missouri, Joplin District, Kansas City
  + Speaker: Tony Deweese
  + Goal for next year: 100 students
* Next Event:
  + Any 18-30 year old can attend this event
  + Cost: $110
  + Jan. 3-5, 2025
* Questions: Contact Tony Deweese at tonyd@wellchurch.life

**Teen Camp**

*Rick Pearson*

[Camp Registration Information Sheet!](https://www.camptablerock.com/_files/ugd/4b7d87_9cbceaf64e3340e0b399292a9293cef3.pdf) (Can also be found on Camp Table Rock’s website)

* Praises:
  + We had almost 700 people at camps this summer
    - We can hold 1200 - let’s get it done!
  + CTR purchased the 5 acres of land they have been praying to obtain for years!
* Recap:
  + 679 people (camp/reconnect)
* Next Event:
  + Joplin 1: June 10-14
  + Joplin 2: June 14-18
  + Joplin 3: June 18-22
    - Cost: $320 ($270 adults)
    - Australia Mission Trip Kids/Students: Camp is PAID FOR.
  + Reconnect: July 19-21
  + Morning Seminars: Dare to Be Bold
  + Evening Speaker: Blair Spindle
  + SHARE THE CTR DRESS CODE TO YOUR STUDENTS.
* Challenge:
  + Let’s not get comfy: be passionate about camp
  + Start promoting camp NOW, don’t wait
  + Do the media challenge! Have students invite friends!
* All General Questions: Contact Rick at [camptablerock@gmail.com](mailto:camptablerock@gmail.com)
* All camp **Registration** Questions: [campoffice.ctr@gmail.com](mailto:campoffice.ctr@gmail.com)

CAMP REGISTRATION INFO: see camp registration document above!

1. Same as last year (see Camp Registration Document above!) but:
   1. Registration software will send automatic emails to youth leaders when someone registers (yay!)
      1. If you would like another youth leader to receive emails when a student registers, you need to contact CTR to let them know that person's name and email.

Joplin District Camp Document: [2024 Camp Weeks/Potential Numbers](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1RnF3RUTZVx_8unVrM1hwCbP4UcScJqqgbWLyHD8bdJI/edit?usp=sharing)

* You get as many spots saved in the week you chose at the council meeting until June 1st
* Questions about Joplin District Camp Weeks/Potential Numbers:
  + Contact Fred at [yptoomey1985@suddenlink.net](mailto:yptoomey1985@suddenlink.net)

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**Y.E.S. Conference**

*Fred Toomey*

* January 26-27, 2024
* MidAmerica Nazarene University
* For students to learn more about what the call of God is/means
* Won't have another Y.E.S. until 2026 (occurs only on even years)
* Questions: Contact Fred at [yptoomey1985@suddenlink.net](mailto:yptoomey1985@suddenlink.net)

**The Call**

*Fred Toomey*

* June 3-7, 2024
* Registration Opens in February for early bird price:
  + Super Early Bird Price: $199
  + Early Bird: $249
  + Regular Registration: $299
* MidAmerica Nazarene University
* For students called specifically called into ministry
* Fred has a list of all students who said they were called into full time ministry from NYI
* Questions: Contact Fred at [yptoomey1985@suddenlink.net](mailto:yptoomey1985@suddenlink.net)

**Missions**

*Cheratin Dunn*

* Australia 2024
* June 28-July 15
* 15 people are attending
* Questions: Contact Cheratin at [cheratind@gmail.com](mailto:cheratind@gmail.com)

**Empower**

*Nick Sprague*

* Next Event:
  + Fort Scott, KS
  + Looking for food trucks for lunch this year
  + Available Events: see website, similar to last year
  + Speaker: Ron Jackson
  + Worship: MNU Worship Band
  + Changing Registration time to 7:30pm
  + Moving dodgeball back to Friday night after service
    - All other events will be on Saturday
  + Watch for spreadsheets from Nick to fill out for your students
  + Questions: Contact Nick at nick@fsn.life

**MAX@MNU**

*Amanda Pride*

* Next Event:
  + Website will be updated soon for registration, costs, dates
  + Speaker: Stephanie Lobdell (Host pastor at NYC!)
  + Questions: Contact Amanda at [asmardo@outlook.com](mailto:asmardo@outlook.com)

**NYC 2026!**

*Fred Toomey*

* NYC is only two years away
  + Start promoting now!
* Cost: $2000
* June 30-July 8, 2026
* Bussing to Salt Lake City
* Questions: Contact Sarah at [jopdistnyivp@gmail.com](mailto:jopdistnyivp@gmail.com)

**2024-2025 Budget Approval**

*Kurt Schmitt*

Motion: Cody Swearengin

Second: Patrick Wheeler

Approved

**Appointments**

Make a motion to approve all appointed names:

Motion: Sarah Fash

Second: Kurt Schmitt

Approved

**Council Nominations**

Parent Rep:

*Wiley Hendrix (NOC)*

*Mandy Smith (Indy)*

*Tara Manning (The Well Marshfield)*

*Kim Eastwood (Fort Scott)*

Motion to Cease Nominations

Kurt Schmitt

Cheratin Dunn

Approved

Non-MNU Rep:

*Jagger Robinson (The Well)*

*Avery Tipton (Coffeyville)*

*Dominque Budy (Fort Scott)*

Nominations Cease by Consensus

MNU Rep:

*Evan Knight (Indy)*

*Samara Smith (Goodman Banner)*

*Trent Peck (Fort Scott)*

Nominations Cease by Consensus

Senior High Rep:

*Charlie Goodau (NOC)*

*Molly Henry (The Well Marshfield)*

*Jace Dillow (Fort Scott)*

*Avery Allen (Nixa Naz)*

*Maddi Cook (Fort Scott)*

Nominations Cease by Consensus

Junior High Rep:

*Grant Blubaugh (Fort Scott)*

*Zeck Roberts (Webb City)*

*Zymri Roberts (Webb City)*

*Kynleigh Budy (Fort Scott)*

*Levi Ross (NOC)*

Nominations Cease by Consensus

**Spindle Scholarship**

Make a motion to allow executive council to vote for Spindle Scholarship

Motion: Cheratin Dunn

Second: Nick Sprague

Approved

**Ministry Plan**

Make a motion to approve ministry plan to be put on ballot:

Motion: Patrick Wheeler

Second: Nick Sprague

Approved

**2024 District Convention:**

* If you have a Timothy Award nomination, text or email Fred
* Saturday, August 3, 2024 at Monett Church of the Nazarene
  + 9:00am - 4:00pm
    - Lunch will be provided
      * 1 session before lunch
      * 2 sessions after lunch
      * Closing Service/Communion
      * Done by 4:00pm
  + Links will be sent to youth pastors, but onsite voting will be available again
  + Speaker Nominations:
    - Lisa Downs (MNU)
    - John Pickens (College Church)
    - Tom Craig (MNU)
    - Brad Cluff (Nebraska)
    - Terrin Garber (North Ark)
    - Ronnie Jackson (MNU)
    - Brady Brattz (MNU)

**Breakout Topics:**

* Youth:
  + JH/SH Youth: Confident in Christ
    - How to evangelize
    - Ways to be bold
    - How to be individual/secure in your faith
    - How Do I Fit In
    - Who am I created to be?
    - How to identify if God is \*\*\*\* you
    - Spiritual Gifts (How do I know?)
    - How to desire growing in my faith
    - How to be a light/leader
    - Why do we believe what we believe in the Church of the Nazarene?
    - How to handle different religions
    - How to stand up for Jesus without being confrontational
* Young Adults:
  + Important Notes: We don’t want to use the churchy words like evangelism, discipleship, etc. We would like to use real-life verbiage. We feel that this sometimes marginalizes students who may not have grown up in the church. If we use these words, we at least need to explain what these mean.
  + Other Young adult thoughts: Why are you important as a young adult?
  + Session 1: Behind Closed Doors
    - Focus: What does it mean to be the same person for God behind closed doors? Do you know what it means to love God everywhere you go? Do you have a private relationship with Jesus or only public? Does your public life show that you have a private relationship with Jesus?
  + Session 2: Who’s Leading You?
    - Focus: Who dictates your decisions? Do you? Does your boss? Does society? Do the expectations of what you thought you would do in life dictate your decisions? Ambitions?
  + Session 3: Who are you leading?
    - Focus: You have a responsibility to go out and be the hands and feet of Jesus to your community. Are you taking care of people? Are you loving people well? Are you talking to people about what Jesus has done in your life?
* Volunteer Leaders:
  + What is your role in the youth group?
  + Fundraising
    - Kids Role Vs. Volunteer Role
  + Engaging parents in youth group
    - Buying into the direction of the youth group
  + “Unchurched” Parents
    - Kids go but parents don’t
  + Help Families prioritize events
  + Daily discipleship
    - Practical
    - Social media awareness and safety
    - Mental - anxiety, depression
  + Volunteering and Partnering outside the church
* Full Time Youth Pastors:
  + Recruiting and developing
    - How to leverage youth leaders
    - Discipleship overflow
  + Table Talk
  + Role of Youth Pastor
  + Boundaries
    - How to protect against burnout
  + Partnering with Parents
    - How to walk with students and parents

Motion to Cease Meeting

Motion: Nick Sprague

Second: Jace Dillow