

# **BOARD of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**November 3, 2009**

Present: Franc Langenburg, Jackie Steckler, Scott Darrow, Betty Darrow, Dave Smith, Deidre Miller, & Chris Spohr.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Adult Ministry – No Report
- AWANAS – No Report.
- Children – No Report
- Family Life – No Report.
- Leadership – Pastor Ivan sent a note regarding upcoming events. The following small group studies will be offered: Sat. 11/28 at 7:30PM –A Case For Christmas (It investigates the identity of the child in the manger.), In Jan. -- Fearless by Max Lucado, 2/13 -- Fire Proof Your Marriage.
- Multimedia – No Report
- Nursery – **More volunteers are still needed. Please contact Deidre Miller.**
- Social Concerns – Dave reviewed information received at last meeting about children in poverty. See attached notes. The cause of poverty is hopelessness so introducing those in poverty to God can stop the hopelessness. Dave moved to adopt the Children In Poverty proposal. It was seconded & approved.
- Sports – No Report.
- Sunday School – No Report.
- Youth – Ryan submitted a report covering his activities. See attached sheet.

## **Old Business**

Scott made a motion to approve the people who passed the background check. The motion was seconded and approved.

## **New Business**

Ivan requested per email the need for more small group (8-10 people) adult Sunday School classes, as we have several new people joining the church who want a small Sunday School class. Discussion was held. Possibly have new classes that can be formed out of small groups that were meeting regarding a specific topic, start a seeker Sunday School class, maybe meet on Saturday evening for some, have 2 or 3 groups meet together socially first & then splinter off into small groups. It was brought up that maybe we need to level down the Sunday School classes to make them more inviting (geared more toward general Christianity).

Dave closed in prayer.

Secretary, Chris Spohr

## Youth Minister's Report October 2009

### Sunday School

- † Currently, high school and junior high Sunday School are combined
- † Currently working through lessons I prepare while working on longer term strategy

### Youth Group

- † During October, high school and junior high were combined
- † We could use more adult leaders (we have some prospects)
- † We have started to walk through some of the basics of our faith: starting with the Trinity, God's love, God's justice, and Jesus
- † We've been working on building our Christian vocabulary (mercy, grace, glory, incarnation, etc...)

### Highlights From My Month

- † Recruiting Sandy Van Os to help with the youth ministry
- † Youth Family Picnic on Oct. 10, 2009
- † Communicating with Adult leaders and getting their input about the youth ministry
- † Connecting with students inside and outside of church setting
- † Connecting with other youth pastors from the area, and planning four Quincy-wide youth gatherings
- † Connecting with other young ministers from Area II at Lake Springfield Baptist Camp
- † Buying a house and moving to Quincy Saturday October 17, 2009
- † Installed as the youth minister on Oct. 18, 2009
- † During October I've Worked 210 hours; averaging 47.42 hours per week

### Looking Ahead

- † Trip to Costa Rica with Great Rivers Region November 2-6, 2009
- † Participating in Operation Christmas Child November 4, 2009
- † Splitting into two groups for our teaching time on Wednesday Nights starting on November 11, 2009 to help teach students more effectively
- † Raking leaves as an act of service and fundraising for Skwim
- † Quincy area Youth Rally January 10, 2010
- † Skwim January 15-18, 2009
- † Possibly going to purity Conference at Cherry Hills Baptist Church in Springfield, IL in February
- † Working on planning other activities and events