

# BCE Minutes

July 28, 2009

Members in attendance: Marcia Hauser, Joan Hearrell Lori Houston, Jennifer Seals, Susie Vehling, and Cheryl Carlson

Members absent: Jennifer Coon, Art Miner, and Linda Stevens

Ex-officio present: Jenny Zotz

## Reports

Secretary's Minutes -- The minutes from the meeting held on June 2, 2009, were reviewed and approved.

Council Representative – Art attended the Council meeting held on June 11, 2009. However, due to his absence, Jenny summarized the meeting. She reviewed Vacation Bible School plans, the upcoming Senior Youth Mission Trip (including the need for a credit card for trips), and the Kroger cards which now will be paying 3% instead of 5% as a fund raiser for the Youth.

Budget Manager – Jenny provided a report for May 2009 and June 2009 listing expenses. The report indicated that the BCE earned a revenue of \$100.00 and spent \$2,112.66 for a Year to Date (through June) balance of \$4,970.54.

Youth Group – Jenny reported that the Senior youth had a great time working in Taylorsville, NC. Currently she is working on the youth group schedules for the fall through December. The kick-off for youth group will be on September 13, 2009.

In June, a group of 13 youth from New Hampshire had a great time visiting St. John's youth and spending the night at our church.

## Sub-Committees

Sunday school/Teacher support – A letter was sent to the Sunday school teachers from last year requesting their services for the upcoming year. Most will be back; however, a few new teachers will be needed especially due to the expected class divisions. Tentatively, the classes for the fall are Pre-K/Kindergarten, Grades 1-2, Grades 3 -5 (Kids for Christ group), junior high school, and senior high school.

Jenny e-mailed the link to the website for the new curriculum to the BCE members.

The Sunday school kick-off for the fall will occur on September 13, 2009.

Children's church – Additionally, teachers are needed for the children's church time during the second service. As a trial, the curriculum will be the "All ages" version of the "Whole People of God".

### **Old Business**

Vacation Bible School (VBS) – About 40 kids attended each night. All went well thanks to the great planning by Jenny and Jennifer Coon. Many thanks go to all who helped. Ashley Shadday was a favorite of the kids and the snacks were great. Holding the opening and closing sessions in the sanctuary were a good location. Providing nursery care available was a benefit. A suggestion was made to find the yard signs from a couple of years ago and use them next year.

Father's Day bookmarks – The handmade bookmarks for Father's Day were a success. Thanks go to the scrap bookers for their efforts.

Outdoor Service – On August 2, 2009, church services will be held at German Park. Jenny will not be there, so the group planned games including corn hole, ladder ball, and Frisbees.

Confirmation class – A letter was sent to the confirmands on July 28, 2009. The classes will last 20 weeks with Pastor Ross leading lessons and Jenny handling the logistics (lunch, church visits, etc.). Classes will begin on September 13, 2009, with a parent meeting. Next spring, a retreat will be held at Merom for \$90 per person. The BCE will pay for the attendance of the confirmands. For the 2010 budget, additional money will be needed for the retreat and the amount of money needed will depend on the number of students in the class.

### **New Business**

Sunday school kick-off – Sunday school kick-off will be held on September 13, 2009. Additionally, the kick-off for Confirmation class and the youth group will be held on that Sunday. Last year, the BCE provided a sack lunch and all of the organizations from St. John's were present. At the Council meeting, BCE will ask if other organizations would like to be present. Further discussion will be held at the next BCE meeting.

BCE Representative to attend Council meeting  
August 13, 2009 – Marcia

Dates to put on calendar:

Council meeting – August 13, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.  
Next BCE Meeting – September 1, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.  
Sunday school kick-off – September 13, 2009  
Sunday school teacher installation – September 20, 2009

Submitted by:  
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Secretary