

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MD
ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2008
MINUTES OF MEETING

The Council President, Harvey Jacob, called the meeting to order at 11:50 a.m.

The prayer was offered by Rev. Cathy.

A motion was made by Clarence Rowell to accept the minutes of the November 18, 2007 Congregational meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Carol Borkman. All in favor.

The financial report shows operating expenses in excess of \$17000 over revenue for last year. We paid \$2,000 to Jubilee Baltimore for a development study regarding the school building. Our CEG stock gained a little over \$8000 in value during 2007, though with the current market it is now dropping in value. Other funds are invested in certificates of deposit. The Ladies Organization gave a love gift of money toward the window restoration. We also received a love gift of funds from the choir. A motion was made by Darlene Waters and seconded by John Price to accept the financial report as presented. All in favor.

We still do not have a Property Manager. Council has discussed the possibility of finding a suitable person in the neighborhood whom we could hire, perhaps on a part-time basis. So far this year we have had to have a circulating pump in the church heating system replaced, repaired the hot water heater in the parsonage, and the heating system in the school building currently has a pipe leaking which needs replacing.

Under consideration is an "Adopt a Project" list itemizing various things that need to be repaired or replaced around the church. A chart listing the different projects along with a projected cost would be displayed. Some suggested projects mentioned were: clock tower, ice machine, broken and cracked windows, sound system for sanctuary to aid hearing impaired persons, remodeling the secretary's office to make it more user friendly, outside signs, carpets, projector screen, roof repair, chair lift, elevator for school building. Church members could make contributions to their favorite project.

\$12775 has been contributed and set aside for repair of the large front window and the smaller windows in the narthex. A total of \$16500 is needed to complete this project. This money would also pay to replace the pull ropes on the drapery at the large window. In the near future donor/memorial plaques will be installed on the window sills of the ten windows in the sanctuary which have been repaired.

The Christian Education Building represents a large asset to our church. We are still negotiating with Sokol Baltimore to perhaps rent the gym for use of their gymnastic program. Rev. Cathy has also been approached by a performing arts group who may be interested in renting space in the building.

Church Council: At the present we have only 9 members serving on council. Harvey invited people to join the council, however, no one came forward.

Rev. Cathy's Comments: Rev. Cathy reported that the Visioning Committee Groups not only increase its members spiritually but also numerically to help its members grow with each other. She invited anyone who has not participated in a meeting to please consider doing so.

New Business: Darlene Waters talked about the upcoming 135th birthday of United Evangelical and it was decided by a show of hands to have a celebration. Darlene and Cass Young volunteered to head this committee.

Under old business Harvey reported that council is still working on reconstructing the fee schedule for rental of the hall, using the church facilities and services rendered by Rev. Cathy.

Clarence Rowell made a motion that we adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Cass Young. All in favor. The meeting adjourned at 12:15 after the recital of the Lord's Prayer.