

**THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**February 10, 2009**

Clarence Rowell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Present:** Diane Borkman, Olga DeBloom, Cissy Funk, Nancy Gray, Calvin Gundlach, Harvey Jacob, Barbara Matthew, The Rev. Cathy Oatman, Clarence Rowell and Dale Sanders.

**Devotion:** Calvin Gundlach

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Dale and seconded by Barbara to accept the minutes of the January, 2009 meeting as written. All voted in favor.

**Correspondence:** A thank you card was received from Dorothy McDaniel for being interviewed for the Office Manager position.

**Financial Report:** Harvey stated that we spent \$5,695.10 more than we took in for January, 2009 and that we paid our highest gas bill ever. Calvin made a motion that we accept the financial report as presented which was seconded by Olga. All voted in favor.

**Discussion:**

**(a) Bell tower update** – Elderhorst Bells, Inc. will charge roughly \$3,300.00 to fix the bells. Verdin will charge \$4,565.00 to install the controller. Both of these quotes have nothing to do with the lighting. Harvey and his son Garry will deal with the clock. Harvey will gather more information on this.

**(b) Window update** – Rev. Cathy, Harvey, Clarence and Sissy wrote a letter to Higgins & Associates. Originally they only wanted to give us a \$500.00 rebate for installing the wrong glass. Harvey received an E-Mail stating they would take \$3,658.65 off of the original bill. Dale made a motion that we accept this offer and this was seconded by Clarence. All voted in favor.

**(c) Interim pastor during the sabbatical** – Rev. Cathy, Harvey, Bob Osburne and Barbara met with Rev. Benjamin Griffin on January 29<sup>th</sup>. A letter was sent describing his particular duties. Another letter will be sent with some additions particularly stating he will receive \$8,400.00 that does not include social security. Calvin brought up to add that if he gets sick it is his responsibility to get a pastor in to preach on that particular Sunday. Clarence and Rev. Cathy will sign this letter. Any problems that arise will be directed to Harvey and Clarence. Bob Osburne will be responsible for the 8 a.m. service getting readers, acolytes, etc. Carol Rowell will be responsible for the 10:30 a.m. service.

**(d) Folding machine** – Harvey bought a new folding machine for the bulletins that cost \$340.00 which includes freight. Dale made a motion that we accept this and this was seconded by Calvin. All voted in favor.

**(e) Lighting repairs needed** – Harvey wants to spend \$300.00 to order new lighting in the Friendship Hall. The eternal candle in the church has a short and has to be checked out. Dale made a motion that we let Harvey do this. This was seconded by Calvin. All voted in favor.

**(f) By-Laws** – Harvey brought up that many of the committees are obsolete. Barbara brought up that we should table this until the next meeting and made a motion to do so. This was seconded by Calvin. All voted in favor.

**(g)** Cissy brought up that James Tallagsen and Sharon Danilowski wanted to make candy as a fund raiser. It was decided not to pursue this venture at this time.

**(h) Alcohol survey for the church** – It was decided to keep alcohol for church functions only and keep outsiders from having their own affairs. Rev. Cathy will draft a letter to be used as a survey for our church members to participate in.

## **Church Committee Activity**

**Property:** All property matters were addressed in the previous discussion per Clarence.

**Membership:** Rev. Cathy stated that we have four new members joining. Rev. Cathy also wants to have more direct mailing to follow up on certain situations.

**Altar:** All is going well.

**Fellowship:** Bob Osburne will stay on as chairman. Nancy reported that only one person showed up at the dance class on 2/9 and they are still trying to make a go of things.

**Christian Education:** Clarence brought up that all church school money is now deposited in various church accounts. Clarence also stated that the next Church School meeting will be Tuesday evening 2/17/09.

**Calendar:** Lent starts February 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Ushering:** No problems.

**Music:** Rev. Cathy stated that during Lent she will introduce a different updated hymnal that has old songs. Immanuel UCC has lent us fifty of these.

**Spiritual :** Nothing

**Visioning Groups:** Rev. Cathy stated there is no progress in this area.

**Parish Relations:** Already discussed with the sabbatical discussion.

**Pastor's Report:** On Friday 2/6 there were six people interviewed and this Friday 2/13 there will be five people interviewed for the Office Manager position. For the upcoming Lent season Rev. Cathy is looking into getting a rabbi to come in to participate in the Seder meal. This may be a hard task to accomplish. Rev. Cathy is still trying to get people to register for the Church Vitality 3/27-28 event. Rev. Cathy went to court on 12/7 and won her case for parking in the bus stop next to the church. She will write a letter about this situation to the City of Baltimore to make parking possible in the two stops by the church.

**Old Business:** Della Rose's was brought up again. Will look into getting 10% of your food check donated back to the church.

**New Business:** It was decided to keep paying St. Brigid's Church \$200.00 a year for parking on their lot.

**Adjournment/Closing Prayer:** Dale made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Olga. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. after saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calvin R. Gundlach  
(Recording Secretary)