

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

Harvey Jacob called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Cissy Funk, Nancy Gray, Calvin Gundlach, Harvey Jacob, The Rev. Cathy Oatman, Clarence Rowell and Dale Sanders.

Devotion: Harvey Jacob

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

Correspondence:

Higgins & Associates sent a letter of apology and a guarantee of ten years for the work done on the church windows.

A donation of \$150.00 was suggested to be given to Fortview Softball. A motion was made by Dale and seconded by Cal. All voted in favor.

A thank you letter from the Culp family was received.

Financial Report: February was a good month. The Sunday School funds were brought in. BGE was the only big bill. We are \$118.20 in total revenue over expenses. Calvin made a motion we accept the financial report as presented which was seconded by Cissy. All voted in favor.

Discussion:

- (a) **Church Committees** – On Sunday 4/26/09 at noon the church committees will be worked on. Many of the committees are obsolete. Cissy, Nancy, Harvey and Dale will work on them.
- (b) **School Building** – Nancy will call Senator Barbara Mikulski to see if she can help about making it a non profit organization. Nancy's husband will make some repairs and a work crew will be gotten together to make repairs mainly in the gym. A committee will meet on 3/31/09 at the church to study the problem.
- (c) **Parsonage** – A letter of authorization for Long & Foster will be sent by Harvey and Clarence. Gary Jacob will change the furnace filters and make a report on the parsonage. Dottie Soul from Long & Foster will visit the parsonage in two weeks and make a report.

Church Committee Activity

Property: Front Of Church - The front doors need varnishing. The parsonage gate needs fixing. The door dragging on the ramp needs fixing. There are holes developing in the ramp. Gary Jacob will weld these and Dale and Eric Sanders will paint the ramp.

Clock & Bell Tower – Harvey purchased new lights. We need to purchase materials from Verdin. Dale made a motion we accept which was seconded by Nancy. All voted in favor.

Fellowship Hall Lighting – new lights were being put in by Gary Jacob.

Membership: We will have direct mailing to follow up on certain situations.

Altar: Ursula Jacob says that things are ok for Lent.

Fellowship: (1.) Nancy brought up that the dance instructor is giving money back to the church.

(2.) Cissy reported that another bingo is planned for Friday 5/15/09.

(3.) We will have a donation box in the back of the church and the fellowship Hall to pay for the Sunday coffee hour. The Church Council is sponsoring the coffee hour for the new members coming into the church on 3/22/09.

(4.) The date for the Church Picnic is 9/13/09 and Ursula Jacob is looking into getting Chesterwood Park.

(5.) The Strawberry Festival will be Saturday 6/6/09.

Christian Education: All ok.

Calendar: Carol the secretary is making up a sheet to e-mail council members.

Ushering: Clarence reported that all is ok.

Music: The new Lenten hymnals are receiving good comments.

Spiritual – Lenten Services: On 3/18/09 Rabbi Ilyse Kramer will talk about the Seder Meal.

Visioning Groups: Nothing to report.

Parish Relations – Pastor's Sabbatical: A letter describing Rev. Benjamin Griffin's duties has been drafted and will be sent off immediately. Dale made a motion that the letter be accepted and this was seconded by Cal. All voted in favor.

Pastor's Report:

(1.) The pastor's mother is very sick and is in the hospital.

(2.) The new secretary is doing an excellent job.

(3.) The church typewriter needs fixing or a new one may have to be purchased. Harvey will look into this.

(4.) We are going to a slightly larger bulletin.

(5.) The questioning night for confirmands will be 4/2/09 and Bob Osburne and Cass Young will help.

(6.) There will be no communion on Palm Sunday 4/5/09 because of Confirmation Sunday.

- (7.) Earl's Place will be speaking on Sunday 4/26/09.
- (8.) The Endeavor deadline is 3/15/09.
- (9.) A request for possible use of the sanctuary for a wedding on 10/3/09 was approved.
- (10.) The Chesapeake Association Meeting is 4/25/09 and The Church Vitality workshop is 5/2/09.
- (11.) Made eleven visits, two pastoral care consultations, two funerals and numerous pastoral care phone calls.

Old Business: A letter describing alcohol use to be voted on by the congregation will be sent out and must be returned by May 1, 2009. The pastor reported that you need a liquor license for these events after a discussion with St. Brigid's.

New Business: It was decided to keep maintenance on phone line 276-0393 only and Nancy will take care of this.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer: Dale made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Cal. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m. after saying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calvin R. Gundlach
(Recording Secretary)