

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Church Council Meeting
June 8, 2009

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

Present: Diane Borkman, Olga DeBloom Cissy Funk, The Rev. Ben Griffin, Calvin Gundlach, Harvey Jacob, Clarence Rowell and Dale Sanders.

Devotion: Harvey Jacob.

Minutes: Dale made a motion to accept the minutes of the May 12, 2009 meeting which was seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.

Correspondence:

- (1.) Census Assistance – All voted in agreement to allow our church building to be used as a part of the Year 2010 U.S. Census.
- (2.) German Church – Rev. Stauss, a pastor from Germany, will be staying at Lancaster Seminary during the late summer and early fall. It was agreed to ask her to preach and attend the October 25th. Oktoberfest.
- (3.) Secretary Off – Our church secretary will be taking off 6/11, 6/12 and 6/15.
- (4.) Opening Church – Bob Osburne needs a back-up. Cissy will get her dad involved as a back-up to Bob.
- (5.) Hispanic Church, Assy. Of God – Because of past problems all voted in favor not to get involved with another church using our building.

Financial Report – Five Months Ending 5/31/2009 – We are \$2,593.41 revenue over expenses so far. June will be expensive. We have \$4,000.00 in Benevolences to be paid, plus we have Rev. Cathy's salary and Rev. Ben's salary.

Discussion:

- (1.) **Nonprofit Centers Network** – Harvey and Nancy attended seminars in Washington, D.C. We will need help to convert our school building into a center for Nonprofits.. Will have meetings during the summer.
- (2.) **Clock & Bells** – Harvey has the frames for flourescent lights made. He has not ordered the control yet for the bells. Will be getting ready to do this soon. The clock and bells will be worked on during the summer.
- (3.) **Roof & Gutters** – Slates are missing on the roof, gutters are down and water is coming in the church. One roofer wanted \$130,000.00 to repair the roof. Slate Roof Repair Specialists in Columbus, Pa. wants \$4,662.00 to \$10,000.00 for repairs. Harvey will be looking into one more estimate.

Church Committee Activity

Property:

- (1.) **Janitor Review** – Dale Sanders will review and fine tune the description of the Janitor's duties with our janitor Paul Polasky.
- (2.) **Ice Machine** – A new ice machine has been purchased. This will be paid for by a church member who does not wish to be named.

- (3.) **Roller Grill** – Cissy will check into the purchase of this. This has also been paid for by a church member who does not want to be named.
- (4.) **Ramp** – Garry Jacob welded plates over the holes. Dale and Eric Sanders will paint the ramp.
- (5.) **AC's** – one unit is not working. Harvey will get an outside company to repair this.
- (6.) **Coke Machine** – Clarence will call Coca-Cola Co. to get this repaired.

Membership: Everything is alright.

Altar: The sabbatical candle was left burning on Sunday 6/7. The acolyte will be told to put out all candles at the end of the service. A new candle will be purchased.

Fellowship: Rabbi Kramer will be in Columbia, Maryland on 6/24. The German Choir will be here on 6/28 and there will be a luncheon. You must have a ticket to come to the luncheon.

Christian Education: In August the youth will have their trip to Tennessee. In the Sunday bulletin we will ask the congregation to make donations.

Calendar: Cissy will organize the next bingo probably having it at the end of August. The Church Picnic will be Sunday September 20th. The Oktoberfest will be Sunday October 25th.

Ushering: Everything is alright.

Music: It was decided to purchase 125 new hymnals and have UCC put on the hymnals.

Spiritual: Nothing to report.

Visioning Groups – Nothing to report.

Parish Relations – Nothing to report.

Pastor's Report: The Rev. Ben Griffin stated that he is putting in more time than he was asked to do. He will let the council know at the end of August of his observations.

Old Business: Since the serving of alcohol beverages on church premises was passed by the congregation the by-laws will have to be rewritten.

New Business: Diane Borkman will handle collecting packages for the troops. The congregation will be asked to bring in items or donate money.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer: Clarence made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Dale. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. after reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calvin R. Gundlach
(Recording Secretary)