

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Church Council Meeting
July 14, 2009

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

Present: Diane Borkman, Cissy Funk, Calvin Gundlach, Harvey Jacob, Nancy Parker Gray and Clarence Rowell.

Devotion: Diane Borkman

Minutes: Diane made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 8, 2009 meeting which was seconded by Clarence. All voted in favor.

Correspondence: Diane will look into saving electric expenses with Liberty Power Co.

Financial Report: Six Months Ending 6/30/2009 – We are \$7,610.37 expenses over revenue. All benevolences have been paid except our Church's Wider Mission.

Discussion:

- (1.) **School Building** – Nancy and Harvey both stated there is a tremendous amount of work to be done to convert the building to a center for nonprofits. Nancy said that we have to have a mission. Nancy will organize a meeting.
- (2.) **Hymnals** – New hymnals will run \$13.95 each plus there will be a \$100.00 set up charge. The council agreed to purchase two hundred hymnals for a total price of \$2,900.00. The front of the hymnals would read The United Evangelical Church of Baltimore, Maryland. A motion was made by Clarence and seconded by Nancy. All voted in favor. Different colors were discussed. It was agreed to get red hymnals. A motion was made by Nancy and seconded by Diane. All voted in favor. We all agreed if the congregation wants to dedicate a hymnal it would cost \$15.00 and a form would have to be filled out.

Church Committee Activity

Property:

- (1.) **Air Conditioners** - We have four air conditioners in the church that are thirty-one years old. Three are alright. The fourth air conditioner next to the organ is clogged. Harvey had a company in and they stated it would better economics to replace it rather than have it repaired. A guess at replace cost is approximately \$4000. We will get by this summer with only three air conditioners. Harvey will pursue this and get other opinions and prices.
- (2.) **Bell Tower** – Harvey and his son are getting involved and moving forward.
- (3.) **Roof & Gutters** – The council is getting into this problem more and will get more estimates.
- (4.) **Ramp** – Garry Jacob will caulk some of the edges of the plates that have been welded over the holes and will paint the patches on the ramp.
- (5.) **Coke Machine** – a new Coke machine will be coming in a few days and Coke will be in charge of it.
- (6.) **Painting of narthex** – Nancy is looking into this.

(7.) **Church piano** – The choir wants the piano moved back onto the altar next to the organ. Cissy Funk will get her sons to come in to move the pews and piano soon.

Membership: Everything is alright.

Altar: The eternal candle is working alright now.

Fellowship: Ursula and Cass Young are selling Church Picnic tickets. The Oktoberfest is Sunday, October 25th. Cissy will have two breakfast fund raisers to help with the Oktoberfest costs.

Christian Education: The Youth Group and Morgan-Scott Trip will be August 1st and they are going to Tennessee.

Calendar: The Dance Class is being changed from Monday to Wednesday evenings beginning August 12th.

Ushering: Everything is alright.

Music: Everything is alright.

Spiritual: Everything is alright.

Visioning Groups: Will start in the fall.

Parish Relations: Will meet when the pastor gets back.

Pastor's Report: None

Old Business: The church By-Laws addressing the use of alcoholic beverages will be rewritten.

New Business:

- (1.) Diane will handle collecting packages for the troops.
- (2.) Diane stated that the Choir and Sunday School want to have a dinner and talent show on Sunday, May 23, 2010. The cost will be \$8.00 a ticket. They want to look into the possibility of getting an air conditioner or so for the gym.
- (3.) Cal brought up that he will be at the ocean for the next meeting and would like to have the meeting changed. It was agreed to have the next meeting on Tuesday, August 4th.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer: Harvey made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Nancy. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m. after reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calvin R. Gundlach
(Recording Secretary)