

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MD.
Church Council Meeting
August 4, 2009

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

Present: Diane Borkman, Cissy Funk, Nancy Parker Gray, Calvin Gundlach and Harvey Jacob. We had no quorum, however, we reviewed all topics and agreed or disagreed. Clarence Rowell did come in toward the end of the meeting after all major topics were discussed.

Devotion: Cissy Funk.

Minutes: The minutes were read from the July 14, 2009 meeting. It was agreed to accept them.

Financial Report: Seven Months Ending 7/31/09 - We are \$18,924.37 in the red. We moved \$12,000.00 from Hopkins Savings to checking. We spent a lot in July. We put a deposit on the new bell control for the clock tower, paid the property taxes on the parsonage, bought an ice machine, paid a high electric bill and are paying two Pastors.

Discussion:

- (1.) **School Building** – Nancy met with a Community College of Baltimore professor on this and he will look into this. Also she will be looking into a program which The University of Baltimore has.
- (2.) **Hymnals** – We ordered two hundred new hymnals and they will be here in two weeks.

Church Committee Activity:

Property:

- (1.) **Air Conditioners** – Due to trouble with one air conditioner we are using only three of the four to serve the church. Cissy and Harvey will be looking into estimates to repair or replace the broken air conditioner.
- (2.) **Bell Tower** – Harvey and his son are very involved in this project.
- (3.) **Roof** – Harvey will be getting estimates to fix the church roof gutter and the broken slates on the church roof.
- (4.) **Vacuum Cleaner** – The vacuum cleaner used in the church broke and it was agreed to purchase a new one.
- (5.) Jim Gray made new stairs for the stage.
- (6.) Nancy and Diane are looking into painting the narthex.

Membership: Nothing new.

Altar: Everything is alright.

Fellowship: The church picnic and Oktoberfest are under control.

Christian Education: Everything is alright.

Calendar: Nothing new to report.

Ushering: Everything is alright.

Music: Everything is alright.

Spiritual: We are planning to ask Rev. Elfriede Stauss (a visiting pastor from Germany) to join us on Tinsel Sunday (12/13/09).

Visioning Dinner Groups: Will restart in October.

Parish Relations- Pastor's Return – Rev. Ben's Departure: It was agreed to have a luncheon after the late service on Sunday, September 6th. to welcome Pastor Cathy back and say goodbye to Pastor Ben. Pastor Ben can also give us his comments on his three months at United.

Old Business – ByLaws, Alcoholic Beverages: This will be rewritten for the constitution soon.

New Business: None

Adjournment / Closing Prayer: Harvey made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Nancy. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m. after reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calvin R. Gundlach
(Recording Secretary)