

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MD.

Church Council Meeting

September 8, 2009

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

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

Devotion: Dale Sanders.

Minutes: The minutes were read from the August 4, 2009 meeting. There were two minor spelling errors found and corrected. Harvey made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Cissy. All voted in favor.

Correspondence:

- (1.) A \$500 check was sent to Earl's Place to help sponsor their New Year's Day Resolution Run.
- (2.) We will ask Cass Young to again help sponsor collecting toys for The Hoffman Home.
- (3.) Holy Joe's Cafe will not be done this fall.

Financial Report: Eight Months Ending 8/31/09 – We are \$24,628.59 in the red. There are many heavy expenses in September and October such as the pastor's pension, health insurance, the bell tower and church insurance. We have almost wiped out our savings at Hopkins Federal Savings by putting it into checking for the bills in September and October. Cal made a motion to accept the financial report which was seconded by Cissy. All voted in favor.

Discussion: Pastor's Return From Her Sabbatical – Rev. Cathy shared four highlights from her sabbatical which are as follows:

- (1.) Spending a week at Lancaster Seminary learning about the emerging church.
- (2.) Spending a week at home in Ohio with her mother and family.
- (3.) Going on the work trip to Tennessee with the youth and adults from our church.
- (4.) Spending time to read and relax and pray. Many ideas came up while doing this that she will talk about being used in our church. She also feels we need to update our website.

Cal Gundlach brought up that the congregation was very happy with The Reverend Ben Griffin during The Reverend Cathy's sabbatical time. Cissy, Harvey and Barbara also had kind words to say about Rev. Ben Griffin.

Church Committee Activity:

Property:

- (1.) **Bell Tower** - The lights have been installed on all four sides of the bell tower. We hope to have them working in October. Other equipment will be installed.
- (2.) **Roof** – The gutter and down spout has been repaired on the church roof. The company that repaired this recommends recoating the parsonage with a light coat. They also suggest fixing the slate on the church roof by the organ chamber.
- (3.) The front church doors need varnishing.
- (4.) Dale Sanders will power wash the ramp and the door in front of the ramp. He will also paint the ramp deck.
- (5.) The broken window in the kitchen will be replaced.
- (6.) We will get a price on the broken air conditioning system in the church.
- (7.) Nancy is looking into painting the narthex.

- (8.) Clarence brought up about fixing the plaster falling off the church wall in the balcony on the back right wall.
- (9.) Harvey stated that there is a tremendous amount of work to be done in the church concerning property.

Membership: Nothing new.

Altar: Dick Loving repaired and polished the candlelighter/snuffers.

Fellowship: The church picnic is under control. Cissy Funk has everything under control for the Oktoberfest. There will be a pancake breakfast on 9/13 to offset the cost of the Oktoberfest. There will be a meeting before the Oktoberfest to make sure everything is all set.

Christian Education: Clarence brought up that there will be a meeting next week.

Calendar: Carol (our church secretary) is taking care of this.

Ushering: Everything is alright.

Music: Worship & Rejoice Hymnals – Two hundred have been purchased at a price of \$3,200.00. \$1,755.00 have been taken in as donations.

Spiritual: Rev. Elfriede Stauss (German Pastor) – We are trying to arrange a November 21st – 22nd weekend visit.

Pastor's Report:

- (1.) Confirmation starts 9/30.
- (2.) Will be away 10/10 – 10/12 officiating the wedding of a friend. Will get a replacement pastor. Cannot attend the Chesapeake Association 10/10 meeting.
- (3.) First week back had 6 visits, 2 funerals and 4 pastoral care phone calls.

Old Business:

- (1.) Nancy had a Community College of Baltimore professor brought in to look into the use of the school building. He is going to get back with us.
- (2.) The council gave Rev. Cathy permission the church to host the Chesapeake Association Ministerium in March, 2010.
- (3.) Pat Barth is leaving the Chesapeake Association. A \$50 gift was suggested. Clarence made a motion to give the gift which was seconded by Dale. All voted in favor.

New Business: 2010 Council – 2010 Budget

- (1.) Clarence will have Carol (Church Secretary) put in the bulletin that we need council members. All council members were urged to ask church members to join the council and run for election in November.
- (2.) Harvey will prepare worksheets for the 2010 Budget and will assemble a committee to work with.

Adjournment / Closing prayer: Clarence made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Dale. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. after reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calvin R. Gundlach
(Recording Secretary)