

**THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MD.**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**October 13, 2009**

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

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

**Devotion:** Rev. Cathy Oatman.

**Minutes:** The minutes were read from the September 8, 2009 meeting. There was one minor spelling error found and corrected. Clarence made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.

**Correspondence:** A letter was read from the Hoffman Homes inviting our members to an 11/6/09 affair. A letter was read from United Ministries asking for help at Christmas.

**Financial Report:** Nine months Ending 9/30/09 – We are \$31,247.46 in the red. Health insurance, pension, liability and property insurance were paid in September. Three of the nine months this year we were in the black and the other six we were in the red. We always show an increase in December. Our \$100,000 CD currently at Hamilton Federal Bank matures Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Dependant upon the renewal interest rate, we will make a decision whether to leave it at Hamilton or to move the funds elsewhere. Dale made a motion to accept the financial report which was seconded by Cissy. All voted in favor.

**Discussion:**

- (1.) Calvin Gundlach brought up some concerns from our church members. The main concern brought up was that we are running out of money in our church. A discussion ensued about concerns regarding the church's financial position.
- (2.) We engaged in a brief discussion pertaining to the term, "The Emerging Church", and how some of the concepts could relate to our congregation. We also talked about Rev. Cathy's message in the current issue of the Endeavor; what it means to be "co-opted by Christ" instead of being co-opted by the practices of the world.
- (3.) The 2010 Church Budget will be worked on by Calvin, Clarence, Harvey and Rev. Cathy. The new budget will be voted on by the council at the November 10th meeting. The congregation will vote on the new budget at the Congregational Meeting on November 15<sup>th</sup>.
- (4.) Cal, Dianne, Harvey and Dale have one year left to serve on the council. Barbara will be going off the council. Clarence will run for re-election. Nancy and Cissy are undecided. We need five new people. All council members will ask members in the congregation to come forward to run. New members will be elected at the Congregational Meeting.

**Church Committee Activity:**

**Property:**

1. The parsonage roof was repaired and re coated with a white (aluminum) roofing compound, also some slate shingles were replaced on the church building along with some other roof repair work, all done by a roofing contractor approved by the council at a cost of \$1645.
2. Garry Jacob is working on the clock & bell tower installing the new bell control.

3. We spent \$171 fixing various exit signs and safety lights in the Sunday School building instead of having Fireline Co. do it at a considerably higher cost. We are now ready for the annual Fire Dept. inspection.
4. Carol Duray (Church Secretary) wants a new engraved sign on the outside church office door showing current "office open" days and hours. This was approved by the council.

**Membership:** Everything is alright.

**Altar:** Everything is alright.

**Fellowship:** Cissy has the banners, food, tents, liquor and food license all under control for the Oktoberfest.

**Christian Education:** Clarence stated there will be a meeting on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Calendar:** Carol (Church Secretary) is doing a good job on this.

**Ushering:** Everything is alright.

**Music – Hymnals:** It was decided to order fifty more new hymnals with imprint on the cover. Dale made a motion to accept which was seconded by Clarence. All voted in favor. The council agreed that the old hymnals will be disposed of after Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>. Anyone wishing to have one, or more, is welcome to take them.

**Spiritual:** Due to other commitments, The Rev. Elfriede Stauss (Pastor from Germany) will not be coming in November to visit our church.

**Pastor's Report:**

- (1.) Thanksgiving Eve Service will be at our church on 11/25 at 7 p.m. Bring a can good for the Canton Food Pantry. The offering will be for Earl's Place.
- (2.) All communication must be made with the church office regarding hall use.
- (3.) There are three dinner groups under way.
- (4.) This year's Confirmation Class consists of four members.
- (5.) The pastor made 13 visits, 2 consults, had one funeral and had 3 pastoral care phone calls.

**Old Business:**

- (1.) Nancy will call "The Living Classrooms" about using space in the Sunday School.
- (2.) Our Dundalk Eagle ad is expiring. A motion was made by Clarence to renew the ad which was seconded by Harvey. All voted in favor.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment/Closing Prayer:** Clarence made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Dale. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. after reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calvin R. Gundlach  
(Recording Secretary)