

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MD.
Church Council Meeting
November 10, 2009

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

Present: Diane Borkman, Cissy Funk, Calvin Gundlach, Harvey Jacob, Rev. Cathy Oatman and Clarence Rowell.

Devotion: Harvey Jacob.

Minutes: The minutes were read from the October 13, 2009 meeting. Clarence made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.

Correspondence: Cissy asked permission to put a "wish list" received from Earl's Place in the Narthex. This is a list of simple items needed for Earl's Place. All voted in favor.

Financial Report – Ten Months Ending 10/31/2009 – We are \$24,731.73 in the red. For the months of November and December 2009 we figure to take in about \$8,000.00 in income over expenses. We will probably wind up \$16,000.00 in the red at the end of the year instead of a projected \$30,000.00. As of now we have \$104,558.00 in our CD at Hamilton Federal which is maturing this month. We looked around and could not find a better CD interest rate than what is currently being offered. We will let it roll over at 2.05%. All voted in favor to let The Hamilton Federal CD roll over. The Oktoberfest events did very well showing a net gain for the church of \$4,670.12.

Discussion: (1) Year 2010 Proposed Budget – Harvey, Clarence and Calvin worked up the 2010 Church Budget. A few minor changes were made and voted on. The council voted a 2% increase in salary for the pastor, secretary, organist and the janitor. The final draft of the budget was voted on and passed by the council. This will be presented to the church members at The Annual Congregational Meeting on November 15, 2009 to be voted on by the congregation. The pastor read an article about turning a church around. The council voted to have the pastor read this article at the Congregational Meeting.

(2.) 2010 Church Council Members – Diane, Calvin, Dale, Harvey, Cissy and Clarence still have a year remaining on the council and will remain on. Agreeing to run from the congregation are Ursula Jacob, Carolyn Noteware, Pam Sartori, John Sauer and Alfie Schrodt.

Church Committee Activity:

Property:

- (1.) We are slowly making progress on the bell tower. A representative from the Verdin Company is coming in Nov. 30th to check the installation of the new bell controller. The next step is to have the clock control repaired and then complete the installation of the new lighting system.
- (2.) The council approved \$700.00 for organ repairs.
- (3.) Mats are needed for the Narthex and Dillon Street.

Membership: Everything is alright.

Altar: Everything is alright.

Fellowship: Cissy handed out an agenda for plans for 2010 for The Fund Raising Committee.

Christian Education: Clarence reported everything is alright.

Calendar: Carol (Church Secretary) has updated the calendar for the remainder of 2009

Ushering: Everything is alright.

Music – The fifty additional new hymnals ordered came in.

Spiritual: Nothing to report.

Pastor's Report:

- (1.) A special \$75.00 four week ad was approved by the council for advertising in The Baltimore Guide. This was presented by Rev. Cathy.
- (2.) The council also approved a \$250.00 ad for the Thanksgiving Eve Service at United. This was presented by Rev. Cathy. Also the pastor brought up that volunteers are needed for furnishing baked goods for the after service social hour.
- (3.) The pastor proposed one service on Tinsel Sunday and also on 12/27. The council approved this.
- (4.) The pastor explained the latest missions and plans of the dinner groups.
- (5.) The pastor asked to take time off after Christmas from 12/28 thru 1/4. All voted in favor on the council to approve this.
- (6.) The pastor made many visits, consults and calls.

Old Business:

- (1.) Harvey will prepare an agenda and have the minutes from the last congregational meeting ready for Sunday's 11/15/09 Congregational meeting.
- (2.) Cal again brought up that some members are not happy with the new songs we are singing and the new hymnals.

New Business: Cal said he will run in the January 1, 2010 race to benefit Earl's Place.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer: Clarence made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Cissy. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m. after reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calvin R. Gundlach
(Recording Secretary)