

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MD.

Church Council Meeting

December 15, 2009

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

Present: Cissy Funk, Nancy Parker-Gray, Calvin Gundlach, Harvey Jacob, Ursula Jacob, Carolyn Noteware, Rev. Cathy Oatman, Clarence Rowell, Pam Sartori, John Sauer and Alfie Schrod

Devotion: Nancy Parker-Gray.

Minutes: The minutes were read from the November 10, 2009 meeting. Cissy made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Clarence. All voted in favor.

Correspondence: A letter was sent from The Canton Community Association asking us to keep our membership and become a Platinum Member. This is a good source to be used for advertising. Clarence made a motion to accept which was seconded by Calvin. All voted in favor.

PACT sent in their yearly report.

Financial Report – Eleven Months Ending 11/30/2009 – We are \$25,548.14 in the red. We are losing money every year. We have about \$200,000.00 in funds and are dropping about \$20,000 a year. We should have a good December. The Sprint income is very critical to us. Calvin made a motion to accept the Financial Report which was seconded by Nancy. All voted in favor.

Order Of Business

(1.) Nomination & Election Of Officers For 2010

President – Clarence Rowell. Calvin made a motion to accept which was seconded by John. All voted in favor.

Vice-President – Cissy Funk. Calvin made a motion to accept which was seconded by John. All voted in favor.

Treasurer – Harvey Jacob. Alfie made a motion to accept which was seconded by Calvin. All voted in favor.

Financial Secretary – there is no one to fill this position. Arlene Pate from the congregation is currently doing an outstanding job doing these duties.

Recording Secretary – Calvin Gundlach. Cissy made a motion to accept which was seconded by John. All voted in favor.

(2.) Structure Of Church Committees for 2010 – It was decided we must restructure the Church Committees and By-Laws. This will be addressed at the January council meeting.

Church Committee Activity

Property:

- (1.) Harvey and his son are working on the Clock and The Bell Tower. The bells are ringing from eight in the morning until ten at night. The lighting is being worked on. The transformer that sends the signal to work the clock needs repairing.
- (2.) One of the four church air conditioners quit working. We will have to get into this problem in the Spring of 2010. This will be brought up to the congregation at the January 2010 meeting because this will be a major expense.
- (3.) Robert Gundlach wants to add an organ sound module to the church organ which will cost \$3,000.00. This will be brought up at the congregational meeting.
- (4.) Monthly pest control costs us \$63.00 from an outside outfit. Diane Borkman or our janitor Paul Polasky will take this over.
- (5.) Carolyn brought up that the church ramp is in bad shape. Cissy stated it will cost \$3,200.00 to do this. This will be brought up at the congregational meeting.
- (6.) The church doors have to be redone and this will be a major expense. This will be brought up at the congregational meeting.
- (7.) Clarence brought up that the parsonage pillars by the office should be redone.

Membership: Everything is alright.

Altar: Ursula stated that Art and Lois Jones gave this job up. Pam Sartori will take this over.

Fellowship – Fund Raising: Cissy stated that the next bingo will be February 12, 2010. The profits will be divided equally between the Youth Group, the Church and Relay For Life. There will be a bull roast on Saturday, June 5, 2010. Cissy will address the congregation at the Congregational meeting on January 31, 2010 on this.

Christian Education: Clarence reported everything is alright.

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

Ushering: Clarence said that there are no problems. Harvey wants all ushers to learn how to work the bell system.

Music: Marge Herd's hymnal disappeared and will be replaced. Clarence said there are only twenty-one new hymnals left to be dedicated.

Spiritual: Rev. Cathy brought up that we are having Thursday evening Advent worship.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Cathy will be off the week after the Sunday, December 27th service and Rev. Donna Martin will be covering. Rev. Cathy will visit all the shut-ins before Christmas.

Old Business:

Nancy brought up that a lawyer from The Community College of Baltimore will tour the Sunday School Building after January 3rd. Nancy also brought up that the Dance Class

cannot lose money and payment will be made in advance and the classes will be done in sessions.

New Business:

Nancy is obtaining a good used heating and cooling unit and will donate it to the church.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Calvin R. Gundlach
(Recoding Secretary)