

**THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MD.**  
**Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting**  
**Sunday November 15, 2009**

Harvey Jacob called the meeting to order at 11:45 am.

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Cathy.

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Carol Borkman to accept the minutes from the last congregational meeting on May 17, 2009. This was seconded by Joan Stinchcomb. All voted in favor.

**Financial Report – 10 Months Through October 31** – A very thorough report was given by Harvey Jacob. He expects a good amount of funds to come in during November and December.

**Property Report – Maintenance And Improvements:**

- (1.) Repairs were made to the church roof, the Sunday school roof and the parsonage roof.
- (2.) Within six months we hope to have the bell tower lighted and working properly.
- (3.) We installed a new ceiling fan in the pastor's office and the choir room.
- (4.) We have a new bell controller for the bell tower which cost \$4,500.00.
- (5.) We bought a new ice machine.
- (6.) The church air conditioning must be repaired or replaced.
- (7.) The council approved \$695.00 for the church organ to be repaired.
- (8.) Garry Jacob is doing a fine job helping out in maintenance.

**Looking Back & Forward – Celebration Of Our Ministry**

- (1.) Cissy Funk talked about how The Fund Raising Committee has grossed \$15,116.00 so far this year. The Oktoberfest made \$4,670.12. Cissy thanked everyone for helping. She said we are getting good people in the church.
- (2.) Nancy Parker Gray announced that the dance class has been moved to Wednesday evenings.
- (3.) Cathy Fifield spoke how well the youth group is doing.
- (4.) Rev. Cathy explained how well the dinner groups are going especially the one that visited Earl's Place. Rev. Cathy stated she has a Wednesday morning bible class and that she needs a leader to run the Sunday bible class.
- (5.) Cass Young stated that she is again leading the drive for toys for the Hoffman Home.
- (6.) Clarence Rowell stated that there are about twenty people now in church school.

**Reading Of Article – “Turning Toward Life” by Mary Louise Gifford** – Rev. Cathy read this article to the congregation. It tells of fifty years of membership decline in a church. This matches our church. The church will not grow overnight.

**Proposed Budget – Consideration Of Budget For Year 2010** – Harvey stated that we cannot back up and we can only go forward and keep things moving. Harvey discussed the entire 2010 Budget. We are projecting deficit of \$24,345.00 for 2010. We gave 2% raises to all employees. The projected cost church insurance is less. The parsonage is not being kept properly by the tenants. A motion was made to accept the 2010 Budget by Carol Borkman. This was seconded by John Sauer. All voted in favor.

**Showing Of Video – Our Church’s Wider Mission (OCWM)** – a video was shown on our giving and where it goes.

**Church Council – Election of 2010 Council –**

(1.) Newcomers will be Ursula Jacob, Carolyn Noteware, Pam Sartori, John Sauer and Alfie Schrodt.

(2.) Staying on will be Cal Gundlach, Diane Borkman, Clarence Rowell, Cissy Funk, Harvey Jacob, Nancy Parker Gray and Dale Sanders.

A motion was made to accept the new council by Carol Borkman. This was seconded by James Tallagsen. All voted in favor.

**Pastor’s Comments** – The dinner groups are showing the closeness of people. What we are doing at our church is all worthwhile.

**Other Business – New Business** – None

**Questions and Comments From Members** - None

**Attendance:** 33 people

**Adjournment:** Carol Borkman made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Cissy Funk. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 pm after the recital of the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Calvin R. Gundlach  
(Recording Secretary)