

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MD.

Church Council Meeting

January 12, 2010

Clarence Rowell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Diane Borkman, Cissy Funk, Calvin Gundlach, Harvey Jacob, Ursula Jacob, Carolyn Noteware, Rev. Cathy Oatman, Clarence Rowell, Pam Sartori and John Sauer.

Devotion: Clarence Rowell.

Minutes: The minutes were read from the December 15, 2009 meeting. Cissy made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Clarence. All voted in favor.

Correspondence: A letter was received from Hoffman Home thanking us for the Christmas presents for the children. Cathy Fifield wants to talk about the Youth Group's plans for this year at the Congregational Meeting on 1/31/10. The P.A.C.T. Financial Report for December, 2009 was presented.

Financial Report: We projected a \$30,000 deficit for the year 2009. We wound up with a deficit of \$24,912.19. The month of January will bring our insurance bills and some high heating bills. The smoke fire alarm in the Sunday School is being fixed which will run about \$600.00. Diane will tell Concetta from P.A.C.T. to turn out the Sunday School lights.

Discussion Items: (1.) Committees – The first step is to define the committees. The Church Council will have to be involved. A Committee Definition and Study Group was formed at this council meeting. They will have their first meeting on January 22nd and will consist of Rev. Cathy, Cissy, Diane and John.

(2.) Youth Group – It was agreed to let Cathy Fifield talk of the Youth Group's plans for the year 2010 at the Congregational Meeting on January 31st.

Church Committee Activity:

Property:

- (1.) Harvey had a company in to give us an estimate to fix the church's air conditioning system. Harvey will tell the congregation of the costs.
- (2.) Harvey stated that the work on the clock and the bell tower is moving forward.
- (3.) The two heaters in the choir room are not working.
- (4.) Diane stated that many of the Sunday School windows are bad.
- (5.) Clarence will take an inventory on how many light bulbs are out in the church.
- (6.) John said if there are any carpet problems please direct them to him.
- (7.) Cal and Diane both brought up that many church members want a chair lift installed.
- (8.) Robert Gundlach wants to add an organ sound module to the church organ which will cost \$3,600.00. It was decided to have Robert give us more details on this and even for him to explain it at the Congregational Meeting.

- (9.) Cal reported that Robert Gundlach said the tilt tabs are in that the council approved for the organ and will be installed shortly.
- (10.) It was discussed that the church council decides where to put the money.

Membership: Everything is alright.

Altar: Everything is alright.

Fellowship: Cissy stated that the next Bingo will be February 12th. Cissy will give a report at the Congregational Meeting for the fund raising plans for 2010. Clarence brought up that The Canton Baptist Food Pantry is very thankful for the food we donate. Clarence also brought up that Bob Osburne stated this may be his last year on fellowship.

Christian Education: Clarence said there is a meeting planned for 1/19/10.

Calendar: Carol (Church Secretary) has updated the calendar for 2010.

Ushering: Everything is alright.

Music: Diane will get with the choir to discuss where to put the profits from the upcoming May Choir Show. Different fund raising projects will be discussed where to put the profits.

Spiritual: Nothing to report.

Pastor's Report:

- (1.) Installation of council members will be January 31st. at the 10:30 a.m. service.
- (2.) The Lenten series will focus on "Jesus The Healer" and the mission project will be One Great Hour of Sharing.
- (3.) Endeavor deadline is 1/15.
- (4.) A Council Retreat is planned for Saturday, February 20th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- (5.) Rev. Cathy had many visits, consults, care calls and one funeral.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

- (1.) Clarence handed out a list of the Council Members with their home addresses, e-mail addresses and phone numbers.
- (2.) Diane stated Carol Borkman (her mother) will repaint and put up new binds in her Sunday School room.
- (3.) Claire Hovermill got hit by a car and broke her pelvis.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer: Diane made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Harvey. 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)