

**THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MD.**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**March 2, 2010**

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

**Present:** Diane Borkman, Cissy Funk, Nancy Parker Gray, Calvin Gundlach, Harvey Jacob, Carolyn Noteware, Rev. Cathy Oatman, Clarence Rowell and Pam Sartori.

**Devotion:** Pam Sartori

**Minutes:** The minutes were read from the January 12, 2010 meeting. There was one minor correction made. Harvey made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Clarence. All voted in favor.

**Correspondence:**

- (1.) A thank you was read from the family of Ed Myers.
- (2.) Arlene Pate sent a letter regarding the future of the Tableau. She is having trouble getting people to take parts. The council voted to try and contact people to participate. Diane Borkman volunteered to make an announcement at both services asking people to come forward to participate.
- (3.) A pulpit exchange program for one week with other churches was voted down.
- (4.) We are expecting a gift from the estate of Catherine Smith.

**Financial Report:** We are \$4,814.07 in the red as of January 31, 2010. Through February 21<sup>st</sup> we have made \$11,477.00 in deposits, however, we do not have our expenses totaled yet. Closing for three weeks with the snow hurt our income intake. A motion was made by Diane to accept the financial report which was seconded by Calvin. All voted in favor.

**Discussion:** A Committee Definition And Study Group consisting of Diane Borkman, Cissy Funk, John Sauer, Alfie Schrodt and Rev. Cathy are revising and defining the committees of the church. The next meeting is planned for 3/23/10.

**Church Committee Activity:**

**Property:**

- (1.) Clarence completed the light bulb inventory. We have 150 bulbs to use. Harvey is looking into getting newer bulbs.
- (2.) Gary Jacob pulled the mechanism in the clock tower out and Harvey will get it fixed.
- (3.) The downspout along the parsonage is down and must get fixed.
- (4.) Gary Jacob fixed the windows in the Sunday School.
- (5.) The heating is fixed in the Sunday School.
- (6.) The hot water heater in the furnace room went up. It will cost \$1,300.00 to have it fixed.
- (7.) The air conditioning system in the church has to be fixed. One of the four systems is broke. One company came into look at it but never got back with us.
- (8.) The steam pipe is leaking in the boiler room.

**Membership:** Everything is alright.

**Altar:** Alfie will help out with Ursula. The altar will stay purple throughout Lent.

**Fellowship:** Ursula wants to have the picnic again at Chesterwood Park and possibly on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. The council approved this.

**Christian Education:** Clarence reported there was no February meeting. There will be a meeting in March. The Bibles have been ordered for the confirmands.

**Calendar:** Cissy reported the Bingo will be Friday April 16<sup>th</sup>. Nancy brought up that the dance lessons will begin on Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Ushering:** Everything is alright.

**Music:** Nothing to report.

**Spiritual:** Nothing to report.

**Pastor's Report:**

- (1.) Council Retreat Follow-Up – can look into valet parking or using a close by parking lot.
- (2.) When Rob Gundlach goes on vacation it was decided by the council to use his recording of the organ playing instead of hiring an organist. This also saves us money.
- (3.) It was decided by the council to use free advertising only in The Guide.
- (4.) Rev. Cathy will ask Millie Wirsing to discard the old flowers.
- (5.) *The Confirmation Questioning Night on 3/25 will consist of Bob Osburne, Cissy Funk and Diane Borkman. The council approved this.*
- (6.) Rev. Cathy requested to take off from 4/5/10 thru 4/12/10. A motion was made by Diane and seconded by Calvin. All voted in favor.
- (7.) The Mission Group has taken off.
- (8.) Rev. Cathy made 14 visits, 9 consults, 13 pastoral care phone calls and also had one funeral.

**Old Business:**

- (1.) The Youth Group has \$1,200.00.
- (2.) Harvey and Nancy met with a lawyer and two professors from The Community College of Baltimore and they were impressed with the Sunday School building after taking a tour. They will get back with us.

**New Business:**

- (1.) For the Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> bus trip Carolyn asked Clarence to look into using St. Brigid's parking lot.
- (2.) John Sauer may have to leave the council because of transportation problems.

**Adjournment/Closing Prayer:** Diane made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Nancy. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m. after reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Calvin R. Gundlach  
(Recording Secretary)