

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Semi-Annual Congregational Meeting
March 7, 2010

President Clarence Rowell called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Cathy.

Minutes: A motion was made by Cass Young to accept the minutes from the last congregational meeting on November 15, 2009. This was seconded by Florence Gundlach. All voted in favor.

Financial Report: Harvey Jacob went over the financial report. Year 2009 was actually a good year. We predicted a \$31,000.00 deficit. The actual deficit was \$24,912.19. We are losing \$20,000.00 a year. In eight to nine years we will be out of business. Our church is not supported by donations.

Property Report – Maintenance and Improvements:

1. Harvey is getting the mechanism fixed in the Bell/Clock Tower. He will also get the tower lighted.
2. Our church air conditioning system has one of the four systems broken. This must be fixed or even the entire system must be replaced.
3. We would like to get an Organ Enhancement System that will cost \$3,500.00.
4. We would like to get a Chair Lift.
5. The hot water heater in the furnace room is leaking and will cost \$1,300.00 to repair.
6. The handicap ramp needs replacing.
7. The front doors to the church needs to be redone.
8. We need to work on the church signs.
9. The Sunday School needs the windows repainted.
10. The church needs repainting.
11. We are looking into replacing the church light bulbs.
12. The windows in the parsonage are deteriorating.
13. The downspout has been fixed in the parsonage.
14. Harvey stated that we need to make a good image in the front of the church.
15. There is a pipe in the boiler room leaking.

On all of the above problems Clarence stated that the Church Council will develop a priority list.

Organizational Reports: All committees are being evaluated by a Church Committee that is meeting regularly. All church members will be asked to serve on the committees.

Youth Activities: Cathy Fifield gave a report for the Youth Group Plan's for this year. She says they need help and volunteers.

Fund Raising Activities: Cissy Funk stated that in 2009 the church made \$4,700.00 on three bingo nights.. We also made \$491.00 selling Lent food. The next bingo will be April 16th. The Church Bull Roast will be June 5th.

Sunday School Building Update: Nancy Parker Gray stated that a Community College Of Baltimore lawyer and two professors came to tour the building and are enthused. They will look into getting non profit organizations to move in.

Pastor's Comments: Rev. Cathy talked about what she gained from her sabbatical. We are an emerging church. We must give rides to the youth to get to church. We must give our allegiance to Christ. We all have a ministry to get people into the church. The pastor cannot do this herself. A lot of simple things can save the church a lot of money. Let's go forward and build.

Other Business – New Business: None

Questions and Comments from Members: None

Attendance: 46 members

Adjournment: Alfie Schrodt made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Carol Borkman. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m. after the recital of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Calvin R. Gundlach
(Recording Secretary)