

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Church Council Meeting
April 13, 2010

Vice President Cissy Funk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Devotion: Carolyn Noteware. Also included was a special prayer for Dale Sanders and his family.

Minutes: The minutes were read from the March 2, 2010 meeting. There was one minor correction made. Diane made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Alfie. All voted in favor.

Correspondence:

- (1.) A request to support The Fort View Softball League was approved.
- (2.) We will follow up by August 14th on the Resolution Run (United Ministries) with the same amount we always give.
- (3.) Cathy Fifield and other church members will participate in the Crop Walk on 4/25/10.

Financial Report: We are \$6,177.03 in the red as of March 31, 2010. In March we paid the pastor's health benefits and pension. We also paid a \$2,900.00 church insurance bill. PACT has \$611.00 in savings and a total of 42 children. A motion was made by Cal to accept the financial report which was seconded by Ursula. All voted in favor.

Discussion:

- (1.) Rev. Cathy brought up that Father Joe at St. Brigid's stated we will have to park double at the 10:30 a.m. service in their lot. He also said to be prepared to stay until their 11:00 mass ends around 12:00 noon.
- (2.) Pam Sartori will head our parking project. She will look into parking at the DuBurns Arena on Ellwood Avenue and Boston Street and the Pilot's Lot on Eaton Street and Dillon Street. This will be for the 10:30 a.m. service. She will also approach Councilman Jim Kraft for help. Carolyn brought up that church members could possibly park their cars on the lot and we would have a car with a driver available to run them to church.
- (3.) Alfie has someone to replace the steel ramp. She will get an estimate. She also stated we may only have to pay for the materials only.

Church Committee Activity:

Property:

- (1.) The renters in the parsonage sent the church a bill for \$360.00 to repair molding problems in the bathroom. They did this on their own. Harvey will talk to them about not doing this again.
- (2.) Harvey stated that one of the four air conditioners in the church has to be fixed. Nancy has an air conditioning unit from a friend that could possibly be hooked up to the broken one. Gary Jacob and Nancy will handle this.
- (3.) Harvey has the bells in the bell tower ringing. The mechanism in the bell tower will be shipped to Philadelphia to be repaired. Harvey will then fix the lighting.
- (4.) The church doors need to be redone. Cissy will look into this.
- (5.) Nancy and Diane will paint the narthex on Saturday April 24th. A notice will be put in the bulletin to get additional volunteers.
- (6.) The phone is broke in the Fellowship Hall. Nancy will look into this.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Altar: Ursula has a new scarf cover for the altar which was made by a friend of Rev. Cathy's. Pam will get Art Jones involved with filling the communion cups every other month.

Fellowship: Cissy stated that the bingo is all set for Friday evening 4/16. She also stated that the bull roast is all set for Saturday June 5th.

Christian Education: Diane stated that everything is alright.

Calendar: Carol (church secretary) is handling this. The Confirmation Reunion is set for Sunday May 23rd.

Ushering: Nothing to report.

Music: Nothing to report.

Spiritual: Nothing to report.

Pastor's Report:

- (1.) Council Retreat Follow-Up – the pastor feels we should focus on ways to save money. Nancy stated that this is good and she is looking for volunteers to make donations for the paint to paint the narthex. Pam is working on the valet parking.
- (2.) The pastor's current projects are the By-Laws Committee, the Stewardship Campaign with Barbara Matthew, The Young Mother's Ministry possibly beginning every Friday with Concetta from PACT, The Youth Music Ministry and the Young Adult Member Meeting.
- (3.) The Youth Group had 29 people attend their last dance.
- (4.) The pastor is participating in the ICJS Pilot Program on some Wednesdays.
- (5.) The pastor will go to Tennessee again this year with the youth in August.

- (6.) The Mother's Ministry wants to rent our hall. Diane will work on this. There is a possibility of reducing our hall rental fee.
- (7.) Rev. Cathy made 17 visits. She also had one consult, one funeral and seven pastoral phone calls.

Old Business: One Great Hour of Sharing took in \$1,049.00 for the month of March. Fifty percent of this went to the Haiti earthquake fund.

New Business: Cal told the pastor to always try and get Rev. Beth O'Malley to fill in when she is off. He stated she was excellent this past Sunday and the congregation was very happy with her.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer: Clarence made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Alfie. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. after reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Calvin R. Gundlach
(Recording Secretary)