

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Church Council Meeting
August 24, 2010

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

Present: Cissy Funk, Calvin Gundlach, Harvey Jacob, Ursula Jacob, Carolyn Noteware, Rev. Cathy Oatman, Clarence Rowell, Dale Sanders, Pam Sartori and Alfie Schrodt.

Devotion: Rev. Cathy Oatman

Minutes: The minutes from the June 8, 2010 meeting and the minutes from the July 13, 2010 meeting were approved with one minor addition being made to the July 13th minutes. The church picnic was added for September 26th as part of Fellowship. Cissy made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Harvey. All voted in favor.

Correspondence: The Hoffman Homes asked for their usual Christmas donation of gifts for the children. A figure of \$350.00 was brought up. Dale made a motion to accept this amount which was seconded by Alfie. All voted in favor.

Financial Report: As of July 31, 2010 we are running a \$2,230.00 deficit. The cost to fix the air conditioning in the parsonage was \$900.00. The council decided to stay with The UCC Insurance Program and not to go elsewhere. Cissy made a motion to accept the Financial Report which was seconded by Cal. All voted in favor.

Discussion: A new key was obtained for the St. Brigid's parking lot. Art Jones will open the lot on Sunday mornings and Clarence Rowell will lock up the lot after our late service on Sunday.

Church Committee Activity

Property:

- (1.) Air Conditioning problem in the church – We could borrow money against our \$100,000.00 CD or apply to borrow money from The Cornerstone Fund for 4 ¾% for \$50,000.00. Harvey will get an application to apply with The Cornerstone Fund.
- (2.) Leakage In Sanctuary – The leakage on the left side could be the gutter or the shingles. Cissy will look into getting someone to look into this.
- (3.) Front Doors – The front doors need varnishing. Rev. Cathy will look into this.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Altar: Nothing to report.

Fellowship: Since Bob Osburne is very sick in the hospital he has turned over the sour beef and dumpling recipe to Art Jones. Art and Abe Price will help supervise and

prepare the meal for the Oktoberfest. Cissy and Cal will also look into getting John Price to supervise.

Christian Education: Re-starting on September 12th.

Calendar: Carol (Church Secretary) has printed this out for the council and everyone in the congregation. It was agreed to add December 12th for Tinsel Sunday and November 21st for our Congregational Meeting.

Ushering: Nothing to report.

Music: September 12th will be Youth Sunday and they will sing various hymns.

Spiritual: Nothing to report.

Pastor's Report:

- (1.) Stewardship Campaign Update – Rev. Cathy and her staff has been putting the final touches on “Faithful, Hopeful, Loving,” which is the stewardship and mission emphasis from the end of September into October for three weeks. It was agreed to ask Diane Borkman to talk on what she has gained from this during each of the services.
- (2.) The Young Mothers Ministry will meet in the PACT Center on Friday mornings from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Another parent group called “Hello Baby” is looking to meet at our church on Tuesday mornings during late September to the end of November. It was agreed to go forward with this.
- (3.) Youth Sunday is set for September 12th with the youth speaking and singing.
- (4.) Concetta from PACT is looking into skating once a week in the gym using special indoor skates.
- (5.) The council agreed to take out a \$200.00 page ad with The Canton Community Association for The Canton Wine and Jazz Festival for September 25th in Canton Square. We will get Barbara Matthew to design the ad which will include our Oktoberfest.
- (6.) The confirmation class will consist of the two Edwards children and possibly two others.
- (7.) Rev. Cathy brought up about the special envelopes that Darlene Waters proposed for the air conditioning system at the past congregational meeting. The council agreed that a letter should be sent to all members. The envelopes would go in the church programs weekly. The Endeavor will also ask to give donations. A chart will be made for the Narthex to show how the funds are growing.
- (8.) Rev. Cathy made a tremendous amount of visits and pastoral care phone calls.

Old Business: None

New Business: Cal thanked Rev. Cathy and the youth for the great work on the ramp and Sunday School windows. She stated the credit goes to Cathy Fifield.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer: There being no further topics for discussion Dale made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Alfie. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. after reciting The Lord's Prayer and a special prayer for Bob Osburne.

Respectfully Submitted.
Calvin R. Gundlach
(Recording Secretary)