

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Church Council Meeting
September 14, 2010

Vice President Cissy Funk called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Present: Cissy Funk, Nancy Parker Gray, Calvin Gundlach, Harvey Jacob, Ursula Jacob, Rev. Cathy Oatman, Clarence Rowell and Pam Sartori.

Devotion: Calvin Gundlach

Minutes: The minutes from the August 24, 2010 meeting were approved with one minor addition being made. In the Pastor's Report for the Stewardship Campaign Update it will now read Rev. Cathy, Barbara Matthew and Carolyn Noteware instead of Rev. Cathy and her staff. Ursula made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Pam. All voted in favor.

Correspondence: There was a request to get extra people to sign the checks. Cissy Funk and Pam Sartori will be added to sign the checks.

Financial Report: Harvey stated that the report has not been completed. In August we took in \$18,349 and had expenses of \$17,427. A \$5,000.00 love gift has been given by a family and we were told to use it wherever we need. We decided to use it for the new air conditioning system.

Discussion

- (1.) Oktoberfest – Cissy reported a meeting was held on 9/12 and we have a lot of volunteers. Abe Price will head a group that will prepare the dinner. We will have a plant wheel. Advertising will consist of a banner outside of the church, an ad in the Baltimore Guide and putting posters among the many businesses in Canton Square.
- (2.) Ursula reported that she will need a griller for the Church Picnic on 9/26. She will ask Carl Price.

Church Committee Activity

Property:

- (1.) Harvey reported that a compressor is broken in one of the refrigerator's in the kitchen and must be fixed immediately.
- (2.) Harvey reported that the gutter on the church roof must be repaired or replaced.
- (3.) The Cornerstone Papers are in for the financing of the air conditioning system. Harvey stated that this is the way to go. Financing will be 4.3/8%. Harvey will be talking to John Price about putting in a possible split system.
- (4.) Nancy will replace the piece of furniture in the narthex that holds the offering plates, offering bags, upper rooms and programs with a new oak piece.

- (5.) Rev. Cathy reported that she made three calls to a company that would varnish the front doors and has had no response.
- (6.) It was brought up that all the bathrooms and toilets need cleaning throughout the Church and Sunday School along with the floors and stairways. Rev. Cathy will talk to Dale Sanders about this. Dale will inform our janitor about these details.
- (7.) The Council gave Cathy Fifield permission to let the youth replace the door and frame to the stairwell and the gym, to paint the walls of the stage and to put a new Formica top on the coffee table in the Friendship Hall. The Council did not give her permission to remove the electric sign on the front of The Sunday School. The Council is looking into this.

Membership: Rev. Cathy brought up about having a Chili and Beer cook off for a Saturday evening in January. The council agreed to look into this.

Altar: Nothing to report.

Fellowship: Rev. Cathy brought up that a replacement is needed for Bob Osburne. We will look into putting together a Kitchen Committee. We will have a kick-off meeting. This will be put in the bulletin. Ursula and Pam will co-chair the meeting on this topic. Carl Price has stated that he will do Tinsel Sunday. Pam Sartori has agreed to be the funeral chairman. We also agreed that if someone is asked to do a job in the church, let that person do the job and advise the person that previously did the job not to do it, if needed.

Christian Education: Sunday School began 9/12. The Council gave Cathy Fifield permission to let the youth help set up various stands at The Canton Wine Festival.

Calendar: Carol (Church Secretary) has printed this out for everyone.

Ushering: Nothing to report.

Music: Rob Gundlach will be back on Sunday 9/19.

Spiritual: Nothing to report.

Pastor's Report:

- (1.) Young family ministries – Roller skating and guitar lessons will begin for young people ages five to eight on Thursday's from 3 to 5 p.m. Cal brought up that this will hurt the gym floor. It was brought up that our janitor needs to keep the gym floor clean. Nancy stated that wrist guards are needed for the parents. Rev. Cathy stated that our church insurance can cover this and a waiver must be signed from individuals participating. The council voted in favor of the roller skating and guitar lessons.
- (2.) Use of kitchen request – Sherry Libowitz who is a teacher in Baltimore City wants to start a group up to cook various cakes, etc. in our kitchen. She will pay us \$25.00 an hour. The council voted in favor of this.

- (3.) Rev. Cathy wants to start a "Hall of Fame" wall in the Friendship Hall with all the various pictures, plaques awards, etc. Nancy Parker Gray has agreed to begin and do the work on this project.
- (4.) Confirmation starts October 6th.
- (5.) Rev. Cathy made many visits and pastoral care phone calls. She also had one wedding and Bob Osburne's funeral.

Old Business: Nancy will be in touch with the local college that was to help develop our Sunday School building. She stated that so far nothing has been done by the local college. Nancy also stated that the Youth Service on 9/12 was very special. The entire council agreed.

New Business: Darlene Waters is making Baltimore Ravens football hats and wants everyone giving \$50.00 or more to our air conditioning fund to receive one. Harvey will give her the list of the contributors giving \$50.00 or more but not the amounts. This will also be advertised in the bulletin. The council voted unanimously in favor of this. Carolyn Noteware made a beautiful thermometer sign to track the air conditioning contributions coming in.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer: There being no further topics for discussion Clarence made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Pam. 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).