

**THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**April 12, 2011**

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, Glenn Koch, Carolyn Noteware, Rev. Cathy Oatman, Carl Price, Clarence Rowell Pam Sartori and Alfie Schrodt.

**Devotion:** Pam Sartori.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the March 8, 2011 meeting were approved. Glenn made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Carl. All voted in favor.

**Correspondence:** Cissy made a request from The Fortview Community Softball Association to sponsor a team for \$125.00. Diane made a motion to accept this request which was seconded by Cal. All voted in favor.

**Financial Report:** Harvey Jacob reported the following...

- (1.) Air Conditioning donations have reached \$16,248.00 which put us over a quarter of the way there.
  - (2.) Through March 31<sup>st</sup> we are \$12,747.43 expenses over revenue.
  - (3.) The quarterly payments for the insurance coverage's continue to be high.
  - (4.) The gas and electric bills have been lower this heating season in part due to a milder winter and the programming of the thermostats to a more energy efficient settings.
  - (5.) The Fundraising Committee is doing a great job bringing in revenue.
  - (6.) Per council's discussion, Glenn will ask William Single III to develop an endowment policy for the church when extremely large love gifts are given.
- ...A motion was made by Diane to accept the Financial Report which was seconded by Carl. All voted in favor.

**Discussion:** The Last Supper Tableau is all set for Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

**Church Committee Activity:**

**Property:** Carl Price discussed his involvement in the following areas...

- (1.) The front doors on the church will be done the first week of May. A \$700.00 deposit was approved by the council.
- (2.) The roof leak above the vents in the ladies room downstairs has been fixed. New toilet seats have been added along with grab bars.
- (3.) Several areas of dry wall are being fixed in the rooms used by PACT to bring them up to code for inspection.
- (4.) Carl is still searching for a good slate roof company to repair the church roof. Carl continues to make this a high priority need.
- (5.) An estimate of \$18,000.00 was given to paint the sanctuary of the church.

- (6.) The gates on Dillon Street between the parsonage and the church office need fixing.

**Membership:** Four new members were welcomed into the church on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Altar:** Ursula Jacob repaired and cleaned the Christian flag that is on display in the church.

**Fellowship:** Cissy reported the following...

- (1.) The food being sold during the Lenten Services has made over \$600.00 so far.
  - (2.) Aquarium Raffle Tickets are on sale and the drawing will be Sunday April 17<sup>th</sup>.
  - (3.) The Big Breakfast on Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup> went well and the money will be used for the DJ for The Church Bull and Oyster Roast on Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup>.
  - (4.) Bull and Oyster Roast Tickets are on sale for Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> for \$36.00.
  - (5.) On May 7<sup>th</sup> we will have another Quarter Auction.
- ...Harvey stated that the Church Picnic will be held on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at Cox's Point in Essex. They have a large pavilion available there.

**Christian Education:**

- (1.) Diane stated that "The Living Cross" will take place on Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup> as usual after the 6 a.m. service and before the 10:30 a.m. service.
- (2.) Set-up for the Tableau will take place on Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 p.m.
- (3.) The Fifty Year Confirmation reunion and luncheon will be on Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Calendar:** Carol (Church Secretary) has updated and distributed copies.

**Ushering:** There have been many requests to usher for Holy Week.

**Music:** Glenn reported the following...

- (1.) The Choir Show will be on Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> and a rehearsal will be on Thursday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. The Choir needs help in setting up the hall. All this information will be included in the weekly bulletins. May 13<sup>th</sup> will be the last day to purchase tickets. Tickets will be \$10.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. There will be a meal included. Children in the show will get a free meal.
- (2.) The Choir is short on members and the Choir is losing members to the Thursday night Youth meetings.

**Spiritual:** Rev. Cathy reported that The Companions In Christ Bible Classes along with the Wednesday Night Lent services are going well.

**Pastor's Report:**

- (1.) Rev. Cathy will meet with the Baltimore City Department of Education on 4/29/11 to learn more about the requirements for a daycare center in the church school building.

- (2.) Rev. Cathy reported that the "Church in the Age of Twitter" conference on April 8-9 was amazing and gave many ideas for the churches to use social media's such as Twitter, Facebook and other instant media as tools for the churches. Rev. Cathy will be contacting several members after Holy week, to discuss and work on using social media for all the different activities at our church.
- (3.) Rev. Cathy had six visits, four phone calls and five consults.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Diane brought up that after the morning service someone must dispose of the empty communion cups in the tray so we can start off with a new empty tray at the late service.

**Adjournment/Closing Prayer:** There being no further topics for discussion Cal made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Cissy. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. after saying The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Calvin R. Gundlach  
(Recording Secretary)