

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Church Council Meeting
May 10, 2011

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

Present: Diane Borkman, Cissy Funk, Calvin Gundlach, Karrie Hogan, Harvey Jacob, Glenn Koch, Carolyn Noteware, Rev. Cathy Oatman, Carl Price, Clarence Rowell, William Single III (Special Guest) and Pam Sartori.

Devotion: Rev. Cathy Oatman.

Minutes: The minutes from the April 12, 2011 meeting were approved. Cissy made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Pam. All voted in favor.

Correspondence:

- (1.) A letter was received from United Ministries thanking us for our support for the annual 5K Resolution Run on January 1, 2011. The letter also asked for our support for the January 1, 2012 run.
- (2.) Sheila Helgerson who is the Executive Director at United Ministries is a candidate to become a Commissioned Minister on May 21, 2011. This will take place at Immanuel United Church Of Christ.
- (3.) St. Brigid's Church asked for an ad donation for their Carnival booklet. Cissy made a motion to donate \$100.00 for a full page ad which was seconded by Carl. All voted in favor.
- (4.) The P.A.C.T. Report was distributed and read.

Financial Report: Harvey Jacob reported the following...

- (1.) April, 2011 was the first month we made a gain in revenue over expenses going \$5,639.14 in revenue over expenses.
- (2.) The deficit for the year to date is \$7,188.29.
- (3.) The Sprint contract needs to be reviewed. We need to determine if the fees paid cover the cost of the electrical usage each month.
- (4.) The recent quarter auction did well making \$800.00. The fundraising committee decided to gift the youth group with 2/3 of the money (to help with some of the costs for their trip to Hiriam Farm in Ohio. The remaining 1/3 of the money raised went to the Relay for Life charity.
- (5.) Donations for The Air Conditioning Fund are now at \$19,700.00. We have made two payments so far and The Horton Company is doing a very nice job.
- (6.) The Youth Flower Sale cost \$388.00 for the purchase of flowers and they made \$585.00 for a net gain of \$197.00.
- (7.) Our Certificate Of Deposit with The Cornerstone Foundation is \$55,000.00 and will have a 3% interest rate for five years. This certificate of deposit was established to give us borrowing power for the AC upgrades.

- (8.) The donation to One Great Hour Of Sharing will be \$1,233.00. These funds were from the Lenten Sandwich fundraiser and the envelopes provided over the Lenten season.
- (9.) James Tallagsen gave a generous donation to the Church which will be used for the refurbishing of the Church Front Doors.

Endowment Policy: William Single III discussed the following...

- (1.) Development of an endowment policy. This would be used when large gifts are made to the church.
- (2.) Bill is willing to help set this endowment fund up. He also recommended putting the money where there is a low risk and also advised that the policy can be structured however the church needs it to be. A small group will meet with Rob Peters a financial advisor from the UCC to discuss this endowment and possible structures for our church.
- (3.) Council also discussed developing a list of potential donors to help with contributions to the church, and having a group to go out and meet with these potential donors.

Church Committee Activity:

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

- (1.) The front doors of the Church are being done.
- (2.) Still getting estimates on the roof. Meeting with a company on 5/12/11. The problem is paying \$25.00 for each tile broken. The cost to repair the roof will be between \$7,000.00 and \$15,000.00.

Membership: Bob Wirsing and Gary Pate are interested in joining the Church.

Altar: Nothing to report.

Fellowship: Cissy reported the following...

- (1.) The Quarter Auction went very well.
- (2.) Bull and Oyster Roast Tickets are on sale for Saturday, June 18th for \$36.00.
- (3.) We will have a pair of Ravens tickets to raffle off with all proceeds will be used to cover costs of the Oktoberfest band.

Christian Education:

- (1.) Clarence reported that new material is being ordered and a meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 17th.
- (2.) Rev. Cathy reported that The Fifty Year Confirmation reunion and luncheon will be on Sunday, June 12th and the last day to sign up is June 5th.

Calendar: Carol (Church Secretary) has updated and distributed copies. The June 25th wedding has been cancelled.

Ushering: Nothing to report.

Music: Glenn reported that a final decision whether to have the Choir Show will be made this Thursday, May 12th.

Spiritual: Rev. Cathy reported the following...

- (1.) The Companions In Christ Bible Classes are going well.
- (2.) There is a possibility of having a healing service after a regular Church service.

Pastor's Report:

- (1.) Rev. Cathy and Harvey met 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. Harvey brought up that this will be a large undertaking. They will continue working on this proposal and keep council apprised of the status.
- (2.) The Youth Trip will be from 7/17/11 through 7/23/11 and they will be going to Hiram Farm in Hiram, Ohio.
- (3.) The council approved Rev. Cathy's request to go on vacation from 6/27/11 to 7/11/11.
- (4.) Rev. Cathy is hoping that we can get a few of our parishioners to attend Father Joe's 40th ordination anniversary on Sunday, May 15th at St. Brigid's Church.
- (5.) 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. She will share this information with the parish relations committee.
- (6.) Ric Nyborg did an excellent job putting The Last Supper Tableau on You Tube.
- (7.) Rev. Cathy had nine visits, three phone calls and five consults.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

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 9:10 p.m. after saying The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Calvin R. Gundlach
(Recording Secretary)