

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Church Council Meeting

August 16, 2011

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

Present: Diane Borkman, Cissy Funk, Nancy Gray, Calvin Gundlach, Pat Jenkins, Glenn Koch, Carolyn Noteware, Rev. Cathy Oatman and Alfie Schrodt.

Devotion: Nancy Gray

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

Correspondence: None

Financial Report:

- (1.) Through July 31, 2011 we are \$11,578.10 expenses over revenue. We had a very good July. We came up with \$302.47 revenue over expenses.
- (2.) The Council decided that our loan will stay as is and we will not pay it off. We are actually making money on the interest.
- (3.) The Endowment Committee met on July 29th. Nelson Murphy who is a representative of UCC Funds made a presentation. The committee plans to interview another investment company. The next Endowment Committee will be on August 29th.

Discussion: None

Church Committee Activity:

Property: Carl Price was not in attendance, however, the following matters were discussed...

- (1.) The work on the Church roof was not done correctly. It still leaks on the left side in the upper balcony. Carl got with the manager of Rosedale Roofing and this will be corrected. The Choir room roof is still leaking.
- (2.) Carl is looking into the leak coming through the lights in the downstairs ladies room.
- (3.) The boiler inspection was passed.
- (4.) Brandon Hovermill put linseed oil on the front doors of the Church. This is the first of many stages.
- (5.) The Church Council is very concerned with the current custodial care of the Church building. Our parish members are pointing out many dirty areas especially in the rest rooms.

Membership: Two new visitors came in two weeks ago and Rev. Cathy is following up on them.

Altar: Pat stated that all is well with the altar committee.

Fellowship: Cissy reported that the first Oktoberfest Meeting will take place on Sunday, August 21st after the late service. Rev. Cathy thanked everyone for the good leadership and for helping in the Rosenberg reception.

Christian Education: Diane stated the next meeting is on Tuesday, August 23rd.

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

Ushering: Cissy stated that Harvey and Art Jones are taking care of the early service and Cal is taking care of the late service.

Music: Glen stated that Rob Gundlach would like to get an estimate for changing the switching system of the organ from mechanical relays to solid state switching. The estimate would be free. The cost of the job would be very high. The Council gave permission to get the estimate. The Council decided at this time we had other pressing issues. They asked Cal to relay this to Rob. Glenn also stated that the choir is in dire need of singers.

Spiritual: Rev. Cathy reported that The Companions In Christ Classes would start on September 13th and 15th.

Pastor's Report:

- (1.) Youth Sunday will be Sunday, September 11th. They will be showing slides and telling of their trip to Hiram, Ohio. Since Rob will be on vacation there will be guitar music. There will also be a 10 year remembrance of 9/11/01. Cissy stated that the big breakfast will take place after the early service that day also.
- (2.) Rev. Cathy attended The New Church Leadership Institute the first weekend in August. She learned that our Church must move and find leadership and energy again. This is showed in a booklet titled "Mission 1." The Council gave approval to her to move forward on this booklet.
- (3.) The Council had a discussion concerning the excessive absenteeism of our Church secretary which was brought up by Rev. Cathy. Diane made a motion to give our Church secretary a month's severance pay. This was seconded by Alfie. All voted in favor. Rev. Cathy was given permission to bring in another person to fill the duties of secretary.

Old Business: The plaques for John Strong and Bob Osburne are on the Memorial Board.

New Business: Everyone on the Council was reminded about an additional meeting on August 30, 2011. At this meeting we will develop a priority list of repairs and purchases to be made.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer: There being no further topics for discussion Cal made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Alfie. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m. after saying The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Calvin R. Gundlach
(Recording Secretary)