

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Church Council Meeting
September 13, 2011

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

Opening Prayer: Rev. Cathy Oatman

Attendance: Cissy Funk, Calvin Gundlach, Karrie Hogan Glenn Koch, Carolyn Noteware, Rev. Cathy Oatman, Carl Price, Clarence Rowell, Pam Sartori and Alfie Schrodt. Special guest Harvey Jacob was in attendance to give the Financial Report.

Minutes: The minutes from the August 16, 2011 meeting were approved with two minor changes. Cissy made a motion to accept which was seconded by Karrie. All voted in favor. The minutes from the August 30, 2011 special meeting were approved with two minor changes. A motion was made by Pam to accept which was seconded by Alfie. All voted in favor.

Correspondence: Cissy reported that Walter Mather who represents The German Society wants to put on a uniform reenactment from the Battle of North Point from the Yager Fife and Drum Corp as in The War of 1812 during our Oktoberfest. Cal made a motion to accept which was seconded by Alfie. All voted in favor.

Financial Report: Harvey Jacob reported the following...

- (1.) Through August 31, 2011 we are \$16,352.42 expenses over revenue. August was a slow month. We missed a Sunday because of the hurricane. We also had to pay severance to our former secretary. There was also a \$892.00 water bill.
- (2.) During the month of September we will have to pay \$3,200.00 in property taxes, health insurance and the Pastor's pension.
- (3.) The money from Bob Osburne's estate is in our Hopkins Savings Account. This account is federally insured and it is safe here.
- (4.) The air conditioning fund money is not coming in.
- (5.) We must get our 2012 budget together.

A motion was made by Cissy to accept the Financial Report which was seconded by Karrie. All voted in favor.

Discussion – Custodial Situation

Our Janitor works sixteen hours a week. Many church members are complaining about the dirty bathrooms. The Council voted unanimously to put our janitor on a thirty day probationary period to improve his cleaning. Carl Price agreed to handle this situation.

Church Committee Activity

Property: Our Property manager, Carl Price, discussed his involvement in the following areas from The Special Council meeting:

- (1.) Rosedale Roofing has finally completed the Church roof. TDM Roofing will replace four slates that Rosedale Roofing missed.
- (2.) TDM Roofing will finish the Choir Room roof on 9/14/11.
- (3.) Carl found eight leaks in the Ladies Room downstairs that he will fix.
- (4.) Carl stated that new partitions are needed in both bathrooms downstairs. Cissy has a company that will charge \$1,500.00 to do this in both bathrooms charging for material only and will install this for free as a gift to the Church. A motion was made by Cal to accept this and also use the color beige which was seconded by Karrie. All voted in favor.
- (5.) The back double door to the alley is on order and will be done in about two weeks.
- (6.) Brandon Hovermill has just recently put a second coat of sealant on the front Church Doors.
- (7.) Carl will fix one downspout that is leaking at Church building.
- (8.) Carl will begin repairing the Church walls. This includes repairing the drywall in the Church and use Kilz at all locations upstairs and at the windows.
- (9.) The gate between the parsonage and the Church Office on Dillon Street has been removed.
- (10.) Quotes are being reviewed to drop and resurface the Church ramp.
- (11.) The window is leaking by the air conditioner in the Friendship Hall on the parsonage side and this will be looked into.
- (12.) Some paint is peeling in the kitchen and this will be fixed.
- (13.) Two new electric circuits will be put in downstairs to help out in the kitchen.

A church member wants the stoves and oven to be cleaned before the Oktoberfest. Pam has two companies that can do this for the same price. A motion was made by Cissy to let Pam get one of these outfits in which was seconded by Alfie. All voted in favor. Carl will clean the screens.

Membership: Rev. Cathy had lunch with a church visitor who wants to join the Church.

Altar: A schedule has been set up through the end of the year.

Fellowship: Cissy reported the following...

- (1.) The breakfast on 9/11 made \$312.00.
- (2.) On Friday 9/23 there will be a bingo.
- (3.) The next Oktoberfest meeting will be on 10/2.
- (4.) On October 9th there will be a spaghetti dinner.

Christian Education: Rev. Cathy stated that Companions In Christ classes have resumed.

Calendar: A schedule has been updated distributed by our Church secretary.

Ushering: Clarence, and the council thanked Cal for being head usher and doing a fine job during the summer filling in for him.

Music: Glenn reported that the Choir needs singers. Rev. Cathy and Rob Gundlach and some Choir members will meet on 9/15 regarding this situation.

Spiritual: Nothing to report.

Pastor's Report:

- (1.) The Mission 1 kickoff date is September 25th. UCC Churches are participating in this. We are to collect food items for food banks. The UCC also wants our members and other UCC members to send letters to Congress to explain how foreign aid can be more effective.
- (2.) Endowment Committee Update – Nelson Murphy from the UCC has been interviewed and suggested that we to interview other investment firms as well.
- (3.) Day Care Center Progress – we need to address several repairs prior to proceeding. The hallways in the school building have peeling paint and a moldy smell. This would area will need to be painted and cleaned thoroughly. The doors that leaked and caused some of the moldy smell are being replaced by Carl Price in the near future.
- (4.) Confirmation starts October 5th. There will be two students in the class.
- (5.) The Chesapeake Association has a meeting on Saturday, October 15th. Cissy and Alfie will attend.
- (6.) The pastor had four visits, six phone calls and four consults.

Old Business: None

New Business: Council Elections/Nominations

The following Council members are to be re-elected or replaced:

- (1.) Nancy Parker-Gray – will check on her status.
- (2.) Clarence Rowell – his six year term is up.
- (3.) Carl Price – will run again.
- (4.) Pam Sartori – will run again.
- (5.) Alfie Schrodt – undecided.
- (6.) Carolyn Noteware – will run again.

Next Meeting: October 11, 2011

Adjournment/Closing Prayer: There being no further topics for discussion Cissy made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Alfie. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. after saying The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Calvin R. Gundlach
(Recording Secretary)