

**THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**October 11, 2011**

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

**Devotion:** Cissy Funk

**Attendance:** Diane Borkman, Cissy Funk, Nancy Parker Gray, Calvin Gundlach, Pat Jenkins, Glenn Koch, Carolyn Noteware, Rev. Cathy Oatman, Clarence Rowell and Pam Sartori.

**Minutes:** The minutes from the September 13, 2011 meeting were read and approved. A motion was made by Carolyn to accept the minutes which was seconded by Pat. All voted in favor.

**Correspondence:** None

**Financial Report:** Through September 30, 2011 we are \$36,387.72 expenses over revenue. September expenses were very high due to repairs on the roof and church insurance being paid.

**Discussion:** Abby, our Church secretary was on hand to discuss some insights on non-profits. Much of the discussion was centered on PACT. It was decided the Council should set up a meeting with PACT, to learn more about the group and to develop a relationship with them.

**Church Committee Activity:**

**Property:** Our Property Manager, Carl Price was not in attendance. We discussed his involvement in the following areas:

- (1.) Rosedale Roofing needs to come back and add new clips to the Church roof.
- (2.) TDM Roofing finished the Choir Roof.
- (3.) The new partitions in both bathrooms downstairs have been put in.
- (4.) Carl will fix the eight leaks in the Ladies Room downstairs.
- (5.) The back double door to the alley has been purchased and will soon be installed.

Other areas discussed were:

- (1.) The Church air conditioning system did not work. Horton Mechanical sent a technician and it was found to have an algae problem. This equipment is very sensitive and will not work with the system clogged. When the unit was installed there was a water treatment applied as directed, however due to the heavy rainfall this year the algae problem developed. A water treatment was performed at the cost of \$600.00 and the air conditioner worked. The water treatments will have to be

done each season and will help keep the equipment in top efficient condition.

Council will look into additional pricing for the maintenance water treatment.

- (2.) Carolyn brought up that there were many lights out in the Al Witzke Room.
- (3.) Cissy brought up that one of the toilets in the Ladies Room downstairs is leaking.
- (4.) Pam brought up that the stoves have been cleaned in the kitchen. Art Jones will clean the screens. It was suggested by the stove technician that an emergency gas cut off valve be installed. Should one of the stoves not work this would allow us to use the other stove. Pam will get two estimates for this work to be done.
- (5.) Rev. Cathy called the City and had our sewers cleaned out.
- (6.) We are looking to get pest control done monthly in the kitchen and Friendship Hall and some other areas.

**Membership:** Nothing to report.

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

**Fellowship:** Cissy reported that the Oktoberfest is going full speed ahead. The German American Society will be here. The German Yeager Fife and Drum Corp will also be in attendance. Also, a Volunteer and Reenactment Group from The War of 1812 will be here. The beer and permits have been ordered.

**Christian Education:** There will be a meeting on Tuesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Ushering:** Clarence brought up that everything is fine.

**Music:** Rev. Cathy brought up that she is going to meet with Rob Gundlach and some of his choir members.

**Spiritual:** Nothing to report.

**Pastor's Report:**

- (1.) A meeting will be held on October 12<sup>th</sup> to develop a new Church website. A new email marketing service was approved by the Council. This will help us to reach more members. The cost will only be \$20.00 more a month for both.
- (2.) Rev. Cathy attended the Webinar with The Insurance Board regarding internet sites.
- (3.) A joint worship was approved with First United on 10/30/11. It was discovered the next day that because of a conflicting schedule at First United this would have to be tabled until after the first of the year.
- (4.) The 45 day review of our new Church secretary was very favorable.
- (5.) The Youth Group will gather at Rev. Cathy's house on 10/28/11 to celebrate Halloween.
- (6.) During the month of September the pastor had four visits, three phone calls, six consults and one funeral.

**Old Business: Council Elections/Nominations**

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

- (1.) Nancy Parker Gray – undecided.
- (2.) Clarence Rowell – cannot run again because he has served six consecutive years.
- (3.) Carl Price – will run again.
- (4.) Pam Sartori – will run again.
- (5.) Alfie Schrodtt – undecided.
- (6.) Carolyn Noteware – will run again.

All Council members will ask other Church members to run for Council.

**New Business:** The Congregational Meeting will take place on Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>. Election on Council members will take place along with the voting on the 2012 Church budget. The fundraising committee will be serving a free thank you luncheon for the congregation for all their continued support with all our events.

**Adjournment/Closing Prayer:** There being no further topics for discussion Nancy made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Diane. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. after saying The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Calvin R. Gundlach  
(Recording Secretary)