

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Church Council Meeting
November 8, 2011

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

Devotion: Carolyn Noteware

Attendance: Cissy Funk, Nancy Parker Gray, Calvin Gundlach, Pat Jenkins, Glenn Koch, Carolyn Noteware, Rev. Cathy Oatman, Carl Price, Clarence Rowel, Pam Sartori and Alfie Schrod. Harvey Jacob was in attendance to present the Financial Report and the Proposed 2012 Church Budget.

Minutes: The minutes from the October 11, 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: Rev. Cathy read a letter from Lavona Cilento describing her happiness at our Oktoberfest. Lavona is Bob Osburne's sister.

Financial Report: Through October 31, 2011 we are \$14,903.81 expenses over revenue. All interest has been updated. The Oktoberfest took in over \$10,000.00 and we made a profit of around \$7,000.00. Through October 6, 2011, Mission 1 has taken in \$1,177.00. We need to take in a total of \$17,000.00 during November and December to break even with our Church budget.

Discussion:

- (1.) Sokol Baltimore requested to use our gymnasium. It was decided not to pursue this request.
- (2.) A Domestic/Child Abuse request for help for a female soldier and her 5 children was made to our church from an outside organization. Council decided to gather some information before deciding what actions would be appropriate. Rev. Cathy will make the inquiries.

Church Committee Activity:

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

- (1.) The Church roof is done, however, Rosedale Roofing needs to redo certain areas not done properly. Carl has repeatedly called Rosedale Roofing. Carl says that for \$750.00 TDM Roofing who did our Choir Roof can do these repairs correctly. Cal made a motion to pay this amount to TDM to do the repairs which was seconded by Cissy. All voted in favor.
- (2.) The back door for the alley wall will be installed shortly.
- (3.) The front Church doors will be redone. They are sticking.

- (4.) The handicap ramp will be worked on.
- (5.) Lights on the front of the Church have been replaced.
- (6.) Will check into the slight leak on the new ceiling tile in the ladies room downstairs.
- (7.) The new bathroom partitions are complete in both the men's and ladies restrooms downstairs.
- (8.) The freezer not working downstairs will be hauled away.

Rev. Cathy brought up that the Fundraising Committee needs a new closet. Harvey brought up that we should look into wiring the Church in the future for the hearing impaired. Nancy brought up that her husband is working on oak cases for our Church memorabilia.

Membership: Nothing to report.

Altar: Pat brought up that on Thursday November 10th the Church altar will be decorated for Thanksgiving.

Fellowship: Cissy brought up that there will be a free luncheon at our Congregational Meeting on November 20th. She also brought up that the December 2nd Bingo is a go. Rev. Cathy said that The Tinsel Sunday pageant is coming along well with the youth. There was a discussion concerning a member who was upset with there not being asked to cook and arrange the Tinsel Sunday event.

Christian Education: Will meet on November 15th at the Rowell's.

Calendar: Abby our secretary has handed this out. A minor correction has been made. On November 26th we will be decorating the Church for Christmas and not for Thanksgiving.

Ushering: Nothing to report.

Music: Glenn brought up that the Church Choir needs members.

Spiritual: Nothing to report.

Pastor's Report:

- (1.) Rev. Cathy and Pat Jenkins will have a follow up meeting with PACT.
- (2.) The Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve worship service will take place at Messiah Lutheran Church.
- (3.) The Council approved one service on Christmas Day at 10:00 a.m.
- (4.) A joint worship with First United will be on January 8, 2011 at 10:45 a.m. at their place. We will have our regular 8 a.m. service but no late service. We will shuttle from our Church to First United. This was approved by the Council.
- (5.) A new printer is needed in the Church office and we will try and obtain one for less than \$600.00.
- (6.) We will look into sponsoring a family for Christmas.

- (7.) Rev. Cathy feels we should support new church starts in our Association.
- (8.) The Council approved Rev. Cathy being off from 12/26/11 thru 1/2/12. Rev. Murray will be preaching on 1/1/12.
- (9.) Rev. Cathy had two visits, one phone call and two consults.

Old Business: The Congregational Meeting is all set for Sunday, November 20th.

New Business:

- (1.) The 2012 Church budget was discussed. Cal, Clarence and Rev. Cathy will assist Harvey in preparing this. A 3.5 % raise was given to organist Rob Gundlach for 2012. Rev. Cathy declined any raise in pay this year.
- (2.) Here is the tentative slate of Council Members to be elected – Carl Price, Pam Sartori, Carolyn Noteware, Marge Hurd, Ric Nyborg and Darlene Waters. Nancy, Clarence and Alfie will not be running again.
- (3.) The next Council meeting will be on Tuesday, December 13th.

Adjournment/ Closing Prayer: There being no further topics for discussion Pam made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Alfie. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m. after saying The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Calvin R. Gundlach
(Recording Secretary)