

**THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MD
SEMI-ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2007
Minutes of Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by the President, Harvey Jacob at 11:45 a.m.

Rev. Cathy gave the opening prayer.

A motion was made by Olga DeBloom to accept the minutes of the April 22, 2007 Congregational meeting as presented. Motion seconded by Clarence Rowell, All in favor.

The financial report shows total revenue through October 31, 2007 of \$138768. Our total expenses for the year to date were \$162266 plus \$2045 paid to Jubilee Baltimore for a development study, total of which reflects a current deficit of \$25543. The projected budget deficit for 2007 for the entire year is \$27553. Harvey Jacob mentioned that this is about where we expected to be and that revenue from November and December would show an improvement in the final figure for the year end. On the plus side, we are showing some gains in our endowment & investment funds. A motion was made by Barbara Matthew and seconded by Lori Betch to accept the financial report as presented. All in favor.

The proposed budget for 2008 was presented by Dale Sanders. This budget proposes the following changes:

- (1) Increase in pastor's, music director's & custodian's salaries
- (2) Money has been allocated for needed repairs on organ
- (3) Funds designated to go toward replacing the hymnals in the church pews

A motion was made by Darlene Waters and seconded by John Price to accept the 2008 budget as presented. All in favor.

We discussed the proposed rental of the gym to Sokol Baltimore. This is a non-profit organization that promotes self esteem in children through gymnastics. If Sokol rents the gym, we would have no longer access to that space since they would install gymnastics equipment which would be fastened to the floor. We would also have to allow the group access to the restrooms. Setting of rent fee will involve further study. A motion was made by Lynn Sanders and seconded by JoAnne Johnson to pursue the prospect of having Sokol rent the gym. All in favor.

The ten large stained glass windows in the sanctuary have been restored. Donor plaques will be installed in the near future. We have an estimate of \$12725 to install new protective glass on the outside of the large colored glass front window & \$600 each for six small side windows for a total of \$3600, for a grand total of \$16325 for all windows. A motion was made by Olga DeBloom and seconded by Ed Willis to contract for the work to be done on these windows All in favor.

Election of Council:

Members to serve another year are:

Harvey Jacob
Ursula Jacob
Robert Osburne
Barbara Matthew
Dale Sanders

Members to be re-elected are:

Nancy Gray
Clarence Rowell
Olga DeBloom
Lorraine Jones

Since no-one else from the congregation accepted nomination to run for election to serve on the council, the 9 members will be the council for the beginning of year 2008. Carol Rowell made a motion to accept the council as presented, which was seconded by Darlene Waters. All in favor. Additional council members may be appointed by the President during the upcoming year.

In her comments Rev. Cathy thanked Harvey Jacob for all his hard work, and encouraged everyone to participate in the dinner groups being organized by the Visioning Committee. After Rev. Cathy finished, Clarence Rowell made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Cass Young. All in favor. Meeting adjourned after reciting the Lord's Prayer at 12:35 p.m.