

**THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MD**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**June 10, 2008**

The President, Harvey Jacob, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

**Present:** Calvin Gundlach, Clarence Rowell, Barbara Matthew, Bob Osburne, Olga DeBloom, Ursula Jacob, Nancy Gray, Cissy Funk, Rev. Cathy Oatman.

**Devotion:** Rev. Cathy.

**May Minutes:** Minutes of May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with minor corrections. Copies printed and placed in Narthex for Congregation.

**Financial Report:** We have \$8530 expenses over income so far this year through May 30<sup>th</sup>, which is as projected in our 2008 budget. The month of June we also expect a deficit, due to insurance and water bills that are paid quarterly. The value of our CEG stock is showing a slight gain.

**Discussion:** Our one year membership in the Nonprofit Center Network expires this month. We paid a membership fee of \$250 last year. The council voted unanimously to maintain our membership. The third meeting with Elaine Whitman, who is assisting us in planning uses for our school building, is coming up soon and we need to decide what kind of non-profit organizations we want to house in our school building.

Barbara Matthew will work with Harvey on updating the To Do List and the Adopt a Project List.

**Property:** Harvey serviced the air conditioning cooling tower unit and started it up for the summer. There is a problem with a window air conditioner in the school building. Our handyman thinks he may be able to repair it, however he needs help in removing and reinstalling it. The Higgins Company worked on the large front window and installed a gray tinted protective glass instead of the bronze tint that we had requested. We are going to ask for a price consideration. Nancy Gray brought in sample 4x8" brass plaques of the type we plan to install at the restored windows in the sanctuary. She was quoted a price of \$91 for each one. Rev. Cathy will send out letters to all members who donated money for the window restoration to verify the wording desired on the plaques.

**Membership:** Rev. Cathy and Rev. Jim Bell sent letters to new neighbors including tickets to visit the Visionary Arts Museum.

**135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary:** We will be putting a banner on the School Building advertising our Anniversary. The October Fest Committee is in the process of getting all necessary permits for the October Fest which we are planning.

**Christian Education:** Enough funds have been raised for our youth and chaperone's to go to Knoxville, TN, July 24 – 28.

**Calendar:** The church picnic will be held at Rocky Point State Park on September 14<sup>th</sup>, the Dinner Dance at Lantern Gardens will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Visioning:** The visioning committee is inviting the congregation for a pot luck lunch on June 29.

**Pastor's Report:** Pastor pointed out that an important learning for the church will be to recognize the Multi Tenant Non Profit Center as a mission of the church, not just people who rent space from the church.

The results of the small visioning group meetings will be discussed at the potluck on June 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Pastor presented two ideas for joint projects for downtown UCC churches. One was the collection of cell phones for an organization called Good Deeds Foundation. The council decided further investigation is needed before agreeing to participate. The other idea was to invite Father Elias Mallon to come and speak on Christian – Muslim relations. The council agreed this was a good idea. Plans will be made for him to speak at the church in October.

Rev. Cathy asked to be on vacation from August 18 to September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Old Business:** We will be starting the Holy Joe's Cafe coffee project next week.

**New Business:** We decided to set a fee of \$300 for 3 hours for the rental of our friendship hall. A decision was reached to have both Sunday church services on the Sundays of the picnic and the dinner dance.

Bob made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Olga. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned after reciting The Lord's Prayer.