

**THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MD**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**October 14, 2008**

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

**Present:** Cissy Funk, Clarence Rowell, Calvin Gundlach, Ursula and Harvey Jacob, Nancy Gray, Lorraine Jones.

**Devotion:** Clarence Rowell

**Minutes:** A motion was made by Calvin and seconded by Clarence to accept the minutes of the September meeting as written. All in favor.

**Correspondence:** Harvey read correspondence concerning the seeking of families to participate in the city's Foster Parent Program.

**Financial Report:** Revenue for the month of September was \$11293. This was the lowest monthly amount received so far this year, which except for Easter month of March, has been averaging \$12700/month. Expenses for the month were \$20914, which included some major expenses that are paid quarterly, such as the Pastor's health insurance and pension and the church's property and liability insurance. Also included in September are a new fax machine and carpeting for the offices and quiet room. The value of our CEG stock dropped drastically from \$16500 to \$6100. All other investments are in CD accounts with guaranteed interest rates. The projected deficit for 2008 is \$27000. Lorraine made a motion to accept the financial report which was seconded by Calvin. All in favor.

**Discussion:** A proposed budget for year 2009 needs to be developed for the November congregational meeting. Clarence, Calvin, Harvey and Rev. Cathy will be putting this budget together by the end of October. A discussion was held in regards to the cost to the church for Rev. Cathy's sabbatical for June, July and August 2009. An estimate for this cost will be incorporated into the 2009 budget.

The Christian Education funds, which have been handled by J. Edwin Meyers for many years, will be combined with the church's accounting this coming year.

At the November 16<sup>th</sup> Congregational Meeting we will have nominations and election of new members to our council. There are seven new members needed.

**Property:** Harvey suggested that we form a new School Building Committee to look into new ways to use the school building. We need to present the congregation with clearer descriptions of the items suggested to acquire for the church for the Adopt-A-Project project. Bedco Mobility gave us a price of \$11,700 for a chairlift. Dale will be asked to get more information and pricing for a new ice machine. Harvey has not yet called Higgins Co. regarding a billing question pertaining to the new protective glass on the front window. Calvin made an arrangement with the Milton Electric Co. to give us a quote for the replacement of light bulbs in the sanctuary as well as the bell tower flood lights.

We will be setting up a program to have oil delivered on a regular basis to the parsonage.

**Fellowship:** A suggestion was made by Cissy to create a fund-raiser committee. The concert celebrating the history of church music will take place at our church on November 2.

**Christian Education:** The christian education committee is working on a program for Christmas.

**Calendar:** This year the ecumenical Thanksgiving service will take place at Patterson Park Baptist Church on November 26 at 7 p.m. Everyone is asked to bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank and also a baked good for the reception following the program.

**Music:** Calvin will ask Robert, the church's music director, to obtain information and pricing for a sound system for the hearing impaired.

**Pastor's Report:** Robert and Rev. Cathy are going to attend a workshop session this coming Saturday, October 18th, entitled "Enlivening Worship and Music for the Small Church". During the month of September the Pastor engaged in eleven visits, eleven pastoral care consultations and four pastoral care telephone calls. Two weddings and two funerals were conducted during the month.

**Dinner Groups:** The schedule for the dinner meetings has not been made yet, however will be decided upon soon.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Nancy Gray has found a teacher to teach swing dancing here at the church. Tickets for the annual Building Fund Raffle are in the process of being put together. Last year this fund raiser netted \$1800.

**Adjournment:** Nancy Gray made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Lorraine Jones. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned after the recital of the Lords Prayer.