

**THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MD**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**December 9, 2008**

The President, Harvey Jacob, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**Present:** Diane Borkman, Trish Wojciechowski, Olga DeBloom, Dale Sanders, Clarence Rowell, Ursula and Harvey Jacob, Cissy Funk, Barbara Matthew, Calvin Gundlach, Nancy Gray, The Rev. Cathy.

**Devotion:** Barbara Matthew

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

**Correspondence:** We received a notice requesting our proxy to vote to approve/disapprove the sale of Constallation Energy Group to MidAmerican Energy. Approval and completion of this transaction would mean we would receive \$26.50/share for our stock, total \$6625. Clarence made the suggestion that we approve the sale. Harvey stated he would mail the proxy in or respond online.

**Financial Report:** We show a gain in our operating funds of \$5536 income over expenses for the month of November. With December income traditionally being one of our higher months we expect our year end deficit to be less that projected. High utility costs continue to be a problem. The elevated heating costs will be with us through January and February. We need to redesign our financial report spreadsheet for 2009 due to our combining the Christian Education Department's funds with the Church's. Benevolence money budgeted and received from the congregation will be disbursed to the respective charities and organizations in December. Olga made a motion that we accept the financial report as presented which was seconded by Calvin. All in favor.

**Discussion:** Benevolences: A decision was made to send our budgeted amount of \$800 for support of Our Church's Wider Mission (OCWM) directly to United Church of Christ in Cleveland rather than sending it in through the Central Atlantic Conference, UCC.

**Fundraisers:** We still need prizes for the Family Bingo Night on January 16. All proceeds will go to benefit the clock and bell tower upgrade project. We discussed asking the congregation about the use of alcohol at church functions such as dinner/dance events. We will need to explore legal issues and insurance questions. The cleanup of the gymnasium in preparation for the dance classes is expected cost around \$300. The youth would like to use one portion of the gym for their meetings.

An election of officers was held for church council officers for the year 2009. The new officers are as follows:

President: not filled

Vice President: Clarence Rowell

Treasurer: Barbara Matthew

Financial Secretary: Harvey Jacob

Recording Secretary: Calvin Gundlach

**Property:** Disposing of the large old safe in the office and replacing it with a small one in order to gain office space is being considered. We are planning to reactivate and update the clock tower clock and bells during year 2009. Part of the cost of this will be paid with the proceeds from the Family Bingo Night on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Membership:** Ways to increase our membership's stewardship was discussed. Circulating a questionnaire similar to the one being used by Olmsted Community Church in Ohio is one idea. The Christian Education Department is working on a program to be presented at the service on Christmas Eve.

**Calendar:** We will have only one service at 10:30 a.m. on Tinsel Sunday. The Christmas Eve Service will be at 7:30p.m.

**Music:** Three sessions of the "Enliven Worship and Music" have been attended by Robert Gundlach and Rev. Cathy.

**Spiritual:** Members of the council signed up to do the devotions at the council meetings.

**Pastor's Report:** Ten of our youth attended the "Lock In" as scheduled. Plans for the Christmas Eve ushering and altar preparation were discussed.

Two dinner groups are planned to start in January.

**New Business:** Linda DellaRose of 'DellaRose's of Canton Crossing' Restaurant contacted the church office to inquire if we would be interested in a promotional program that would yield some income for the church. Harvey will check into this to see what they are proposing.

Barbara made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Clarence.  
All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. after the recital of the Lords Prayer.