

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 26, 2014

President Cissy Funk called the meeting to order at 12:12 p.m.

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Cathy.

Minutes: Cissy Funk gave everyone time to review the minutes from the last congregational meeting on November 17, 2013. A motion was made by Pam Georgiadis and was seconded by Karrie Hogan. All voted in favor.

Financial Report: Harvey Jacob gave the financial report.

1. We have a deficit of \$15,180 for 2013.
2. The cost for gas is up and the cost for electric is down. The cost for water has risen greatly.
3. Repair and maintenance costs are less thanks to Carl Price. He does the work he can himself.
4. It cost the church \$2,300 to set up the Endowment Fund but we have gained almost \$10,000.
5. The parsonage repair bills are down but the building is old and needs work.
6. The roof work has been completed and the refrigerator has been fixed.
7. The FM system is working great and the chair lift is a wonderful addition to our church. We paid out \$21,001 and have collected \$16,628.96.

Question: Regarding the Endowment Fund, how are the fees paid. Where do they come out of?

Answer: The fee is .9% and it is taken out of the fund.

A motion was made by Carl Price to except the Financial Report and was seconded by Pam Georgiadis. All voted in favor.

Property Report:

1. The asbestos tiles have been removed on the stairs.
2. Cathy Fifield has donated a chair rack that hold up to 80 metal chairs.

3. A new concrete ramp will cost \$3,000 including the black aluminum railings.
Question: Will a drain be put in? **Answer:** We won't need one, it will be put in up to code.
4. The sewer pipe in the closet needs to be repaired. The cost will be around \$1,500 for the repair and the removal and cap off of the two toilets in that room.
5. Carl will be installing railings on the alter.
6. The closet in the handicap bathroom will hold the large kitchen equipment. Carl bought a small step ladder for easy access.

Christian Education: Refer to Annual Report.

Ladies Organization: Refer to Annual Report.

Fundraising Committee: Refer to Annual Report.

Youth Activities: Refer to Annual Report

Pastor's Comments:

1. We received a large donation of puppets and accessories to start a puppet ministry here at our church.
2. The Endowment Fund is not just an investment. It is there to help do the mission work at our church. We can take up to 5% which will be around \$5,000 to use to do those missions. We can also use up to 20% of the amount taken for the church budget.
3. Our membership is down but we have several couples interested in joining our church.

New Business: AT&T has approved us as a site. We will receive \$5,000 to start and then \$2,400 a month plus \$400 a month for electric. We are just waiting for them to finalize things on their end.

Questions/Comments from Members: There were no comments or questions.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer: Darlene Koch made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Karrie Hogan. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:51 p.m. after the recital of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane L. Borkman

(Recording Secretary)