

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Church Council Meeting

May 13, 2014

President Cissy Funk called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Devotion: The devotion was given by Rev. Cathy.

Attendance: Diane Borkman, Jennifer Borkman, Marvin Fillmore, Cissy Funk, Calvin Gundlach, Karrie Hogan, Marge Hurd, Trish Jefferson, Pat Jenkins, Ric Nyborg, Rev. Cathy Oatman, and Pam Sartori.

Reading of the Minutes: The minutes from the April 8th meeting were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes with changes by Calvin Gundlach and seconded Marge Hurd. All voted in favor.

Correspondence:

- We received a note from Earl's Place regarding the Resolution Run. They request, if possible, the donations be made early.

Financial Report:

- Pam Connolly the financial reports for both March and April. Council reviewed and accepted them.
- An online account was set up for Pam with Bay Bank. This will allow her access to the bank balances whenever necessary.
- As previously discussed, Rev. Cathy added her spouse Cindy to her health insurance. Rev. Cathy has made payments to cover all costs for this additional insurance.

Endowment:

- The Endowment committee awarded \$2300 from the total return for this fiscal year. The distributions of these funds are as follows: \$1000 for the Puppet Ministry, \$1000 for our intern Angie, and \$300 for the Resonator Bells to enhance our church music. We will get the exact percent that was used this year from Barb Matthew (Treasurer) at their next meeting.

Discussion:

- The committee (Ric, Pam Sartori, and Cissy) working with Angie Jones met for a final evaluation. All agreed Angie has done a great job. Rev. Cathy will also be providing an evaluation.
- Carol Stolker, Bill Voelker's daughter, has received word from her accountant that 30% of the money left to us from Bill Voelker will be paid in taxes. Carol called Wells Fargo and told them that she is very upset and holds them accountable for the screw up. She also stated if we wanted to get an attorney to follow up on this she would be fine with it.

Church Committee Activity:**Property:**

- The ramp is completed and the Railing is on order. When it comes in Carl will install it.
- We have a leak in the pump to the cooling tower, the Yoga closet, and the bathrooms. (The ladies room toilet and sink and the men's room flushing device)

Membership: Nothing new to report.**Altar: Nothing new to report.****Fellowship:**

- We will have our 50th Confirmation luncheon on June 8th and will serve Sour Beef and Dumplings. All church members are welcome and there will be no charge.
- On June 22nd we will hold an afternoon Bingo to start at 12:30.
- The "Thank You" luncheon in honor of Bill Voelker and Bob Osborn was a great success.
- Kids day "Stop Bullying" is this Sunday. As of today we have 23 children signed up to participate.
- The fellowship committee donated \$1000 from the bingo proceeds to the church.
- Zumba class will end on May 28th for the summer and will resume in September when the weather cools.
- The Blood Drive is set for May 29th and anyone who would like to give and/or volunteer to help please contact Cissy Funk.

Christian Education:

- Pam and Trish went to the classes for the puppet ministry and they got some great ideas. It was suggested they first have to organize a name and a mission statement for the ministry. They have information to teach everyone with and were approached by an organization that will come to help us set up this ministry at no cost. They have a good core group of people to start off with but are looking for committed people to come and help with props and sets as well as manning the puppets.
- Church school will be closed for the months of July and August. This also includes childcare for late service.

Calendar: Abby will update the calendar with the luncheon information.

Ushering: In Progress.

Music: The choir has received money from the Endowment Fund for Resonator bells to enhance the music for church services.

Spiritual: Trish is working on the prayer chain.

Pastor's Report:

- Gallery Church has organized a City Uprising Event beginning June 27, 28, 29 & 30. UEC will be the host church for the June 27, 29, and 30 meetings at 7 p.m. each night. On the 29th from 9 to 12 there will be a "Clean up Baltimore" where we will break into groups to clean up streets starting at Eastern Ave. When the work is over all participants will meet at Abbott Memorial for a cookout. More details will be forthcoming.
- Pastor will be meeting this Thursday with Jim Kowalewski, of Kowalewski Engineering and Construction. Rev. Cathy informed council she would be meeting with him to discuss several things as was reported in April's minutes.
- The family we sponsored from the Cierra León is in need of some help. We will be giving a gift of \$500 for additional assistance. The family has fallen on hard times with several family members losing their jobs. UEC and several other churches will be providing assistance.
- Pastor went to a conference presentation regarding the Agile Church and Progressive renewal. She shared with council some of the vision's she has for our church's future.
- Council decided to continue working on the daycare center. Regrouping and reviewing the work done so far, to see if this is an achievable goal.

Old Business: It was decided that Rev. Cathy will go back to full time status as of September 2014.

New Business:

- Marge Hurd's son does a traveling seminar regarding the dangers of texting and driving. Council would like to work this into our 140 good deeds and set up an audience that would benefit from this information.
- Mark Betch's brother in law is very ill and his family is sponsoring a Bull and Shrimp roast as a fundraiser to help offset medical bills. All who are interested please contact Lori Betch regarding tickets.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer: There being no further topics for discussion Karrie made a motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. which was seconded by Marge. All voted in favor. The meeting was ended with the recital of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane L. Borkman

(Recording Secretary)