

United Evangelical Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Of Meeting Held June 8, 2004

Attendance: Rev. Cathy, Clarence Rowell, Ursula Jacob, Julie Hovermill, Rose Marie Jefferson, Bill Myers, Bob Osburne, Cass Young, Elaine Kimos, Shirley Willingham, and Nancy Spirko

The spiritual message was given by Rev. Cathy.

Minutes were read and accepted.

Committee Reports:

Financial Report: Ursula reported we are \$17,000 in the red and usually June, July and August are low revenue months due to low attendance. However, our benevolent commitments were still kept in spite of the deficit.

Correspondence: Rev. Cathy received a Thank You note from the Mary Hoffmann, Baptist's wife.

Property: Bill reported the concrete and the brick work has been done and railings around the parsonage have been re-cemented. The roofing job over the organ should be completed some time this week. The Baltimore Hispanic Foursquare Church want to rent space at the church and are willing to pay \$500 a month . They will be using the church from 3:00 to 5:30 on Sunday, the Sunday School for the children on Sunday and the Gym and on Friday Evening they will be using the Friendship Hall for Bible Study at 7:00 p.m. They have their own insurance and will be renting until they find a permanent church. They also need room for their electronics equipment. Bill will clean out the room for the equipment. A motion was made by Cass to allow Baltimore Hispanic Foursquare Church to rent the facilities at the church for \$500 a month, the motion was seconded by Rose Marie. The motion was approved by the Council. Bill also mentioned the HBO production company that films the show entitled *The Wire* would like to take a look at the gym and the friendship hall. Bill will be meeting with the producers tomorrow. Bill stated we are also waiting to hear from the Southeast Community Association regarding the 4th floor in the Sunday School Building and waiting to hear from 1st Mariner Bank.

Bill will be getting in touch with the UCC regarding the article on the do's and don'ts of renting out the church buildings.

Membership: Cass reported the committee was concerned about getting Rev. Cathy some assistance with visiting the shut-ins. Rev. Cathy advised there are some courses that can be taken by anyone in the congregation. After completing the course they can become licensed to administer the sacraments.

Altar: Ursula had nothing to report.

Fellowship: Bob suggested raising the price of the sour beef dinner and eliminating the lima beans. Clarence suggested raising the price of the dinner \$2.00 and adding a dessert. A motion was made to raise the price of the sour beef dinner to \$12.00 and was accepted by the council.

Spiritual: Rev. Cathy suggested having the Contemporary Worship service only once a month in July and August. A motion was made and accepted to do so. We will continue to advertise for a person to lead the music for the Contemporary Service.

Music: The choir will stop singing in June for the summer. However, Music Sunday is June 27, 2004.

Calendar: The Sour Beer Supper needs to be added to the Calendar for October 20 and 21, 2004.

Ushering: Julie reported everything is going pretty well with the ushering, however, during the summer months she has been losing ushers and needs some volunteers.

Christian Education: Clarence reported they met 2-3 weeks ago. They are working on the games for the picnic and getting the prizes. The Church School materials for the coming year have been ordered. For the picnic it was decided that everyone can bring their own food (side dishes) and the church will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs. A cost of \$5.00 per person will be charged. Everyone can bring their own drinks. It was suggested that A-J will bring vegetables/salads, etc., and K-Z will bring desserts. Ursula, Bill and Cass will be the committee for the picnic.

Rev Cathy's Report: Rev. Cathy handed out a follow-up report on the Council Retreat and read a Mission Moment from the United Church of Christ. Rev. Cathy also handed out an e-mail she received from the Lancaster Seminary and asked the Council if we want to participate in the Still Speaking Initiative and the Christian Education Opportunity at the Lancaster Seminary. Clarence suggested we volunteer our church for the Still Speaking Initiative as there is no cost involved and perhaps many benefits will be gained. Bill suggested we go with both CE Programs at the Lancaster Seminary for the \$100.00. A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Ursula and accepted by the Council for both the Still Speaking Initiative and the CE opportunity. Rev. Cathy also stated Earl's Place is looking for sponsorship for the 5K run again this year. Last year Calvin Gundlach and Rebecca Orendorff participated in the run. A motion was made to donate the first \$500 rent from the Baltimore Hispanic Foursquare Church for Earl's Place and accepted by the Council. Rev. Roy Jollenbeck will be speaking on June 27, 2004 about Earl's Place. Rev. Cathy asked if the council and their families would participate in the New Member's Potluck Dinner on July 28, 2004 at 6:30 p.m. The new members will be accepted into the church on September 12, 2004 (Rally Day or back to church Sunday). Rev. Cathy also stated she has 7-8 children that are interested in the acolyte program. They range from ages 7 to 10 years. Rev. Cathy reported Brad the computer person went over the story boards and will be starting to work on the 1st draft for the website. He will get that to Elaine. Brad will also put together some pricing for the new computer. Rev. Cathy will advise. Bill will take some pictures and get them to Elaine. Rev. Cathy asked if we could cancel council meeting in July as she will be on vacation and meet in August. Everyone agreed.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

A motion to adjourn made and seconded.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.