

**United Evangelical Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Of Meeting Held October 11, 2005**

**Attendance:** Rev. Cathy, Ursula Jacob, Harvey Jacob, Pat Meyers, Bill Meyers, Elaine Kimos, Calvin Gundlach, Lori Betch, Rose Marie Jefferson, and Nancy Spirko

The time of devotion was presented by Lori.

**Introduction of Guest** - Lori introduced Ms. Amy Sens. Ms. Sens had previously submitted a proposal to Council of a Baltimore Spirituality and Faith Network Member Church Ministry Plan. Council and Ms. Sens discussed the plan in detail. No decision was made as yet by Council as to whether to adopt the plan. Further discussion is needed.

The minutes of the September 13, 2005, Church Council meeting were read and accepted.

**Financial Report:** Calvin reported there is a \$16,300 budget deficit. Harvey reiterated his statement from last month we are tracking according to the projection of an approximate \$20,000 deficit at the end of the year. A check for \$592.00 was given to Harvey by Pat Meyers, the proceeds from the Pancake Breakfast. As stated before, we are getting into the holiday season and perhaps we will be able to make up some of the deficit.

**Correspondence:** Lori received correspondence from the Hoffman Homes for Youth asking if we would like to participate in the "Rainbow of Hope Campaign". Invitations were received from Earl's place for their annual Dinner Dance to be held on November 5, 2005 from 7:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. at the Overhills Mansion in Catonsville. Information will be placed in the announcement page and in the narthex. A letter was received from Trinity United Church of Christ in Cockeysville, Maryland enclosing a \$5,500.00 check that was to be used in the Downtown Baltimore Church Outreach Project and since Trinity United Church of Christ will not be participating in that outreach project, the donation was designated by Trinity for us to use for outreach in our community in order for us to be able to continue our

ministry. Lori received correspondence from the *Baltimore Times* which included their advertising rates in case we want to place an ad. A letter was also received from the law firm of McKennon Shelton & Henn stating their payment terms. A motion was made by Calvin, seconded by Bill and agreed by everyone on Council to allow Lori to sign the letter from Lawyers, McKennon Shelton & Henn. Elaine received the listing agreements from Federal Realty for the house on Lombard Street and the Christian Education Building. Also received was a 17 page report from Federal Realty regarding the Lombard Street property. A 5% commission would be charged for the sale of the Lombard Street property and Federal Realty suggested listing the property at \$159,000.00. A motion was made, seconded and agreed upon to by Council to allow Lori to sign the listing agreement for the Lombard Street property, but not sign the listing agreement for the Christian Education building and submit it to the lawyers for review.

Property: Bill stated he was holding off on a lot of repairs due to the lack of funds. Bill did advise we really need to repair the slate roof overtop the organ. The cost of the repairs would be \$1,200.00. The copper flashing needs to be re-done, but that can wait awhile, the cost of that is \$20,000.00. Bill received an e-mail from Sherry Brandenburg, from the Johns Hopkins School of Medicine regarding the rental of the parsonage. She asked if she could advertise to the graduate students, the availability of the parsonage for rental. Bill composed a response to Ms. Brandenburg and it was decided to allow her to create a flyer to advertise the rental of the parsonage. Bill also mentioned the repair of the entrance bell. The cost for the repair is \$714.00. This repair really should be done for safety and security reasons. Casa will be helping Bill move the altar down from the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the Christian Education building on Friday night. Bill and Elaine will be meeting with Concetta from PACT to discuss the renovations to Christian Education building on October 18, 2005. Bill stated all five of the pianos have been spoken for and will be picked up.

Membership: Elaine stated she is proceeding as usual. All bags have been delivered.

**Altar:** Ursula stated she had nothing new to report. The Unity Candle was discussed and it was decided to promote the use of the Unity Candle more. Most of the responses to the questionnaire were favorable. The majority found it symbolic in their relationship with Christ. Ursula received a letter from the florist stating they would be adding on a delivery charge of \$4.00 per delivery for the flowers.

**Fellowship:** Pat stated the Pancake Breakfast went well. Pat thanked everyone for their help. \$592.00 was raised. Tinsel Sunday was discussed and it was decided by Council to charge \$5.00 for adults to offset the price of the food and also to be able to estimate how much food to purchase from the amount of tickets sold. Children under 18 will be free. A motion was made by Rose Marie, seconded by Bill and agreed to by Council to charge \$5.00 per adult for Tinsel Day.

**Spiritual:** Calvin stated he is working on an alternative for Sunday, May 21, 2006 due to the fact Pat Kelly, had passed away. More details to follow from Calvin. Rev. Cathy thanked Calvin for taking care of collecting the items for the Katrina health kits. Sixty eight health kits were assembled and delivered to the New Windsor Church of the Brethren by Elaine.

**Music:** Lynn was not present, however, Rev. Cathy stated as a result of the surveys the worship service will be shaped to reflect some of the changes.

**Ushering:** Lori stated at the 10:30 a.m. service she has been very successful in having the children ages 10 and older to help collect the offering. The children seem to really enjoy helping.

**Christian Education:** Rebecca was not present. Nothing to report.

**Rev. Cathy's Report:** Rev. Cathy stated the Domestic Violence Interfaith Coalition of Maryland workshop has been rescheduled for November 8 and the East Baltimore Spirituality and Victims Service Initiative will be held of November 9 and 10. As discussed above Rev. Cathy received the letter and the check for \$5,500.00 from the Trinity

United Church of Christ to be used for community outreach. The check was given to Harvey to be deposited and as soon as an outreach program is decided upon, we will use the money. Rev. Cathy advised the Website is not functional. Rev. Cathy reported we may be able to participate in a program with the Chesapeake Association whereas we donate some of Peggy's time and we could have low cost access to a web site. Rev. Cathy discussed with Peggy and she was agreeable as long as it doesn't take up too much of her time. Rev. Cathy received an e-mail from Karen O'Rourke with and Education and Healing Ministry proposals. Council decided to let Rev. Cathy decide on the proposals. Rev. Cathy reminded everyone of the pot luck remembrance dinner on Saturday, October 22 at 5:00 p.m.

Pastoral Care: 4 visits, 3 phone calls, 2 consults, 1 funeral, 1 wedding renewal

Old Business: Lori will ask Paul the janitor if he would be interested in taking care of the Coke machine. The pictures and plaques subject was discussed. Rev. Cathy will contact Carolyn Noteware to see if she is still interested in helping with this project.

New Business: Harvey had a list of issues that were discussed preliminarily regarding the Christina Education building development. These issues will have to be discussed in detail at a later time. At the Congregational meeting on Sunday, it was decided by the Congregation to allow Council to select a committee to meet each week with the developer and discuss issues when the development of the Christian Education building begins. The Committee will consist of Rev. Cathy, Bill Meyers, and Barbara Matthews. Dale Sanders and Howard Carter have also been asked. Also discussed was election of new Council members. Ursula agreed to chair the nominating committee, Nancy offered to help. Ursula will start calling people in the congregation to see if they are interested in serving on the Council. Those on this Council whose terms are up are Ursula, Elaine, Bill, Nancy, Rose Marie, and Julie. We will need to nominate at least five people to serve on Council.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m. with the Lord's prayer.