

United Evangelical Church Council Meeting Minutes
Of August 23, 2006

Attendance - Harvey Jacob, Ellen Carter, Howard Carter, Nancy Gray, Clarence Rowell, Calvin Gundlach, Rev. Cathy and Lori Betch.

The time of devotion was presented by Lori.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

Financial Report -

Harvey reported that we haven't had one month this year that was on the "plus" side. We spent \$28,000 more than we took in. We are waiting for a replacement check to come from Sprint since one was lost in the mail. Our next insurance bill for the Church and Parsonage will be due in September. There is a chance we will be billed in increments of 40%, then 30% and 30% again. Our stock in Constellation Energy is doing very well (currently, 250 shares at \$58.00 per share). Hopefully, with the holidays coming, our income will grow. Mrs. Arlene Pate has been working with Harvey on handling some of the financials and has been a great asset.

Committee Reports-

The only committee concerns pertained to property. Without a property chairperson many things are piling up. Our Church doors need to be varnished, some windowsills need to be painted, some water spots are on the ceiling in different areas of the Sanctuary, etc. Clarence made a motion that if we can't find anyone within Church to paint the windowsills and varnish the doors, we will hire a contractor and have to pay full price. Calvin seconded it. All are in favor.

Old Business -

Harvey informed us that Sprint is hard to get hold of in regards to them settling with us on the use of our electricity to run their tower. Subcontractors are used by Sprint so you have to call a lot of people in regards to one specific problem. He has been talking to different people to let them know that we are aware that they owe us money and we would like this straightened out promptly. Hopefully, this will be resolved soon.

In regards to the realty company we are currently under contract with - Federal Realty - - our agent, Bill Caltrider had a stroke and is currently in Kiernan Hospital undergoing rehabilitation. In his absence, Rev. David Casey (his partner) will be working with us. At this time, we have no offers on the bldg. other than JBL, who are the original developers who pulled out of the first contract and have reduced their offer.

Nancy Gray and Harvey Jacob went to meet with the City Planning Commission to ask questions regarding developing the building. It seems that some of the things JBL intends to do - - might not be approved by the zoning committee. Because of this new information, the plan is to meet with Charlie Duff of Jubilee Baltimore to ask more questions, and to also meet with JBL to discuss concerns.

Calvin Gundlach presented a list of things that we need to do to possibly draw new members to join us. The list is very good and includes things like the repairs to the bldg as listed above, cleaning the carpet in the Sanctuary, getting rid of things that are sitting around that we do not use or need and possibly decorating the entrance to the Church with large flower pots. We will look into each thing Calvin suggested and hopefully achieve some of them.

Nancy Gray has been checking into prices for us to advertise our Church in various papers such as the Baltimore Guide, The Baltimore Sun, etc. She has a few more things to check on and then we will decide where we are going to advertise. A lot of Churches use the papers to advertise their Church services so we are hoping we could benefit from this as well. Nancy also got us a large credit from the phone company -- which is very much appreciated.

We discussed the Church Picnic that will be on Sunday, Sept. 10th. This should be a fun day for all at North Pt. State Park.

New Business-

The council approved for the Canton Community Assoc. to meet here at Church on the 4th Tuesday of every month (10 times a year). In return for this, we get free advertising in their community paper and a higher profile in the neighborhood. The only thing they require from us is a storage tub to keep plasticware, cups, etc. in for their use each month.

Rev. Cathy's Report - -

Rev. Cathy will give a presentation on her trip to Zambia on Sunday, Sept. 17th immediately following the Church service.

Sunday Sept. 24th is the Church anniversary and a visioning team will be commissioned to help us decide where we want to go as a Church and how we want to grow. Rev. Jim Bell will be helping to lead the visioning study.

Rev. Cathy reported that there is matching money from the Association, up to \$250 for any project related to church growth. The church simply needs to present a proposal for the use of the money. The fall Association meeting is Oct 29th.

Currently, we only have 1 child of confirmation age but we will check with Sunday School to see if there is anyone else. If not, we may see if more people will be of age next year and hold confirmation together at that time.

Our next council meeting is going to held on **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13th at 7 pm.**

Clarence made a motion to adjourn and Nancy seconded it. We closed with the Lord's Prayer at 9:40 pm.