

United Evangelical Church Council Minutes , November 14, 2006

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

Guests - -Rev. Jim Bell

Time of devotion was presented by Rev. Cathy

The minutes of the October, 2006 meeting were approved .

Correspondence - -received the list of Christmas gifts for Hoffmann Homes for Youth. Cass Young has agreed to purchase the gifts that have been requested and display in the narthex and accept donations towards them.

Financial Report –

Harvey updated us on the money owed to us from Sprint. They sent us a check for \$16,000 to cover the cost of using our electric in the past. From now on, they will pay us \$225.00 monthly towards the electric bill.

October contributions were up thanks to generous donations.

Introduction of Rev. Jim Bell - - The council had asked Rev. Bell to attend the council meeting so we could discuss the possibility of hiring him as a consultant. We discussed his work on our mission and the new visioning study team. During the meeting, Rev. Bell shared all of the things with us that were used against him when he was fired from the Associate Conference Minister position. It was unanimous that we feel Rev. Bell was falsely accused of things and used as a type of “scapegoat”. The council feels that Rev. Bell did not do anything wrong. ( Further info. shared at congregational meeting.) The council realized that in order for us to have a future, hiring Jim Bell would be a positive step at this time.

Committee Reports-

Membership – Nancy reported that our ad is in the Dundalk Eagle. She is checking into the Baltimore Guide and the fact that they do not have a listing that is strictly for religious info. Still checking into possible fundraisers such as dance class, bingo, etc.

Property – New youth group to meet in Library in Sunday School bldg.

Someone had changed the thermostat settings in the Sunday school bldg. - -this has been corrected now. Discussed possibility of getting locks for them to prevent this.

Church doors have been repaired and varnished . Harvey installing the rest of the hardware on them as time permits.

Someone went on the stage and made a mess of the things we had stored there. Mr.

Clarence is going to put signs up that instruct everyone to keep off the stage.

The office door was unlocked over night one night. Signs to be posted to make sure all doors are locked from now on.

We still have a problem with pigeons on the Church roof. They are making a mess!  
Council is open to suggestions as to how to prevent this . If anyone has any ideas, please see a council member !

Looking for covers for the stained glass windows to prevent leakage.

Rev. Cathy's report –

Thanksgiving Eve service being held at Canton Baptist at 7 pm

Recommendation on what to do with OCWM money that would have normally been collected and sent to conference. (discussion at congregational meeting).

New Youth group to be run by Karrie Hogan, Diane Pachilis, Cathy Fifield

Council approved vacation and time off for Rev. Cathy in November, December and then in March to be the Spiritual director for the Koinonia weekend in Ohio.

There has been a request for help with housing for a family from Liberia. Assistance needed with clothing, etc. Possibly something for new youth group to work on. Council members or congregation members invited to attend an informational meeting on Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> , if possible to learn more of what is needed.

Old Business -

Jubilee Baltimore is working on a feasibility study for the Sunday School bldg. We are no longer under contract with Federal Realty. We are looking into other options to help us preserve the bldg. Harvey , Rev. Cathy and Nancy have been working with Charlie Duff and his staff on this issue. Council will present info. to congregation when it becomes available (very time consuming ) .

New Business -

Nancy has been contacting congregation members in an effort to get new council members. Council would like to thank Nancy for all of her efforts !

Miscellaneous - -

Discussed the fact that Peggy is retiring from the position of Church secretary at the end of the year. We will have a celebration on Sunday December 17<sup>th</sup> between services.  
Pastor's review is due. It was in her call that we would review her work with the Church.  
Council needs to set something up to make sure a committee reviews all issues.  
Incoming council to work on this !

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 pm.