

United Evangelical United Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
October 10, 2006

In attendance: Calvin Gundlach, Nancy Parker-Gray, Rebecca Orendorff, Lori Betch, Clarence Rowell, Harvey Jacob, Rev. Cathy, Lynn Sanders

Time of Devotion was offered by Rebecca.

Calvin Gundlach motioned to approve minutes from September 13, 2006 meeting; seconded by Nancy Gray; all in favor.

Correspondence: Request received for use of one room for 15-20 women to do scrap booking, one Saturday each month. One of the participants is involved in PACT. Invitation to any one interested to be placed in bulletin. A percentage of the monthly charge will be requested. Rebecca to talk with PACT parent to get more information. Back Bay Mission – UCC Mission – requesting donations for Katrina damage.

Property: Letter received from Long & Foster regarding renewal of contract for parsonage rental. Inspection of property to take place before year-end. Harvey to stay in contact with Long & Foster until decision is made regarding renewal of their contract. Handicap ramp has been painted. Gym windowsills on bottom level have been sanded and painted. Protective plexi-glass covering over stained glass windows between church and parsonage needs replacement and caulking. Pigeon problem between church and church school building – Harvey is investigating bird control methods. Also looking at efforts to remove carpet from 4th floor of Christian Education building for use in quiet room and hallway. Still looking for some one to sand and varnish front church doors. Contractor previously contacted advised he is not able to complete the job at this time. Harvey to contact contractors in local newspaper for estimates. Federal Realty has been advised that we will not be renewing listing contract for Church School building upon termination on 10/31/06. Meetings with Jubilee Baltimore taking place. Jubilee Baltimore interested in helping UEC develop the building. Sprint has offered \$225/month (\$13,500 lump sum) for 5-year timeframe (Jan. 2002 – Dec. 2006) as reimbursement of electrical usage. Beginning in January 2007, monthly reimbursement to be \$250/month throughout 2007. Reading to be taken beginning and end of 2007 to determine if \$250 is reasonable monthly average. Clarence Rowell motioned to accept Sprint offer for lump sum of \$13,500 and for \$250/month for 2007 with adjustment at year-end 2007. Seconded by Rebecca Orendorff; all in favor.

* **Membership:** Advertisement of church services placed in Dundalk Eagle, beginning 10/1/06. Advertisement also in Baltimore Sun. Offering dance lessons being explored.

New Business: Discussion about Rev. Jim Bell's termination from the Association. Association meeting to discuss next steps to be held 10/11 at 6:15pm at St. John's. Rev. Cathy recommended employing Rev. Bell to lead visioning study and use the OCWM monies to pay Rev. Bell. Discussed possibly hiring Rev. Bell as a consultant. Rev. Bell will be invited to next Council meeting for a conversation.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Cathy to meet with Pastor David Flaherty of First United to plan joint service on November 5, 2006 at 11:00am with sour beef luncheon after the service. Bob Osburne has agreed to coordinate luncheon efforts. Visioning study – first meeting 10/21/06 with report to congregation during church service by team member. Rev. Cathy to attend seminar in Lancaster. Fall Association meeting in Cambridge. Ecumenical Thanksgiving Eve service on November 22 at Canton Baptist. Totenfest service and Congregational Meeting on November 26. Tinsel Sunday to be held December 10. Christmas Eve services – 1 service at 10:00am and 1 service at 7:00pm (candlelight service). Rev. Cathy was asked to participate in renewal of ordination vows for Beth O'Malley on October 15. Rev. Bell to preach at 10:30am service on October 15. Pastoral Care: 1 visit, 5 phone calls, 6 consults, 1 funeral

Nancy Gray motioned to adjourn at 10:00pm; seconded by Lynn Sanders; all in favor. Meeting ended with Lord's Prayer.