

The United Evangelical Church of Baltimore  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 15, 2007

Meeting began 7:40 pm

Devotion: Bob Osburne

Attendance: Harvey Jacob, Ursula Jacob, Clarence & Carol Rowell, Dale Sanders, Barbara Matthew, Karrie Hogan, Nancy Gray, Rev. Cathy, Bob Osburne

Barbara motioned to approve minutes with minor amendment, Karrie seconded, all in favor.

Correspondence: Appreciation card was received from the family of Ella Brooks. We are supporting Fortview Community Softball League this year. Harvey is getting information on window repair. We received a note from the Indian Children's Choir. They will be in our area on April 21<sup>st</sup>, however we have a wedding scheduled that day.

Finance: Projecting \$27,000 deficit for 2007. High gas bills and insurance payments are hurting us. Net of \$115,000 from the Lombard St. property is down to \$100,000 and we are now spending this money. Our revenue for Feb. was \$10,547.99 and our expenses were \$18,567.61. We are living off the proceeds from Lombard St. property. Olga made a motion to approve the financial report, Karrie seconded and all in favor.

School Building: We are having two meetings about the Church school building, March 18<sup>th</sup> and the 25<sup>th</sup>. Harvey delivered a letter to 48 area residences, inviting them to the meetings. Long discussion followed by council members on what to do with the building. All present agreed that we do not want to give up the title for the building.

Spiritual: Tableau is being advertised March 21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> in both The Eagle and The Guide. We are also advertising Holy Week Services.

Property: Dale Sanders, Property Committee member, drafted a "Statement of Work for Custodial Services". Olga made a motion to accept the draft with minor corrections and Nancy seconded it. Dale volunteered to organize cleaning out the storage closet in the Fellowship Hall. He wants to get young people involved with cleaning projects.

Fellowship: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Confirmands will be on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Calendar: Strawberry Festival to be held on June 9<sup>th</sup>.

Nothing new to report for committees on, Altar, Ushering, Christian Ed., Music and Membership.

Pastoral Review: Carol Rowell reported that our Pastor is due for a sabbatical leave of three to four months with full pay and benefits, for the purpose of learning and spiritual feeding. Rev. Cathy would prefer being out of the pulpit every sixth Sunday for a year starting May 2007 and ending April 2008. Karrie made a motion to approve, Dale seconded, all in favor.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Cathy reported on Jim Bell's consultant work. He worked 36 hours in January and 36.5 hours in February.

Our Youth group wants to put on a skit of "The Trial of Jesus". Pastor will be working with them to make this a part of the Maundy Thursday service.

The Guide newspaper agreed to publish Worship Service times of local churches at a cost of \$600 a year. Dale made a motion to approve this program, Nancy seconded, all in favor.

Our new church secretary, David Flaherty, has started. We are going through an adjustment period. David will not work on Christmas Eve or Good Friday but will work on Martin Luther King Day.

Rev. Cathy will be on vacation the week after Easter. Jim Bell will fill in on Sunday. Don Roberts of Zion, will be conducting the service on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

New Business: Karrie suggested we call the School for the Blind, to see if they want the old pianos in the school building.

Bob Osburne reported that ladies would like to have rails going up to the Altar for communion. We are going to look into prices.

Ursula suggested having only one church service when we have an activity after the second service. To be discussed with the Congregation.

Clarence motioned to adjourn the meeting, Bob seconded, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 pm. Closed with the Lord's Prayer.