

United Evangelical Church, UCC
Church Council Meeting
April 18, 2007

Meeting began 7:05 pm

Devotion: Ursula Jacob

Attendance: Harvey & Ursula Jacob, Olga DeBloom, Clarence Rowell, Bob Osburne, Dale Sanders, Barbara Matthew, Howard & Ellen Carter, Rev. Jim Bell, Rev. Cathy & Laraine Jones

Clarence motioned to accept minutes from March meeting, Ursula seconded, all in favor.

Financial report: Our revenue for the month of March was \$14,000. Our expenses totaled \$19,000. We have now paid two installments on our insurance, with two more left to make. Our stock increased \$3,000 for the month of March, making it worth \$21,000 plus. Sprint sent \$1,000 towards electric use for January thru April. We collected \$394 for the Wondee family. It was suggested we round the amount up to \$400 and allocate this money for educational purposes. Discussion will continue at a later date.

School building: A long discussion was held on the use of the building. Jubilee Baltimore's recommendation was for high-end apartments, residential rental units or condominiums. Parking and zoning would be an issue with any of these recommendations. Harvey suggested the building could be used for philanthropic purposes. He has been in touch with a California based company that specializes in helping people create Multi-Tenant Nonprofit Centers. Nonprofit use helps support the community. Three areas to be investigated for this use of the building are:

1. Building repair, design and renovation
2. Funds for financing – grants and loans
3. Nonprofit organizations as prospective tenants

We need to find ways to get the school building to carry itself. Barb will look into our tax responsibilities as a nonprofit.

There was a slide show of the school building. We are trying to find which avenue to pursue to develop this building, since the Congregational vote to sell the building did not happen. Jim Bell suggested getting the community involved in discussions on use of the building.

On Sunday, April 22nd there will be another congregational vote, limiting the ballot to two choices, by a show of hands.

1. Sell building – yes or no
2. Pursue Multi-Tenant Nonprofit Center use

Someone who originally voted to sell the building should make a motion to reconsider and it should be explained why. The council's recommendation is to develop the building as a Multi-Tenant Nonprofit Center with part of the building to be used by the Sunday school.

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 25th.

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.