

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING DECEMBER 8, 2020

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDANCE:

Rev Cathy Oatman

Cissy Sparks

Scott Johnson

Karrie Hogan

Travis Hogan

Jennifer Borkman

Steven Jankiewicz

Patti Baier

Terri Bragg

Belton Moore

Tom Hylock

Cheryl Borkman

Trish Lewis

Meeting called to order at 6:07PM by Council President Cissy Sparks.

DEVOTION: Rev Cathy led Council in prayer.

MINUTES: November 10, 2020 meeting minutes were read and corrected to be resubmitted.

FINANCIAL REPORT: A) Rev Cathy reported she had received a thank you for the \$200 sent to Essex Community Church. B) A shut-in gave love gift to church.

DISCUSSION:

Rev Cathy read correspondence received from Rob Gundlach stating A) he felt the church should reconsider having the cellist Katie Chambers perform for Christmas Eve service due to new quarantine measures in effect. The cellist is traveling from out-of-state and would not be able to quarantine 14 days before the program. Rob suggests we instead schedule an Easter performance. B) Cameras for

*Dec 8th 2020 - election of Officers
Committee
Nov 15th 2020 - election of
congregational
Sept 2020 - election of
new council
Agreement signed*

streaming was discussed. C) Whether to have masks, a cap on attendance and marked seats were also issues for discussion.

D) Council unanimously decided not have a 2020 in-person Christmas Eve service and to return to virtual Sunday services on Sunday December 13th, Tinsel Sunday, until further notice due to the surge in COVID-19 cases and new restrictions mentioned in the governor's most recent press conference. Council further decided to immediately inform the congregation by posting on the church website and Facebook page notice beginning with the statement: "Out of an abundance of caution...."

E) Rev Cathy said there would be a revised program and puppet show with Alissa and Pam for Tinsel Sunday's virtual service.

F) Dwayne Johnson will sing at virtual Christmas Eve service.

G) Steve reported Nancy Litz tested positive COVID-19 and was not feeling well. But not very sick.

H) Council thanked Belton and other volunteers for decorating the sanctuary.

FINANCIAL:

- A) UEC is \$80 in black for 2nd consecutive month.
- B) It was suggested we encourage members to remember to pay dues by thanking them for giving, and informing them they can place envelopes in church mail slot, mail-in, use church PayPal account and use a new VENMO account the church will open.
- C) It was decided church would purchase six poinsettias to decorate the altar and use remainder of the allocated funds to purchase food gift cards to donate to families identified by SE police department.
- D) The goal for donations to Hoffman Homes was met with an additional \$25.00.

ENDOWMENT FUND: The endowment fund grew by \$11,000 in December.

PROPERTY: A) Scott stated he would place locks on storage doors soon. B) Travis stated he will coordinate winterizing church bathrooms with Tom.

CALENDAR: A) Earl's Place will have a virtual annual New Year's Resolution Run and is requesting donations. B) Rev Cathy requested approval for vacation the week following Christmas beginning December 28th. She will be present Sunday December 27th and arranged for Amy Sens to lead service Sunday January 3rd, 2021.

FELLOWSHIP: A) Robin McCumber told Rev Cathy how much she appreciated the baskets that went out. Rev Cathy has awesome photos of people participating in the annual Clarence Rowell Thanksgiving Basket project.

B) A card ministry is to be started: Trish agreed to get a membership directory from Abby and send fellowship and Christmas cards to members who are confined.

ALTAR REPORT: No Report

MISSION: No Report

MUSIC: Church will not go caroling this year.

PASTOR'S REPORT: Rev Cathy announced Harvey Jacob passed and she attended the viewing on Sunday, December 3rd.

OLD BUSINESS: Rev Cathy led Council and Craig Sparks and Emily assisted in expressing our appreciation to outgoing Council President Cissy Sparks with a presentation of roses, chocolates, cards, other gifts and a "tender" roast. Cissy was thanked for her leadership in the sale of the Sunday school building and honoring the legacy of Clarence Rowell's projects.

MEETING: Adjourned at 7:30PM

Rev Cathy led Council in closing prayer.

NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING: January 12, 2021

Respectfully Submitted in Memory of Recording Secretary Diane Borkman

Terri Bragg