

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, January 29, 2012

President Cissy Funk called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

The opening prayer was offered by Rev. Cathy.

**Minutes:** Cissy Funk gave everyone time to review the minutes from the last congregational meeting on November 20, 2011. A motion was made by Pam Georgiadis and was seconded by John Price. All voted in favor.

**Financial Report:** Harvey Jacob gave the financial report. He started by praising Cissy for all her hard work she has done for the church.

1. We are \$18,153.50 expenses over revenue but we also had some very big expenses due to repairs needed, mainly the roof. The council will be meeting on February 17<sup>th</sup> to review the next series of much needed repairs.
2. The Fund Raising Committee has done a wonderful job of bringing in money again this year!
3. The money we received from Bob Osborne's love gift to the church has been a great help. We have transferred \$5,000 to the air conditioning fund and \$10,000 towards the cost of the roof repairs.
4. We have received \$36,820.61 in donations towards the total costs of replacing the air conditioner system. We still have a loan of \$20,000 for the remaining cost of the air conditioner thru Cornerstone and the council will have to revisit weather to pay this off or continue with the loan till we receive enough donations to pay it off.

A motion was made by Calvin Gundlach to except the Financial Report and was seconded by Carl Price. All voted in favor.

**Property Report:**

1. The repairs for the roof are completed and Carl had the roofer come out and check for issues due to the fire. All is well.
2. The area between the church and the school building has been cleaned and resurfaced (sealed) thanks to Carl and Brandon Hovermill. It will need another coat.
3. The front doors have been refinished and Carl is working on the hardware for them. Brandon Hovermill will be oiling them in the warm weather.

4. The bathrooms are coming along. Thanks to Cissy's contact we have new partitions, and he charged us cost for the partitions and did the labor for free! There is still some work to be done but they are looking great!
5. Carl and John Matthews replaced the back doors and have finished the trim work. Thanks to both for the great job!
6. Pastor Cathy pointed out that Carl does all this work for free. The church only buys the supplies needed (and not even that sometimes).
7. Carl is working on the ramp and ~~vowels~~ <sup>W VOWS</sup> to get this fixed the right way! He doesn't want to upset the neighbors every Sunday morning by jumping on the ramp to be able to open the door.

**Christian Education:** Refer to Annual Report.

**Ladies Organization:** Refer to Annual Report.

**Fundraising Committee:**

1. We are successful thanks to all of the congregation's support and generosity!
2. We have handed out a Calendar of Events and are always looking for new ideas of other ways to raise money and bring our mission to the community. Everyone is welcome!
3. We will be having a Bingo on February 24<sup>th</sup> and all the proceeds will be going to the Youth who will be going to the National Youth Event.
4. We will continue to offer sandwiches for purchase during Lent. We have been very successful in the past with this fundraiser, collecting over \$700 last year. Normally the proceeds are split between One Great Hour of Sharing and the church but this year we will be giving to OGHS and the youth. Soup and bread will still be free. The youth will also have a bake sale table so if anyone would like to donate baked goods or purchase them, all is appreciated.
5. The Bull and Shrimp feast will be on May 12<sup>th</sup> and we are encouraging everyone to sell, sell, sell! The more tickets we sell the more profit we make.
6. We will be working with the Ladies Organization to have a Strawberry Festival and Flea Market on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. See Calendar of Events for details.
7. There are many more fun things planned so hope to see you all there!

**Youth Activities (update):** Refer to Annual Report

1. This year the youth will be going to the National Youth Event in Indiana. They will be continuing to raise money for this event to offset the price for each child attending as well as transportation costs. Each attendee will contribute \$100 to defray some of the cost.

**Pastor's Comments:**

1. Everyone please sign the release forms for the Website.
2. Pastor has 2 main concerns for us a church, membership and finance. We have several members who have health concerns such as Bill Single who has a very serious heart condition. We also have been blessed with 6 new members and 3 transfers. Rev. Cathy is no longer worried we are moving in the wrong direction. We have made some very great steps toward a positive path. She is now concerned about whether we should go to a part time pastor and if this can help solve our budget problems.
  - Cissy Funk does not see that there is a need to go to a part time pastor at this time.
  - Barb Matthews believes we work well as a team and now is not the time to go to a part time pastor!
  - John Price just doesn't want to lose Pastor because," How could we find someone like you again"!
3. Pastor says that at this time in her life she is learning just how much she loves us all and she is very happy to be here and to be a part of us as a church. She is very sad that Abe and Linda have chosen to leave us.

**New Business:** A special thank you goes out to Pam Sartori and Art Jones for the wonderful clean-up they did in the kitchen, hall and closets. Great Job!

**Questions/Comments from Members:** There were no comments or questions.

**Adjournment/Closing Prayer:** Cass Young made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Pam Georgiadis. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m. after the recital of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane L. Borkman

(Recording Secretary)