

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Special Congregational Meeting
Sunday, July 14, 2013

President Cissy Funk called the meeting to order at 12:39 p.m. There were 36 members in attendance.

Rev. Cathy offered the opening prayer.

Air Conditioning Fund: A special thank you goes out to the congregation for working so hard to pay off the balance for the Air Conditioner.

Financial Report: The financial report was given by Harvey Jacob

- We are a church that can raise money as we have once again proven by paying off the AC fund.
- At the present time we are \$17,000 in the negative.
- We have a total of \$267,034.48 in monetary assets, but most is currently invested. We have \$45,864 liquid and immediately available to us.
- The 250 shares we had with Constellation Energy now translate to 232 shares of Exelon Stock. The shares are currently worth about \$7,192. We have received in years past \$120 per quarter in dividends but more recently have been receiving \$70 per quarter.

We want to thank Harvey for all his years of faithful service to the church. We now need to find someone to take over the responsibility that Harvey has shouldered.

Motion #1 Chair Lift: Cissy Funk made a motion that we pay **\$19,950** to have the chair lift and handicapped bathroom installed now and raise the fund to replenish the money to our savings as we did with the AC fund.

36 members voted, all 36 agreed. The motion passed.

Motion #2 Exelon Stock: Cissy Funk made a motion that we sell the Exelon stock and use the money towards the chair lift.

Discussion:

1. Jim Taligson wants us to keep the stock. He pledges \$5,000 towards the chair lift and challenges others to also contribute.
2. Dick Loving says go ahead and do it.
3. Barb Matthew said the stock is languishing at a low rate, we should put the money to good use now.
4. Lenny Bradish feels that if we are not making money from the stock could we cash it in and re-invest it?

36 members voted, 33 for yes and 3 for no. The motion passed.

Motion #3 Absentee Voting: Rev. Cathy Oatman made a motion to change the current by-laws so any member in good standing that can not attend a meeting can vote by absentee ballot. (see attached document)

Discussion:

1. Bill Single recommended adding to Section 3 – Special Meetings – An absentee ballot would not be counted towards the total number of members in attendance to affect the quorum count.
2. Lenny Bradish recommended adding an “s” to purpose in Section 4 – Procedure for calling a Congregation Meeting.

36 members voted to pass the motion, with corrections, 35 voted yes, 1 voted no. The motion passed.

Pastor’s Report: Rev. Cathy gave an update on the Daycare Center. The Fire inspector says we will need a sprinkler system in the gym because we do not have a same level exit in case of fire. Just consider this a bump in the road.

Questions/Comments from Members:

Question: How long will it take to complete the bathroom and have the chair lift installed?

Answer: 2 months from start to finish, maybe less.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer: Cissy Funk made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Cass Young. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m. after the recital of the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane L. Borkman
(Recording Secretary)