

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Congregational Meeting
November 20, 2016

President Cissy Funk called the meeting to order at 11:56 a.m. In attendance are 32 members.

Rev. Cathy offered the opening prayer.

Minutes: The minutes from the February 21, 2016 meeting were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes by Patti Baier, and seconded by Carol Rowell. All voted in favor.

Financial Report:

- The financial report we given by Diane Borkman. Regarding 2016, through October, we are ahead by \$7,302. However this is due to the \$20,000 that was used from the Voelker estate. Without that we would be negative \$13,000. Based on 2015 numbers, we anticipate the next two months to be another negative \$3,000 and will end the 2016 year with a \$16,000 deficit. Please note that raises have not been given in 4 years and Rev. Cathy is still $\frac{3}{4}$ time.
- Regarding 2017, the budget includes raises for all employees except for Abby because of her disability maximum she can earn. We will compensate her with gift cards in lieu of a pay raise. The total amount of all raises and payroll taxes is \$3,374. Even with the raises, we are projecting a smaller deficit in 2017 than this year's budget due to use of the building and the lower cost of natural gas.

Presentation of Proposed 2017 Church Budget & Vote: Diane Borkman presented the proposed budget (see attached) and called for a vote. Karrie Hogan made a motion to accept the proposed budget and was seconded by Pam G. All voted in favor.

Election of Council and Endowment Committee Members:

- There are six member up for election and re-election for the Church Council. They are Patti Baier, Diane Borkman, Cissy Funk, Karrie Hogan, Travis Hogan, and Linda Luckhardt. A motion was made by Clarence Rowell to accept the candidates as written and was seconded by Carol Borkman. All voted in favor.
- There are two members up for re-election for the Endowment Committee. They are Barb Matthew and Clarence Rowell. A motion was made by Cissy Funk to accept both candidates and was seconded by Pam G. All voted in favor.

Pastor's Report:

- Open and Affirming- In the smaller group meetings people expressed worries about the possibility of vandalism because of our decision to become open and Affirming. We understand these concerns but we need to stand up and be heard that we welcome ALL, no matter who they are.
- We (the church and all its members) make and have made a big difference in people's lives. Both here and in other places of our lives.

- We will advertise in UEC and our Face Book and Web Site that we are Open and Affirming. Not only to same sex loving but to all. We will LIVE THE GOSSPEL!

Old Business:

- At&t is not opening new sites at this time.
- Sprint will increase the amount they are paying us.

New Business:

- We will be painting the Church School doors when the weather warms up. There will be no taping signs to the doors after that. We are looking into a covered board to put the signs in.
- AT&T is not interested in new set ups at this time.
- Pam G. wants to welcome all to join the choir. If not full time then come and sing with us if there is a special song we are singing. We would love to have you!

Adjournment/ Closing Prayer: Pam G. made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Carol Rowell. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:36 pm with the recital of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane L. Borkman
(Recording Secretary)

Call to Order
Prayer
Voice + Vote 49 y-
Minutes 4-
Financials no
Reports = Book
Vote for covenant
Pastor Comment
Old BUSINESS
New BUSINESS