

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Congregational Meeting
November 19, 2017

President Cissy Funk called the meeting to order at 11:42 a.m. In attendance are 35 members.

Rev. Cathy offered the opening prayer.

Financial Report: The Financial report was presented by Cissy Funk.

Presentation of Proposed 2017 Church Budget & Vote: The Council went through this year's budget line by line to once again try to find a way to get close to a balanced budget. Please understand that we can continue this way for about 6 more years before we run out of money. We need to start thinking about other ways to earn income without forgetting our mission and reason for being here. Marge Joseph made a motion to accept the proposed budget and was seconded by Patti Baier. 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 Jennifer Borkman, JD Jackson, Steven Jankiewicz, Jackie Johnson, Scott Johnson, and Lucy Wilkinson. A motion was made to accept the candidates as written. All voted in favor.
- There are three members up for re-election for the Endowment Committee. They are Diane Borkman, Harvey Jacob, and Diane Price. A motion was made to accept all candidates. All voted in favor.

Pastor's Report:

- Rev. Cathy asked for feedback regarding the new structure for the church service. Most people seemed to like it.
- We can't keep going the way we are regarding the deficit. We can fix up or sell the school building. We can sell the parsonage to give us more time to figure things out, or we can sell the entire church and move to the county were we can have smaller buildings and a parking lot. These are just a few options that have been discussed.
- We are now hosting "Holy Happy Hour" at the Knotty Pine Bar the first Friday of each month. We donate money for appetizers to be served free of charge to all who come and try to be a source of Faith & Lite to those who need it. It's fun and inspirational.

Old Business: Nothing to report.

New Business:

- Please pray for Paula and Marge as they begin a UCC outreach in Harford County.

Questions/Comments from Membership:

- Many of the St. Brigid's church members have commented that if their church closes, they may come here.
- The Endowment Committee will begin to accept request forms from January 1st thru March 15th.

Adjournment/ Closing Prayer: Clarence Rowell made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Karrie Hogan. All voted in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 pm with the recital of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Diane L. Borkman
(Recording Secretary)