

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE  
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES  
May 11, 2021

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Present**

Rev Cathy Oatman  
Jennifer Borkman, President  
Terri Bragg, Recording Secretary  
Patti Baier  
Cheryl Borkman  
Kerrie Hogan  
Travis Hogan  
Tom Hylock  
Steven Jankiewicz  
Scott Johnson

**Absent**

Alissa Huber  
Belton Moore  
Trish Lewis

Meeting called to order at 6:39PM by Council President Jennifer Borkman.

**DEVOTION:** Rev Cathy Oatman led Council in opening prayer.

**MINUTES:** Vote made by Jennifer Borkman to accept minutes from April 13, 2021 meeting and seconded by Travis Hogan.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Financial report as of March 2021 reviewed by Council. It was noted the Sprint Tower rental fee increased from \$1825 to \$2098.75. The utility line item of \$23.50 for March electricity was questioned by Terri Bragg and Rev Cathy to determine accuracy. Terri also questioned the amount of \$32.95 related to parsonage expenses to be identified. Rev Cathy noted that except for the endowment fund the church would be \$12,000 in the red. Also, \$1,500 is allocated for church scholarship fund.

Council president moved and Travis Hogan seconded that the financial report be accepted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The BGE Grant application was discussed--\$10,000 will be applied to meet the cost of \$15,000 to replace windows. On April 22, 2021, Abby emailed the Council the grant info.

Building Sale Update: Travis, Rev Cathy, Doug Kaufman and Jacob (developer) met regarding where to place a dumpster and entrance to room above condos on 4<sup>th</sup> floor among other things. Closing is planned for July or August 2021.

Cleaning and Repurposing: Rev Cathy gave update on status and stated a gallon of paint and primer still needed for sprucing up.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Scott Johnson stated that one of the parsonage residents was out of town and the lease renewal will be complete when he returns to sign.

Council decided they will meet in person at next meeting scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021. Church services will continue to be in person and virtual. Discussion began of how to continue to enhance services for wider engagement from congregation and meetings including laptops, recordings, and other technological advances. The church will plan outreach to nursing homes.

Terri Bragg announced Rob has a personalized tour on YouTube of the Sunday School Building.

Rev Cathy discussed the use of church for STAND mentorship program once a week from 4pm-6pm requested by a chaplain on behalf of Coach Duncan: no charge to participants as part of our community support efforts.

A church donation flea market is planned for June 19<sup>th</sup>.

The church has a Bible for the Blind to be donated to worthy recipient.

Tom Hylock's schedule has been changed to twice a week.

**ENDOWMENT:** See Financial Report.

**PROPERTY:** Scott contacted a person to dismantle and remove the boiler at an estimate of \$2,000. He will also request removal of the old church refrigerator and freezer.

**MUSIC:** Alissa revealed to Rev Cathy she can't attend choir rehearsals because of her work schedule. There was discussion about how this effects the choir and song leadership; whether Pam will become a "song leader".

**MISSIONS:** Rev Cathy reported there will be no Pride parade this year. She also informed Council she received a request from SE District Police Officer Captain Boyd for volunteers to help distribute food boxes. Also asking if we knew of people who needed food.

**PASTOR'S REPORT:** Church is in receipt of letter from the Registrar of Wills regarding Carolyn Trapp (niece is Louise Duvall) who passed in !989. The church is included in the Will. Pastor announced Mary Grady is now in an assisted living facility after her fall and surgery. Rev Cathy visited Linda Schindler who's husband passed May 6<sup>th</sup> and George Claes. Pastor reached out to Carol Borkman. And Pastor reported Ellen Carter is now home.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Jennifer Borkman moved and Cheryl Borkman 2<sup>nd</sup> for meeting to adjourn at 8:23PM

**CLOSING:** Council closed meeting with Lord's Prayer.

**Next meeting rescheduled for Tuesday June 15, 2021 at 6:30PM**

**Respectfully Submitted**

**Terri Bragg, Recording Secretary**