

We are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 13, 2022

ATTENDANCE

Present:

Rev Cathy Oatman
Jennifer Borkman, President
Belton Moore, Vice President
Terri Bragg, Recording Secretary
Patti Baier
Marion Crews, 2023 new member
Travis Hogan
Tom Hylock
Steven Jankiewicz
Scott Johnson

Absent:

Cheryl Borkman
Pam Georgiadis
Karrie Hogan
Trish Lewis

Meeting called to order at 6:36PM by Council President.

Rev Cathy led council in prayer.

Minutes:

Minutes from November 2022 meeting were read with vote to accept by council president and second by Scott Johnson.

Old Business:

Seventeen Thanksgiving baskets were prepared and gifted by church.

Congregational meeting was held on November 20, 2022.

Church will continue to collect hats and gloves thru November to gift to school children and donate to Fran and Horace for those experiencing homelessness.

Church decorating was completed on November 26th.

Council members expressed thoughts that December 11, 2022, Tinsel Sunday Service was very good and inspiring by those in attendance and those who watched online.

Old Business continued:

Steven Jankiewicz is looking into prices for a new 75in TV screen for sanctuary. Prices expected to be approximately \$1400-\$1600 including installation. Marion may take care of mounting and the project may be done by end of year or beginning of 2023.

New Business:

Rev Cathy delivered gifts to Hoffman Homes.

Building Fund Raffle:

3rd Place-Belton won \$100 raffle prize and donated back to church.

2nd Place-Terry Shipe won \$200.

1st Place_Fran Foster won \$300 raffle prize.

Availability of the church kitchen for rent is now advertised on church website. Rev Cathy has communicated with a couple (Jackie and Brett) who expressed interest to bake and sell large cookies @\$5 each five days a week. They have visited the church and intend to have people pick up cookies or have them delivered thru DoorDash. There was discussion about rates to charge, how many hours a day and it was mentioned that B'more Kitchen charges \$1700 (month?) This couple would like to begin their business at the church beginning 2023. Rev Cathy explained she was experiencing a problem lighting the oven(s) and will resolve that problem as soon as possible.

Financial Report:

Rev Cathy pointed that the church is \$90,000 in red thru November 2022 and \$72,000 projected for end of 2022. She will contact Pam, church accountant, to answer a couple budget related questions.

2nd half of benevolence comes out in December with Council approval. The motion was made by Terri Bragg and seconded by Patti Baier.

Rev Cathy noted the endowment password needs to be changed and she will inquire about accuracy of some figures.

Barbara Matthew's mother is in failing health and she is taking care of her. Therefore, Joann Johnson has been nominated as the new endowment chair and Susan Rowell is the financial secretary.

The financial report was accepted as presented.

Property:

Scott reported he has new estimates for steeple and window repairs projected to be performed in Spring 2023. \$1,900 is the quote given by Revolution Windows Co. Sanctuary wall cabinets are expected to cost \$1500.

There was discussion about burned out ballasts which were installed in 1957 and light replacements in the tower room. Kelly Crews will look at light and fixture problems.

Membership:

Rev Cathy stated there was a new visitor the previous Sunday who was Vicky's cousin.

Christian Education:

Jennifer and Carole Borkman will not be at church December 25th and January 1st. Jennifer will take care of her church financial duties on the Mondays after.

Altar Report:

The committee is organizing items to be put into cabinets where the pews used to be.

Music:

The cellist will perform at 7:30PM Christmas Eve service.

Pastor's Report:

Rev Cathy stated the congregation will take communion in seats on Christmas Eve. Rev Cathy will be on vacation December 26th thru January 2nd.

Bingo is expected to resume in February 2023 as there are a lot of prizes remaining.

A visioning study meeting is planned for Sunday December 18th after service.

The church paid \$500 for a BGE bill, spent \$1,000 to help a family with back-rent thru December 2022 and paid to have a member's electricity turned back on.

Joan Stinchcomb turned 90 years old.

Council voted to present a \$50 bonus to each staff member.

Media Report:

Previous technical issues have been resolved by Josh and Steven.

Alissa to donate water for the hydration station.

Report accepted as presented.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:10PM by Council President.

Council recited Lord's Prayer and prayed for Barb Matthew, Pam Georgiadis and others.