

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Church Council Meeting

June 10, 2014

President Cissy Funk called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

Devotion: The devotion was given by Rev. Cathy.

Attendance: Diane Borkman, Marvin Fillmore, Cissy Funk, Calvin Gundlach, Marge Hurd, Trish Jefferson, Pat Jenkins, Ric Nyborg, Rev. Cathy Oatman, and Pam Sartori.

Reading of the Minutes: The minutes from the May 13th meeting were read. A motion was made to accept the minutes with changes by Calvin Gundlach and seconded Pat Jenkins. All voted in favor.

Correspondence:

- We received a notice from the Department of Assessment and Taxation regarding a change in the estimated market value for the entire church property. The City could send a tax estimator to review the outside of the properties. The estimator has no need to enter inside any of the properties. Harvey Jacobs will fill out the property forms provided by the City.

Financial Report: Pam Connolly prepared the financial report. For future quarterly reports we will request that she include Budget vs Actuals for easier comparisons. A motion was made by Calvin Gundlach to accept the financial report and was seconded by Marge Hurd. All voted in favor.

Endowment:

- A meeting will be held shortly regarding the deposit of funds from the estate of Bill Voelker. At this meeting the committee will be made aware of the councils list of needs for the church.

Discussion:

- On Sunday, during the luncheon, members of the council were made aware that individuals renting the church hall have been asking to use the kitchen stove tops and ovens. This is not a service that is included in the rental of the hall and Cissy will review the current contract and update the information on it to make this point clear.

Church Committee Activity:

Property:

- -- The ramp is completed and more people are making use of it as well as the chairlift. We now have several people who previously would not have participated in the hall functions that now enjoy the freedom the ramp and chairlift provide.
- Big Jim would like to see a veneer put on the ramp to match the rest of the building.

Membership: Rev. Cathy made the comment, "Your community is more than who you see on Sunday." Remember the people who come to the other services, who can't come to any service, and who are not members but support our functions. They are all part of our community."

Altar: Nothing new to report.

Fellowship:

- We will be canceling the Bingo scheduled for Sunday, June 22nd, due to lack of interest by people who prefer Friday nights. It will be rescheduled to a later date.
- The Blood drive went well after issues regarding stairs was corrected. We would like to host another drive on either November 15th or 29th. We have been told we will have a blood mobile on either of these days, however, we need at least 55 people to sign up.

Christian Education:

- The Church school would like to make Heifer International an annual benevolence. We can split the amount of the benevolence for OGHS between Heifer and OGHS unless the monies sent in are designated.
- Church school will be closed for the months of July and August. We will reopen on September 7th.

Calendar: Abby will update the calendar with the luncheon information.

Ushering: In Progress.

Music: Everyone enjoyed the auto harps and guitar played in church Sunday. Choir will meet on June 26th for the last time this summer and will resume on August 28th.

Spiritual: Rev. Cathy shared how exciting it is to have a prayer chain and how well it is working.

Pastor's Report:

- Rev. Cathy handed out a packet of paper regarding the Interfaith Hospitality Network. This should answer some of the questions about what it is to be a host congregation. Rev. Cathy has also contacted other churches to help with volunteer hours. Please read the information so we can discuss it in detail at the July meeting.
- After much discussion, the council decided to go to one service at 10 a.m. for the summer. It wasn't an easy decision but we don't have enough people coming in the summer to support 2 services. We will meet on September 7 after the 10 a.m. service and vote whether to continue at 1 service or return to 2 services.
- Rev. Cathy has talked to the Church Secretary Abby about increasing her hours. She will work Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- We will begin hosting services in the sanctuary for "The City Uprising" from June 27th thru the 30th. On June 27th there will be a meet and greet in the hall from 5 to 7 followed by the service at 7. On June 28th, the City Uprising will be cleaning up a few blocks between Highland Ave. and Pratt St. from the hours of 9 to 12, with a pot luck lunch after. Everyone will again come to the church at 7 p.m. each night.
- Rev. Cathy will take vacation from June 30th thru July 7th.
- We will do a Lay Service on July 20th due to Rev. Cathy being away with the youth.

Old Business: A W9 form was sent to AT&T. We should be hearing from them at any time as to when they will install their equipment.

New Business:

- Carol Youwer has requested that we collect old towels, blankets, and pet food for area shelters. We will make August Pet Awareness month as part of our 140 good deeds.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer: There being no further topics for discussion Calvin made a motion to adjourn at 9:02 p.m. which was seconded by Pam. All voted in favor. The meeting was ended with the recital of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

Diane L. Borkman

(Recording Secretary)