

THE UNITED EVANGELICAL CHURCH OF BALTIMORE, MARYLAND
Church Council Meeting
October 12, 2010

President Clarence Rowell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Diane Borkman, Cissy Funk, Nancy Parker Gray, Calvin Gundlach, Harvey Jacob, Ursula Jacob, Carolyn Noteware, Rev. Cathy Oatman, Clarence Rowell, Pam Sartori and Alfie Schrodt

Devotion: Cissy Funk

Minutes: The minutes from the September 14, 2010 meeting were approved with one minor addition being made. In the Pastor's Report under Young Family Ministries it will now read Roller skating lessons will begin for young people age's five to eight on Thursday's from 3 to 5 p.m. Guitar lessons will also begin on Thursday's from 3 to 5 p.m. Harvey made a motion to accept the minutes which was seconded by Pam. All voted in favor.

Correspondence: The PACT Report was given. Through August 31, 2010 they have a bank balance of \$2,954.94.

Financial Report: Harvey stated that through September 30, 2010 we are \$ 2,921.83 expenses over total revenue. During the month of September we spent heavily. Harvey is keeping a total of the money coming in for the air conditioning fund. It was decided not to create a separate bank account for this. Cal made a motion to accept the Financial report which was seconded by Diane. All voted in favor.

Discussion – Cathy Fifield's e-mail of items for Council consideration:

- (1.) Cathy Fifield brought up that the Christmas wreaths and garland needs replacing. Nancy and others on the council will look into this.
- (2.) We have a chance to put a new Christmas tree in the church given by Bob Osburne's family. The council will check this out.
- (3.) Cathy Fifield will find a women's shelter in the area where we can donate supplies. This will probably be done in the summer.
- (4.) Cathy Fifield wants to move the altar linen cabinet from the second floor of the Sanctuary to the first floor. The council will look into this.
- (5.) Cathy Fifield is asking us to become more closely associated with the Chesapeake Association and she will be the youth organizer for the Chesapeake Association. Rev. Cathy will volunteer to fill a Church Council & Ministry position becoming open April-May, 2010.

Church Committee Activity:

Property:

- (1.) We are hoping that the refrigerator in the kitchen will hold out until the Oktoberfest is over. Harvey will find out the dealer we purchased it from and will check out the warranty.
- (2.) Harvey has been talking to John Price about our air conditioning system. We may look into a split system and one that has a lack of noise. Harvey will then report back to Horton Contracting who will be doing the work.
- (3.) Concerning the financing of the air conditioning system William Single III is against a mortgage or a loan with The Cornerstone Foundation concerning our building. Our \$106,000 CD matures on 2/4/11 with Hamilton Federal. It was decided to take money out of the CD to finance this.
- (4.) Carl Price is getting the two PACT doors fixed. The handles need fixing. PACT will go in half. It will cost \$519.00 to fix both. A motion was made by Harvey to approve this amount which was seconded by Nancy. All voted in favor.
- (5.) Carl Price fixed the front Sunday School building door.
- (6.) We thanked Nancy for getting the new cabinet put in the narthex.
- (7.) Harvey had Warren Ehret Company in to look at the roof leakage problems. They know the problem areas. Harvey will pursue this with them.
- (8.) Rev. Cathy brought up about purchasing new energy bulbs. Harvey will look into this.
- (9.) Weather stripping around many of the doors needs replacing.
- (10.) The door going from The Sunday School to the back alley needs replacing.
- (11.) Rev. Cathy found someone to repair the finish on the front doors of the church. After the work is done, the doors will need to be treated with linseed oil numerous times. We will need several volunteers for this work. Rev. Cathy and the council will look into this.
- (12.) Harvey said that we need a Property Chairman on the council. Rev. Cathy will ask Carl Price.
- (13.) Alfie brought up that the ladies room downstairs needs work done. This is both a property and janitor problem. Rev. Cathy will tell Dale Sanders about this and he will walk our janitor Paul Polasky through this.
- (14.) Rob Gundlach greatly appreciates all of the work Gary Jacob is doing for him and the church.

Membership: Rev. Cathy brought up that The UCC wants you to bring a friend to Church between November 5 – 7, 2010. The council agreed for our church to do the same.

Fellowship:

- (1.) Pam and Ursula reported that the Kitchen Committee meeting was not too successful.
- (2.) Cissy stated that everything is under control for the Oktoberfest. Abe Price is doing the food.
- (3.) The kitchen will be cleaned thoroughly before the Oktoberfest.

Christian Education: The Church School will do a “new” program on Tinsel Day.

Calendar: Carol (Church Secretary) printed and distributed an updated calendar for everyone.

Ushering: All is fine.

Music: There will be a Choir Show on May 22, 2011.

Spiritual : Nothing to report.

Pastor's Report:

- (1.) Stewardship movement – is moving along nicely.
- (2.) Narrative Budget Statistics – Rev. Cathy and Barbara Matthew made pie charts that reflect where the church's funds are used. The graphs are easy to follow and show all the different ways we use our church funds.
- (3.) Everyone involved with the roller skating program was excited about the good start.
- (4.) The Veteran's Retreat is scheduled for the last week in October. Rev. Cathy will attend Wednesday 10/27 and Saturday 10/30.
- (5.) First United UCC is looking for a Supper Club sponsor the first Wednesday of the month. Sponsor would need only to cook the meal.
- (6.) The Organ recital/dedication of the new module will be November 28th. We will have a luncheon following the service and Rob Gundlach will play the organ demonstrating the new sound.
- (7.) There will be no Confirmation this year.
- (8.) The Thanksgiving Eve Ecumenical Worship Service will be Wednesday, November 24th at 7 p.m. at Our Lady of Pompei.
- (9.) The council approved the pastor's vacation in February for her trip to Florida.
- (10.) The pastor had five visits and three consults.

Old Business: Nancy stated that the college she has been trying to work with is not able to help us develop the Sunday School building. Rev. Cathy will look into having a day care center in the Sunday School.

New Business: We need a slate of Council Members for the Congregational Meeting. Cal and Harvey have served six straight years and may leave to leave, after serving so long. Ursula has decided to leave after her term and we need a replacement for John Sauer. We will also have to find out if Dale Sanders will serve again.

Adjournment/Closing Prayer: There being no further topics for discussion Clarence made a motion to adjourn which was seconded by Nancy. All voted in Favor. The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m. after reciting The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,
Calvin R. Gundlach
(Recording Secretary)