

In August, concerns over 1) liability issues for the church, 2) supervision of outside groups, 3) compensation from outside groups, and 4) cleanliness were brought to council by members of the congregation. Currently there are two separate groups meeting in the church which are generating concern: Casa de Restauración Foursquare Gospel Church, and Narcotics Anonymous (NA). Each concern is addressed separately below for each group.

### **Narcotics Anonymous**

1) In 2000, the church began to house NA meetings. At that time each group signed an indemnification agreement which holds the church harmless from any accident or injury incurred on church property. In addition to this, according to our insurance courier, the fact that this group is separate and distinguishable from United, creates a level of protection against liability arising from the group's operations. **Action to be taken:** The signed indemnification agreement will be reviewed by legal council to ensure the church's protection.

2) At the August meeting, a suggestion was made to require outside groups to provide a security guard to supervise, and protect our interests. In the four plus years of being housed at United, there have been relatively few incidences of a security nature involving the members of NA. There have been a few wanders, and occasionally a door has been left unlocked. We have not been able to determine whether any thief can be contributed to this group. Considering that the expense of a security guard may be cost prohibitive to NA, it was felt by council that this suggestion is not the best solution to concerns. **Action to be taken:** The leaders of each group will be reminded of their responsibilities of locking up and securing the building. The church secretary will be asked to check doors before she leaves for the day.

3) Compensation from NA was determined by the amount they had established at their previous meeting place. The Building Use Committee did an estimated break down of cost of gas, electricity, and janitor hours. It is estimated that about \$130 is needed to house all NA meetings. The rent they pay covers this cost.

4) Issues of cleanliness have been an on going issue with NA. **Action to be taken:** The leaders of each group will be reminded of their responsibilities of leaving the building as they found it, including cleaning up cigarette butts outside the church.

### **Casa de Restauración**

1) Casa signed an indemnification agreement similar to the one used with NA. **Action to be taken:** The signed indemnification agreement will be reviewed by legal council to ensure the church's protection.

2) Again, considering that the expense of a security guard may be cost prohibitive, and such a requirement would cause the group to go elsewhere, it was felt by council that this suggestion is not the best solution to concerns. **Action to be taken:** Close monitoring of grounds over next several months to assess if there is a legitimate need for additional security measures.

3) Compensation from Casa was determined by the amount they had established at their previous meeting place. Casa has agreed to purchase a case of the paper products that are used by the church to cover their use. Monitoring of increased electrical cost is on going to ensure that current compensation is covering costs. **Action to be taken:** Continued monitoring of gas and electric bills in order to adjust compensation if needed.

4) At this time there have been no concerns with Casa over issues of cleanliness.