

December 5, 1989

The regular monthly meeting of the church council of the United Evangelical UCC was held on Tuesday, December 5, 1989 at 7:30 pm, president, Mr William Uebelker, presiding. All current and newly elected members of the council were present with the exceptions of Art Jones, Jim Tallagsen, and Fred Long.

The minutes and financial reports were approved as read.

#### Finance

The Young Womens Guild made a donation to the church of \$1000.

The Sewing Group made a donation of \$200.

Donations from other groups will be coming in soon, probably before the end of the year.

The new Certificate of Deposit is at American National. The checking account has been brought up to \$10,000.

#### Property

The people who came to check the heating system found a short in the boiler's electrical system. This has been connected and should solve the problem.

There is a short in the dimmer switch. Mr Carrigan said he will take it out on Saturday and try to fix it.

St. Paul's church has offered us some dishes. They are the same pattern as ours. A motion was made that we accept the dishes and pay St. Paul's a nominal amount for the dishes; this amount being \$2.00 a place setting not to exceed \$200. (Fader/F. Gundlach) The motion carried unanimously.

The back steps need to be cleaned. The red doors also look bad--they need a kick plate at the bottom. Mr. Jacobs will look into the doors. Mrs. Fader also suggested that we put some sort of reflective tape at the top of the East Avenue steps.

#### Membership

Margaret Myrick is working on a summary of the history of the church. Mr. Jacobs wants to stress new members. The council feels that the Pastor should address the need for new members from the pulpit. We also need more youth participation in the church.

#### Alter

Poinsettias - The ones that are not picked up will be delivered on the Tuesday immediately following Christmas.

#### Fellowship

Tinsel Sunday - Mrs. Fader has arranged a craft for the adults after the supper. The menu for Tinsel Day will be: Fresh Ham, mashed potatoes, peas, and sauerkraut. Mr. Long will bring a slicer in for the meat.

#### Old Business

A motion was made to make a contribution of \$200 to St. Bridget's for the use of their parking lot as a token of appreciation.

(Parker/Long) The motion passed unanimously. Millie will send a letter of appreciation along with the check.

We will also send a letter of appreciation to John Strong for all the work he does on Sunday mornings.

Church Security--why are we paying someone to open and shut the building when he rarely shows up to do it. It seems that there is

always someone available who could do this without it being a paid position. Mr. Voelker will look into this.

We will send a fruit basket to Paul Bauersfeld.

### Ushering

We will need people on Christmas Eve. Try to be at as many services as you can.

The Pastor will offer communion to all wishing to take it immediately following the 9:00 am service for anyone who can not return on Christmas Eve evening.

### New Business

Motions by council members at the congregational meeting should be discussed at the council meeting first. This way we can tell the congregation that we have discussed the issue and what our feelings as a council are, along with any dissention on the council.

There was much discussion on the beer issue--we will discuss this more at the January meeting.

### Pastor's Report

20 Pastoral Calls:           6 Hospital  
                                  12 Home  
                                  2 Funeral

1 Youth Service - it went very well - the youth planned the whole service.

1 Youth Lock In - held in cooperation with the Patterson Park Baptist Church. The theme of the evening was "Making Choices"

We have been having a children's sermon when the children's choir sings. This has been well recieved.

It was suggested that the youth group sponsor a supper. It will be discussed.

Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets - Our church, in cooperation with other churches and local organizations will be organizing a central cleaning house for all requests for food. Hopefully this will eliminate duplication. The file will be kept at the Urban Services center. They will send all requests to Canton Baptist.

### Elections

#### Nominations:

President - Clarence Rowell	(Parker/Jacobs)
Vice President - Harvey Jacobs	(S. Rowell/Parker)
Rec. Secretary - Susan Rowell	(F. Gundlach/Parker)
Fin. Secretary - Calvin Gundlach	(S. Rowell/Parker)
Treasurer - Lou Parker	(C. Gundlach/S. Rowell)

All officers were elected unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00.