

**UNITED EVALGELICAL UNITED
CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
November 9, 1999**

The regular meeting of the Church Council of the United Evangelical Church was held on Tuesday, November 9, 1999.

Those present were: Olga deBloom; Cal Gundlach; Baptist Hoffman; Stan Huber; Harvey Jacob; George Nassner; John Price; Clarence Rowell; Kass Young; Anita Williar and Pastor Baker.

Meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m.

Meeting was opened with a prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Minutes were read and approved as corrected. Church is in the whole by \$25,000; hopefully, December may be a good month. The projection for 1999 is \$16,000 - \$17,000 down.

The amount of \$1,000 was left in the will of Augusta Davis.

Olga questioned expenditure for April - \$3,860.20. Harvey answered – expenditure came from Church. Olga stated Ladies Aid should have been responsible for expenditure (Sour Beef dinner).

George Nassner brought up getting money counted for Church intake. System now in place is not working. Darlene is only one counting money. Harvey suggested more than one person being responsible for this activity.

Harvey suggested George as President of Council, get up and ask for volunteers to help with the money counting.

Clarence stated he feels one person should not count the money. One person shouldn't take the responsibility for counting money.

Olga motioned going back to counting between services on Sunday – from Sunday before and early service. Baptist seconded – 6 in favor – motion carried.

Stan wanted to know if we could get people to stay after second service.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Church received another letter from Pastor Joellenbeck thanking us for the gift and plaque.

Zion Church has an open house on November 20, 1999.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Property:

John has been in touched with Four Seasons. By Friday (November 12, 1999) air conditioner in the parsonage should be completely installed.

Problems with the computers. Windows program is not working. Some type of glitch. John wants to use Word97 and to stay with it. Kass stated she is having a real problem. John wants the computers to be turned off every day.

John did not agree with what Pastor Baker stated in reference to day-to-day operations. John Price stated that it has always been his understanding that the Pastor was responsible for the religious aspects of our Church only, and not the running of the Church. Council should be called and questioned. Pastor Baker feels that she is the leader of the Church and certain decisions should be made by herself. John feels that Council members should make decisions. Decision-making is the responsibility of the Council not only by the Pastor. John requested that this discussion be made part of the minutes.

Membership:

Cal brought up doing some sort of survey as to why members haven't been coming to Church lately. What's the problem? Whatever the problem may be – it should be looked into.

Alter:

Poinsettias have been ordered for Christmas. Olga wanted to know if she should order two dozen of roses for November 21, 1999.

Fellowship:

Congregational meeting – donuts. Tinsel Sunday – who should be in charged? Olga will handle.

Spiritual:

Pastor Joellenbeck will be speaking on Sunday, November 14, 1999 on Pastor Armstrong's status. Rick Nyborg will be giving the Sermon. Pastor Joellenbeck will be giving the gospel.

Music:

O.K.

Calendar:

Congregational Meeting	November 28, 1999
Thanksgiving Service	November 25, 1999 @ 10:00 a.m.
Installation of Officers	December 12, 1999
Tinsel Sunday	December 12, 1999
Christmas Eve Service	December 24, 1999 @ 7:30 & 11:00 p.m.
Interfaith Music Festival	December 5, 1999

There will be one service on December 26, 1999 at 10:00 a.m.

Ushering:

O.K. Nobody does communicate with each other. Olga stated something needs to be done. Clarence stated there was no problem.

Christian Education:

No report.

Pastoral Search:

Working on survey form. Hope to have it done before Congregational meeting. John Price wanted to know if his letter could go out with Harvey's letter.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Harvey reported: 2000 budget – Presenting to congregation a budget higher on expense side – not income side. This will be first time. In 1999 budget for Church was \$158,000 – for year 2000 budget - \$150,000-\$160,000 projection.

Church may need to “dip” into savings account – no other way around it. No money being put into secretary’s health insurance – since secretaries are part time employment. Two part time secretaries compared to one full time secretary.

Pastor’s salary is fixed item. 3% cost of living increase for secretaries, organist, add one item – “computer expense”.

Clarence moved to accept budget – Olga seconded.

Those Council members up for re-election are Cal Gundlack, Harvey Jacob, George Nassner, Olga deBloom, John Price and Stanley Huber.

Rick Nyborg is willing to run. George wants to recruit more people. New members need to be a member of the Church for at least one year before eligible for running.

Kass Young is to put collection of can goods into bulletin. All can goods will go to Food Bank.

PASTOR’S REPORT:

See attached report.

Pastor Baker suggested having a leaders retreat. Wants everyone to think about it. January or after, either all day on Saturday or on Sunday until at least 6:00 p.m. This retreat should be away from the Church surroundings. Suggested a nice funeral home where she has previously had a retreat with her past Church.

Clarence suggested members of Church organizations not only Council members should attend this retreat. George thought it would be great after first of year. Everybody thinks it’s great idea. Where it should be held – need ideas, feedback’s.

CandleLight – SEARCH – is focusing on feeding the hungry. Qualifications will be reviewed for those who apply. Those who are eligible will be given a voucher to get food at Food Pantry on Toone Street.

Rebecca and Chris Dorf will be joining the Church.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Closed with saying of Lord’s Prayer.

