

**United Evangelical Church  
Council Meeting  
January 15, 2008**

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:05 p.m.

Devotion: Harvey Jacob and Reverend Cathy

Attendance: Bob Osburne, Barbara Matthew, Dale Sanders, Clarence Rowell, Harvey and Ursula Jacob, Olga DeBloom and Rev. Cathy.

Olga made a motion to accept the December 11, 2007 council minutes, seconded by Barbara, all in favor.

Correspondence: We received thank you notes from George Swift and Paul Polasky, which were read.

Financial Report: We received \$26406 in revenue for the month of December. Our expenses totaled \$20463. We show a deficit of \$17227 for last year. \$2045 was spent on the school building. Our CEG stock showed a gain of \$8000 for the year though is currently dropping in value. One of our CD's is maturing January 21st. Depending on interest rate, we may move it to another financial institution.

At the present our council consists of only nine members. At the Annual Congregational Meeting Harvey will ask for other church members to step forward to serve on the council.

The Audit Committee will meet at 6 p.m. on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the church to audit the church financial records.

We discussed our visions for 2008 for our church. We would like to start "Adopt a Project," This is listing of projects and projected costs which could be sponsored by our church members for the following: LED sign, a new ice machine, work on clock and bells, have the large front window refurbished, have broken and cracked windows replaced, new carpeting, install a chair lift, repair roof, install sound system and screen in the sanctuary, purchase new pew hymnals and other upgrades needed around the church

We are still negotiating with Sokol (gymnastics) regarding the rental of the gym. We would have to ready the gym for them. Some of the projects that we may have to do is replacing windows and the air conditioning units. We would meet with Sokol to discuss their needs.

Holy Joe's Café: This is a program run under the auspices of chaplains which provides coffee in a leisurely setting for our troops serving in Iraq. Olga de Bloom made a motion which was seconded by Barbara Mathew to financially support this project after the end of the Heiffer project. All in favor.

Our church bought an engraved brick for O'Donnell Square at a cost of \$60.

Property: We discussed installing donor plaques on the window sills of the ten restored stained glass windows. A decision on what type of plaque we want will be discussed further at the February meeting. Harvey is waiting on two more proposals for the restoration of the large front window.

Harvey suggested we try to find a handyman who lives in the neighborhood to work on an as needed basis.

Membership: A suggestion was made to review our membership list and publish an updated membership directory.

Music: Various hymnals are being reviewed to replace the hymnals currently in use.

Visioning: There are 40 members now involved with the Visioning Study Group.

Parish Relations Committee: Bob Osborne volunteered to serve on the committee.

Pastor's Report: The Youth Group is planning a trip to the University of Tennessee in the Summer. Rev. Cathy would like to attend for four days. She would like to add the following to the Adopt a Project list: a flat screen monitor for the computer in the office and a work space counter for the office. The Lenten series will center on aspects of prayer. This year we will have soup and bread each Wednesday before the service.

New Business: Harvey mentioned that Sprint may not be paying us enough money for their site's electrical usage.

Dale made a motion which was seconded by Clarence to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m. after reciting The Lord's Prayer.