

**United Evangelical Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
of Meeting Held December 11, 2001

Attendance: Olga deBloom, Calvin Gundlach, Harvey Jacob, Ursula Jacob, George Nassner, Kris Orendorff, Robert Osburne, Clarence Rowell, Darlene Waters, Samuel Jones, Jr., John Price, John Williams and Deacon Hoffman

Committee Reports:

Financial Report: Calvin announced that due to the success of the Sour Beef Dinner and the Holiday Season, the church has reduced its deficit from \$ 27,000 to \$ 5,500. Also, Sprint will start making full payments this month. Harvey stated that we should be back in the black very soon. PACT's payment is \$ 100 per month. Darlene suggested that the previous months' financials of the church be posted once a month in the bulletin.

Correspondence: Bob and Olga delivered the non-perishable food cans to the Canton Baptist Church. Council decided that the church would have a non-perishable food drive every communion Sunday. The church received a thank you letter from Pastor Baker for her send off party. A thank you letter was also received from Ursula for the prayers and concerns for the recent passing of her mother. It was suggested that Art (from the UCC) be a guest speaker during one of the Lent Services.

Property Reports: John Price stated that Sprint is currently installing the electric.

Membership: Deacon Max stated that there have been several inquiries made by individuals about becoming members.

Altar: Olga stated that she would need help for the Christmas Eve Service to set communion. Bob volunteered to help. The poinsettas will arrive on 12/19 and Olga and Darlene will arrange them.

Fellowship: Olga said the church profited around \$ 100 from Tinsel Sunday.

Spiritual: The Adult Bible Study is currently studying the Book of Exodus.

Music: Nothing to report.

Calendar: No changes. Council decided that George will be lay leader for the December 23<sup>rd</sup> Service.

Ushering: George stated everything is "OK" at the 8 a.m. service. Clarence stated he and John Williams would continue to manage the 10:30 a.m. service.

Christian Education: Nothing to report.

Pastoral Search: George Nassner gave the Council an update of the pastoral search. Pastor Hunt apparently would like to make some significant changes to the church. This really concerned the pastoral search committee. There is a female candidate who just graduated from Seminary and the committee will try to set up an interview. They will continue to qualify the other profiles on hold.

Pastor's Report: No written report. The format of the bulletins will go back to normal effective in January. Deacon Hoffman continues to manage hospital and communion calls.

Old Business: Harvey will follow up with Light Street Presbyterian for a refund of Pastor Baker's health and pension plans.

New Business: Bob stated that he and Art were interested in a Spring Carry-out Sour Beef sale that would take place on February 7<sup>th</sup>. Bob stated that the Pastor's desk must be refinished or replaced. He will look into prices. It was decided that due to a local church on Ponca St. closing its doors, an AA and Alanon group would rent space from UEC on Friday mornings. Bob opposed. Deacon Max will look into inviting guest pastors to preach during Lenten Services. Ed Myers was curious if he could have the coin counter. Council decided that he could borrow it by signing it out, but that he must return. Council voted for George to continue to be President. Clarence will continue to be Vice President. Sam was elected to be the Treasurer. Calvin will continue to be Financial Secretary and Kris will continue to be Secretary. Bob will be fellowship committee person. Cass has decided she will retire from Church secretary effective 2002. Starting in January, Darlene will work from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Darlene will report to the Pastor and Council President. George requested that the Council get organized by writing down problems and presenting solutions. George stated that many of the problems in the past have been due to lack of communication. He said we must be more structured and functional. Art will fill the Soda machine and Darlene will count the money.

Adjournment: Adjourned at 9:35 with the Lord's Prayer.