

**United Evangelical Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
of Meeting Held November 12, 2002

Attendance: Calvin Gundlach, Harvey Jacob, Ursula Jacob, George Nassner, Cass Young, Bill Meyers, Kris Orendorff, Bob Osburne, Clarence Rowell, Darlene Waters, Samuel Jones, Jr., John Williams and Pastor Oatman

**Committee Reports:**

Financial Report: Calvin announced that the church is doing well. Currently, the church has a surplus of \$ 22,000. Overall, the church has a surplus of roughly \$ 160,000 which includes the Hopkins account and CD. Clarence stated that one of the reasons why the church is in this position is because Sprint pays \$ 1,200/month and the church has received a significant amount of money from insurance (due to water damage in basement). Both fall into the general fund on the finance spreadsheet. Harvey presented the budget for the year of 2003. Darlene made a motion that only \$ 600 should go to the UCC Chesapeake office and the balance should go to the community. Bob made a second motion. Seven council members favored the proposed budget and thus, it was passed. Now, it would be presented to the congregation. Harvey and George discussed the Moving into the Future Fund and the importance of recruiting to increase church membership. The fund could be used for purchasing video and sound equipment for current services and potentially a contemporary service. Harvey made a motion to commit and pursue the idea. Darlene stated that the church should research and understand the true cost. Bob made a second motion to support the Moving into the Future Fund and all favored.

Correspondence: The church received a thank you card from the Clifton Dickerson Family.

Property Reports: Bill Meyers stated the motors in the heaters are going bad and decided he will research the true cost of fixing or replacing them. Bill also stated that he had concerns for the lead paint in the school building. He proposed that the church paint and encase the lead paint and offered to organize this event. It was decided that Bill would request a report from our lawyer detailing the activity with the renovations of the home next to the school building. He stated that he would also discuss our concerns regarding the renovations and attempt to understand the church's options.

Membership: Cass is organizing a special service on 12/1 for the shut-in members. Currently, there are 16 members who have committed to attend.

Altar: Ursula and committee will be sampling artificial candles (dripless) and will make a decision based on the trial period. The committee has arranged for members to purchase altar flowers for \$25 and will display flowers during the service and after the service a member can take them home.

Fellowship: Bob requested help cleaning up after the pot luck dinner for new members. He also is hoping for help preparing and cleaning up after Tinsel Sunday on the 8<sup>th</sup>.

Spiritual: Looking for a mission.

Music: Rob and choir are deciding on the design of the new choir robes. They should have a final decision within 4 weeks.

Calendar: Council decided that the A.A. and N.A. organizations must relocate on 12/24 due to Christmas Eve Services.

Ushering: John Williams indicated that the new arrangement of the bulletin with the announcements is very bulky. Several members have complained to him. George proposed that the announcements should be the same size as bulletin but on colored paper. All approved. Pastor Oatman suggested that she would like to arrange a meeting for all ushers and discuss duties and any concerns.

Christian Education: Clarence stated they are focusing on Christmas.

Pastor's Report: See Pastor's report. Council approved the proposed conditions of employment for the description for secretary of the church.

Old Business:

New Business: Darlene suggested that the church remove the pastoral search from the web-site. All agreed. Pastor recognized Cass and Darlene for their commitment and service to the church and is going to arrange an event in their honor. It was presented that there should only be one service on 12/29/02. Darlene made a motion, Bob seconded the motion and all favored. Pastor proposed the service on the 29<sup>th</sup> should be at 10:00 a.m. and all favored. George mentioned that the video camera disappeared from the church between November 8<sup>th</sup> and November 10<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that if it was not found or returned, a police report would be filed and hopefully the church insurance would cover the cost. Council decided to approve the purchase of a new vacuum cleaner for Art Jones.

Adjournment: Darlene made a motion to adjourn and all favored. The time was 10:20 p.m.