

United Evangelical Church
Congregational Meeting Minutes
for November 24, 2002

Meeting was called to order - George Nassner (Council President)

Prayer - Pastor Cathy.

There were 53 members who attended this meeting.

Last meeting minutes were approved.

Financial Report - Harvey stated the church had a very good year financially. However, there were several factors that contributed to the \$ 8,700 in income - Sprint's payment of \$ 1,200 per month, Pastor Baker's insurance rebate of \$ 2,200 and the insurance payments of \$ 8,300 for the water damage to the basement. The church was able to save a significant amount of money due to Pastor Cathy living in the parsonage. Harvey proposed the 2003 budget. The budget has a deficit, but the Financial Committee and Council believe it is a must because of the need for growth. Much of the funds and expenses are in the "Moving into the Future" fund, which should contribute to the growth of the church. Harvey stated, "We will recover. We've done it in the past and we will in future!" The Congregation will decide on budget on the 26th of January in 2003.

George discussed the "Moving into Future" fund. He indicated that United Evangelical was at a critical stage. The church must plan to grow into the future. Year over year membership has declined. Much of the fund will be used for upgraded technology in the sanctuary and for future growth.

New Business - There are six council members whose terms had expired. They were Bob Osburne, Clarence Rowell, Darlene Waters, John Williams, Cass Young and Kris Orendorff. There was one candidate, Julie Hovermill, running for Council. The congregation voted and the results are as follows:

Cass Young - 46 votes

John Williams - 46 votes

Darlene Waters - 39

Clarence Rowell - 47

Bob Osburne - 44

Julie Hovermill - 27

Kris Orendorff - 48

The Council will elect new officers on 12/10/02. The elected Council Members will be installed on 12/15/02.

Pastor's Comments - Pastor thanked the Congregation for all of their help and support. She explained how fortunate she feels to be Pastor of the church and is looking forward to an exciting future. Special thanks went to Cass and Darlene. Pastor Cathy encouraged the congregation to support the business of the church. The church will be hiring a full-time Secretary due to the resignation of Cass Young effective 12/31/02.

Comments from Membership - Darlene announced that the church will be celebrating its 130th Birthday in 2003! It was decided that Darlene and Cass would handle the celebration arrangements! The church will be researching the process and cost of making the church more handicap accessible. Especially from the 1st floor to the basement. Cass made a motion to continue to research the cost and Clarence made a second motion and all favored.

Closing Prayer - The Lord's Prayer.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m.