

United Evangelical Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
December 2, 2003

**Attendance:** Calvin Gundlach, Harvey Jacob, Sam Jones, Julie Hovermill, Clarence Rowell, Nancy Spirko, Ursula Jacob, Shirley Willingham, Rev. Cathy, Rose Marie Jefferson, Bob Osburne, and Bill Meyers

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Clarence Rowell. Clarence led council in a time of devotion and prayer.

New council members were welcomed.

November minutes were accepted as submitted.

**Committee Reports:**

**Financial Report:** Calvin reported that for the year the church's expenses have exceeded receipts by \$6900. Some of this was due to the payment of our bi-annual commitment toward benevolences, insurance payments and work done on Sunday School building. He sees no need for concern at this time as December's receipts usually exceed costs in December.

**Correspondence:** Clarence suggested that an Article in the UCC News entitled "*Who do they say that we are?*" be distributed to the congregation at the January Congregation Meeting as a way to help us better understand our identity as a denomination.

The council received a letter confirming that Pat Kelly will preach at both services on Sunday, January 11, 2004.

**Property:** Bill reported that the pews have been moved and the new carpet installed.

**Membership:** No report.

**Altar:** The altar committee met in November. The congregation enjoys having live flowers, and so a flower chart for the entire year has been made to increase the opportunities for those who want to provide flowers for the altar. An announcement will be put in the announcement page.

**Fellowship:** Bob has received some input about substituting red cabbage for cole slaw at next year's Sour Beef Dinner and he continues to welcome and weigh the congregation's input. Currently the committee is preparing for Tinsel Sunday dinner. There is a limit of 164 tickets for Tinsel Sunday due to space in friendship hall.

Spiritual: The first Saturday service went very smoothly. We had one visitor. Some things will be changed to help with the worship flow. Work continues on a pamphlet to be given to people upon entering worship.

Music: No report.

Calendar: Please see 2003 Church Events. No additions.

Ushering: No report.

Christian Education: Continue to work on pageant for Tinsel Sunday and prepare for crafts with children. No December meeting planned, next meeting will be in January.

Pastor's Report: Pastor gave an update on the "Praying Our Goodbyes" sessions. Four people are involved with this. The change in the delivering of the offering was discussed and seems to be going well. Need for continued marketing of the church and new service was discussed. For the new service and Christmas we are currently advertising in the Guide. Pastor had business cards made for the church which will be used to advertise in the Canton Community Association newsletter. Also members of council received them and encouraged to use them to invite people to worship with us. These will be made available to all members of the church. Pastor believes that direct mailing is cost prohibitive. We are looking into costs for a new vinyl sign with attachments for the differing events of the church.

Old Business: Bill Meyers gave a presentation of the assessment of the Sunday School building that was received from the engineering firm. It was agreed to present to the congregation at the January meeting the list of suggested items to be addressed at this time which carries an approximate price tag of \$225,000. The engineer will be at the meeting to address any questions of the congregation. Congregational approval will be sought for the go ahead on the work.

New Business: Election of council officers was tabled until January when more members would be present. New council members will be installed Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup> at the 10:30 service.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximate 8:45pm and closed with the Lord's Prayer.