

United Evangelical Church  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Of Meeting Held January 14, 2004

Attendance: Calvin Gundlach, Julie Hovermill, Harvey Jacob, Ursula Jacob, Elaine Kimos, Rose Marie Jefferson, Bill Myers, Bob Osburne, Clarence Rowell, Nancy Spirko, Darlene Waters, Shirley Willingham, Cass Young and Pastor Oatman.

Calvin and Harvey attended the meeting because they are still taking care of our finances until we find a replacement for them.

Ursula read a spiritual message and said a prayer to open the meeting.

Minutes were read and accepted.

**Committee Reports:**

**Financial Report:** Harvey reported that 2003 was a good financial year for us. We ended the year \$11,884.76 in the black. We received a \$15,000.00 memorial in December. We are starting 2004 with a clean slate. Our \$100,000.00 C.D. will need to be renewed in July of this year.

**Correspondence:** We received a letter from the Baltimore Police Department, Department of Neighborhood Services. Because of the robberies in two of the churches in the neighborhood, they would like to come inspect our buildings for safety precautions. Bill will call and make an appointment to let them inspect our buildings.

**Property:** Bill reported that our school building repairs would cost us around \$400,000.00. This matter will be brought up at our Congregation Meeting, February 1<sup>st</sup>. A motion was made pending Congregation approval, recommending Gardener General Contracting Company, who did the inspection of our school building, to continue to oversee the repair work that needs to be done. All Council Members were in agreement. We had some vandalism to our front steps of the church. The school children waiting for the bus took crayon and wrote all over the steps. This was reported to their school. Bill cleaned the steps.

**Membership:** Our last meeting was held in December. The December 7<sup>th</sup>, Ye Old Time Christmas Service was cancelled because of the weather. The New Year's Eve Event was poorly attended, but those who were there, said they had a good time.

**Altar:** New Calendar has been placed in Narthex for 2004 to sign up for altar flowers for the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the each month.

**Fellowship:** Robert reported that because of the weather Tinsel Sunday had poor attendance. Robert was concerned what to do with food that is left over when we have church affairs. Council agreed to let him use his discretion. Donuts and coffee will be served at Congregation Meeting, February 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Spiritual:** No meeting was held in December. Rose Marie Jefferson agreed to be our liaison for the Spiritual Committee.

**Calendar:** See 2004 Church Events.

**Music:** O.K.

**Ushering:** Pastor made a request for the 8:00 a.m. ushers to place an envelope in the plates before bringing to altar. Julia Hoovermill volunteered to be head usher at 10:30 a.m. service. Cass and Clarence volunteered also. Julia will ask Congregation for their help taking turns ushering.

**Christian Education:** No report.

**Pastor' Report:** See Pastor's agenda. Pastor gave a brief report on what she has been teaching the confirmand since October. Her topic for the Lent Series is Journey to Jerusalem. She has chosen to preach on different disciples in the bible who were followers of Jesus. She reported she met with the Pastoral Relation Committee on December 16, 2003. They decided she would talk to Robert Gundlach and see his feeling on continuing playing for our Saturday Night Service. The Committee would like to have an alternative for Thanksgiving Service. It was suggested by the Committee to have one service for Tinsel Sunday. Pastor has decided not to write birthday cards this year. She stated it was too time consuming. Pastor would like a review of her job performance for the year. She would like to have an extra day off once a month. She is satisfied with her present salary. Future direction of the church is to fix building and to see how we can use our building in the future. Pastor would like to have a report on the Boy's Scouts. Cass said she would look into this and report back to Council. Endeavor dead line is January 16<sup>th</sup>. Endeavor goes out every two months. Pastor requested vacation from April 12<sup>th</sup>. Through April 19<sup>th</sup>. Council approved. Pastor reported she made nine shut-in visits; two hospital visits and did one funeral in December.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** Clarence Rowell agreed to be President of the Council for 2004. Ursula Jacob agreed to be Vice President. Other officers of the Council have not been chosen. Ursula volunteered to be chairperson of the Altar Committee. Bill volunteered to be chairperson of the Property Committee. Cass volunteered to be chairperson of the Membership Committee. Bob has volunteered to be chairperson of the Fellowship Committee. Darlene volunteered to be chairperson of Music Committee. Clarence volunteered to be chairperson of the Christian Education Committee. Bob Osborne made a motion for Darlene to have a Fund Raiser and Marie Jefferson seconded. All Council Members were in favor of the motion.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.