

United Evangelical Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Of Meeting Held August 10, 2004

Attendance: Rev. Cathy, Elaine Kimos, Clarence Rowell, Julie Hovermill, Rose Marie Jefferson, Bob Osburne, Cass Young, Shirley Willingham, and Nancy Spirko

The spiritual message was given by Julie Hovermill.

We welcomed and thanked the guests for attending the meeting. The guests were as follows: Lois Duvall, Margaret Schorr, Carolyn Noteware, Glenn Koch, Margaret Seppet, Dorothy Green and Mildred Wirsing.

The guests were invited to communicate their concerns regarding the Casa de Restauracion using the sanctuary, gym and Friendship Hall for their church services and Narcotics Anonymous using the Gym for their meetings.

The concerns were as follows:

The additional cost of heating and air conditioning of the buildings
The use of the Rest Rooms
The insurance liability
Theft of church property
Safety of the congregation
Storage space
Fear that Casa de Restauracion will take over the sanctuary

Rev. Cathy, as a representative of the building use committee, responded to the concerns. The additional cost of the heating and air conditioning is being reviewed. In July, the increase of the heating and air conditioning was approximately \$200.00. We are being paid \$500 for the use of the facilities. Regarding the use of the rest rooms, there has been a problem with cleanliness. A motion was made and accepted by Council for Rev. Cathy to send a letter to Narcotics Anonymous stating that they must monitor the restrooms and the area after the meetings and the restrooms and the other areas must be cleaned up before they leave. If the infractions keep occurring, they may have to find another place to meet. Regarding the insurance liability, we have

liability insurance through the Pension Board of the UCC which specializes in insuring churches and the ministries that the churches engage in and with.

Casa de Restauration also has liability insurance. The issue of theft of property has not been a problem so far. It was suggested perhaps any group that uses the facilities of the church should have to secure a security guard. As far as the safety of the congregation there have been no instances. The storage space that was used for the Christmas decorations was cleaned out and the Christmas decorations were moved to another area since they are only used once a year and that space was allotted to Casa de Restauration since they meet three times a week and it is more readily accessible for the group. The idea of Casa de Restauration wanting to take over the entire church is not an issue. Casa de Restauration is only using our facilities until they can find a permanent, suitable church to move into.

Rev. Cathy thanked all of the guests for coming to the meeting and hoped she alleviated some of their concerns and fears.

Since it was getting late, the Council decided to deviate from the usual Agenda and Rev. Cathy gave her report.

Rev. Cathy passed out information on a candidate for the Minister of Music for the Saturday Contemporary Service. Her name is Wanda Digennaro. She lives in Dundalk with her husband Tim and 3 step children. She attended Lee University and completed 1 year majoring in music. She worked for over 20 years in music ministry with her first husband in the Church of God. She is also trained in children's ministry.

Rev. Cathy's concern is that Wanda sees this position as a ministry and does not want to be financially compensated. Council agreed to bring her on and to give her a try. A motion was made to accept Wanda DiGennaro as the new Minister of Music for the Saturday Contemporary Worship Service by Cass Young and seconded by Julie Hovermill and the Council agreed.

Rev. Cathy stated SECO (Southeast Community Organization) has expressed a strong interest in renting the 3rd and 4th floors of the Sunday School building. If they do rent the building they will need to have a ramp installed and chair lifts to the upper floors. SECO would pay for the adaptations needed to house them in the Sunday School Building. This would mean the Sunday School would have to be relocated. There would have to be accommodations made in either the Friendship Hall or Gym for the Sunday School.

This is still under negotiation. Bob suggested we contact a Commercial Real Estate person to give us some advice. Elaine Kimos and Nancy Spirko may be able to get some professional advice for the Council from a commercial real estate agent. This will be followed up at the next Council meeting.

Rev. Cathy requested approval to serve as the Spiritual Director for Westside Koinonia in Ohio from November 4-7, 2004. This is a spiritual renewal endeavor that Rev. Cathy has been asked to participate in. Council approved Rev. Cathy serving as the Spiritual Director and getting a host pastor to fill in as that involves Communion Sunday.

Rev. Cathy advised Abe Price has volunteered to lead a committee to develop policies and procedures concerning sexual misconduct and making our church safe for all and Cass Young volunteered to serve on the committee.

Rev. Cathy stated the Sanctuary will be in the Canton Home and Garden Tour on September 19, 2004 from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. Ursula Jacob volunteered to chair this event and is in need of some volunteers to serve with her. Very light refreshments will be served and brochures will be handed out regarding the history of the church. Clarence suggested we also hand out some flyers announcing the Sour Beef Dinner.

The minutes were read and one correction will be made regarding the UEC Annual Picnic. That is that everyone should bring their own

drinks and anything else they want and the hamburgers, hotdogs and salads will be provided. The correction will be made to the minutes and the minutes were accepted.

A motion was made to adjourn and seconded.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m. with the Lord's Prayer.