

**United Evangelical Church**  
**Council Meeting Minutes**  
**Of Meeting Held September 21, 2004**

**Attendance:** Rev. Cathy, Elaine Kimos, Clarence Rowell, Ursula Jacob, Rose Marie Jefferson, Bob Osburne, Cass Young, Shirley Willingham, Pat Meyers and Nancy Spirko

The spiritual message was given by Bob Osburne.

The minutes were read and approved.

**Correspondence:** Two Thank You notes were received from the families of Charlotte McGovern and William Langenfelder.

**Introduction of Guests** - Pat Meyers attended the meeting in place of her husband Bill. Due to medical problems, Bill is unable to attend the meetings. Clarence appointed Pat as a temporary fill in for Bill.

Harvey Jacob attended the meeting to update council on the financial situation of the church.

**Financial Report:** Harvey advised we have a \$27,000 deficit as of August 31, 2004. Harvey stated income usually goes up in the fall and the Sour Beef Dinner event always raises quite a bit of money. We purchased a new computer for \$1161 and an air conditioner for the choir room for \$450. We also spent some money on plumbing, i.e., \$464 in August and \$249 in July. Also, our insurance provider had the property re-appraised and as a result our insurance premium has gone up quite a lot. Money was also spent on Engineering Studies. Harvey informed the Council that he wanted to make everyone aware of the financial situation.

**Committee Reports:**

**Property:** Pat advised Fred from Casa asked if Casa could list their church name under ours in the glass plate out front. Council discussed the request and decided to deny the request as it would be confusing. Cass made a motion to deny the request, Ursula seconded the motion and all council members agreed.

**Membership:** It was suggested that a "Thank You" be placed in the bulletin for everyone who helped at the picnic. Everyone agreed. Cass reminded everyone the Olde Time Christmas for the shut-ins will be on December 5 at 2:00 p.m.

**Altar:** Ursula had nothing to report. It was suggested that on October 3, World Communion Sunday, we would use a variety of special breads.

**Fellowship:** As fellowship chairman, Bob suggested we waive the friendship hall fee for the Nassner family. All agreed. Bob needs some volunteers to open the church on Sunday morning. It was suggested and accepted that we put a notice in the Bulletin that volunteers are needed. Bob also suggested that on the Sunday before the Council Meeting we put a notice in the Bulletin that anyone who has concerns may attend the council meeting and voice their concerns. That was also accepted. Bob asked if Rev. Cathy would let everyone know that the Friendship Hall will be unavailable October 11-22, 2004 as he will be preparing for the Sour Beef event.

Regarding the Sour Beef event, Bob advised it will be carry out only, no sit down dinners. The event will be held on Wednesday, October 20, Thursday, October 21 and Friday, October 22. The time is from 11:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday and Thursday and on Friday from 11:00 a.m. until sell out. The price for a dinner is \$12.00. Included in the dinner will be 4 dumplings, beef, gravy, green beans and bread. There will be no cole slaw included in the dinner. Bob requested this information be put in the Bulletins. We need drivers to make deliveries. Cass and Nancy volunteered to sell the tickets. Bob requested his hand written schedule be typed by Peggy and distributed in the Bulletins. Olga requested a table for the sale of cakes and crafts.

**Spiritual:** Rev. Cathy advised there will be only one Contemporary Service a month, that being called the First Saturday Contemporary Service. The Saturday Contemporary service had to be reduced to once a month because we do not have enough leaders to conduct the services. Council was in agreement.

**Music:** Nothing to report.

**Calendar:** Several additions and corrections were made to the calendar. The Ladies Organization Meeting was changed from October 13 to October 6, and that will be a covered dish luncheon; regarding the Sour Beef Dinner an additional day was added, Friday, October 22, 2004 and it will be noted that the Sour Beef Dinner is Carry Out Only; The Shut-In Olde Time Christmas Service was added for December 5 at 2:00 p.m. and Tinsel Day was added on December 12 following the 10:30 service.

**Ushering:** Nothing to report.

**Christian Education:** Nothing to report.

**Rev. Cathy's Report:** Rev. Cathy passed out handouts. A letter was sent to all NA Groups to remind the group of the agreement that was signed with the Church and the list of rules regarding the building use. An e-mail was also sent to Casa regarding the same. Rev. Cathy asked for a representative for the Still Speaking training and Ursula and Elaine volunteered. We have a Confirmation Class starting in October and have 4 confirmands. Rev. Cathy also suggested we conduct a Worship Survey to address the Thanksgiving Day Service, the late service on Christmas and to have only one service on Tinsel Day. Rev. Cathy and Harvey met with a representative of Long Foster Realtors to discuss the use of the Sunday School Building. The representative will be sending Rev. Cathy some information. Rev. Cathy also met with Manekin and SECO. SECO was advised the \$5.00 per sq. ft. figure was not acceptable. The going rate for space is usually \$8.00 - \$12.00 per sq. ft.

Rev. Cathy reminded everyone she will be in Ohio at the Spiritual Review Weekend on November 7 and Jim Bell will be preaching; October 31 is the association wide pulpit switch and she will be preaching at First and St. Stephens and we will have a guest pastor; and Rev. Cathy requested and was granted October 24<sup>th</sup> off, as she will be attending an ordination service of a friend in Ohio, she will advise who will be filling in for her.

Pastoral Care for Rev. Cathy - 20 visits, 11 phone calls, 3 funerals.

**Old Business:** Elaine suggested we place an ad in the Bulletins for volunteers to place the flyers at the various business they solicit. Elaine reported the website is almost completed, we are awaiting the pictures.

**New Business:** Clarence advised three council members are at the end of their term, himself, Cass and Darlene and three council members are up for re-election, Shirley, Bob and Chris. A nominating committee will need to be set up.

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