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

Attendance: Rev. Cathy, Clarence Rowell, Darlene Waters, Ursula Jacob, Harvey Jacob, Cass Young, Bill Meyers, Pat Meyers, Rose Marie Jefferson, Elaine Kimos, Calvin Gundlach, Lori Betch, Lynn Sanders, Rebecca Orendorff and Nancy Spirko

The time of devotion was presented by Elaine.

Clarence welcomed the new council members.

The minutes were read and approved.

Financial Report: Harvey distributed a copy of the Financial Report through November 2004. Items of interest mentioned were the \$2500.00 donation from the Ladies Organization and love gifts and memorials in the amount of \$1650.00. Usually this time of year we make up for lost revenue with Christmas memorials and other donations. On Tinsel Day \$462.00 in donations was collected. Christmas bonuses in the amount of \$50.00 each will be distributed to the employees.

Correspondence: Clarence received two letters. One letter from the Central Atlantic Conference asking for donations from the "Friends of the Conference". It was decided since we are not in such a good financial position, we will not be making a donation. Another letter was an invitation from the Chesapeake Association for the Leadership Banquet to be held on January 23, 2005 at 5:00 p.m. at the Overhills Mansion, with the cost of the ticket being \$10.00. Rev. Cathy plans to attend and if anyone else is interested they can contact her.

Introduction of Guests - No guests attended the meeting.

Committee Reports:

Property: Bill stated he will be placing the key for the Casa closet in the office although he is not in favor of having the key in a spot where everyone has access to it. Bill also advised he will be marking the closets with their contents. Bill made a motion to re-name the Friendship Hall to the "George Nassner Fellowship Hall" and suggested we hang a plaque similar to the plaque in the Narthex in the Friendship Hall in honor of George. If someone wants to make a donation and dedicate a plate on the plaque to a loved one they may do so. A minimum amount will be established for each plate. A motion was made, seconded and approved to present the idea to the congregation at the next congregational meeting. Lori also suggested we could do the same thing for other areas in the Church.

Membership: Cass sent letters to the shut-ins advising them of the special service to be held in their honor on Sunday, December 19. There are a total of 28 shut-ins. Cass made angels with the names of the shut-ins on the angel to hang on the tree. Rev. Cathy will be having a small service at the facility where Ruth Beckwith is staying next Wednesday. Rev. Cathy asked for volunteers to go with her. There are two other shut-ins at the facility. Bill volunteered to make two additional angels for the other two shut-ins.

Altar: Ursula stated there is nothing new to report.

Fellowship: Tinsel Day went very well. Everyone had a good time.

Spiritual: Rev. Cathy reminded everyone the Saturday service for January will be on January 8th instead of January 1st. Rev. Cathy advised Wanda is no longer with us. Rob has been helping out at the service. Rev. Cathy spoke to another candidate for the music, however, they never responded to her. A total of \$459.00 was collected at the Thanksgiving Eve service and donated to the Canton Food Bank, along with quite a few bags of foodstuff.

Music: Darlene reported there will be a lot of beautiful music during the Advent season.

Calendar: Several items were added to the calendar, i.e., the Council Retreat on January 22 at 9:00 a.m.; the Annual Congregational Meeting on January 30 after the 10:30 a.m. service and Ash Wednesday is February 9.

Ushering: Nothing to report.

Christian Education: Clarence stated the Sunday School Program went very well on Tinsel Sunday. Everyone enjoyed the children's presentation and the children did a great job. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.

Rev. Cathy's Report: Rev. Cathy distributed her handout. The Chesapeake Association happenings and the Leadership Banquet were already discussed. A Global Ministries Missionary will be available to speak on a Sunday between February 18 and May 22. A motion was made and accepted to ask the missionary to speak and the usual guest pastor fee of \$120.00 will be paid along with a special offering for the work of the missionary. A special envelope will be placed in the bulletins a few weeks prior to the speaking date. Rev. Cathy will also check with Jim Bell to see what other churches are doing regarding a monetary donation. Rev. Cathy also advised there will be an Anti-Racism Training event on February 4th and 5th that she will not be able to attend, however, if anyone is interested they can contact her. Rev. Cathy asked for volunteers to serve as communion stewards and ushers on Christmas Eve. Lori, Ursula, Lynn, Bill, Calvin and Harvey volunteered. Since Rev. Cathy is on vacation on January 2, a guest pastor will be conducting the two services. Rev. Cathy asked for volunteers to read the announcements. Ursula volunteered for the 8:00 a.m. service and Cass volunteered for the 10:30 a.m. service. Rev. Cathy advised she may be on jury duty on December 17. Rev. Cathy reminded everyone the Council Retreat is on January 22 at 9:00 a.m. Pastoral Care consisted of the following - 15 visits, 8 phone calls, 1 wedding renewal and 2 consults.

Old Business: Darlene mentioned we still do not have a volunteer to take over the Tableau. It was decided to put one more ad in the Sunday Bulletins with a response date of December 31. Bill asked everyone to please not use the Boiler Room as a storage area.

New Business: Clarence stated we need to have the election of officers. The following positions need to be filled: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Financial Secretary and Recording Secretary. The duties of the positions were discussed.

Following is a list of the positions and the persons filling the positions:

President - Lori Betch

Vice President - Ursula Jacob

Treasurer - Harvey Jacob

Financial Secretary - Calvin Gundlach

Recording Secretary - Nancy Spirko

Devotions for each council meeting next year will be discussed at next meeting. Bill volunteered to do January.

Harvey advised some stock was given to the church from a member of the congregation. Harvey consulted a financial planner affiliated with Charles Schaub and Harvey was advised we need to open an organization account for any stock the church may receive. A motion was made, seconded and approved that we would open an account for the donated stock.

Harvey stated he will also be submitting a financial report each week to be placed in the Sunday Bulletins in order to keep the congregation informed of the financial situation of the church.

It was decided the Installation of the New Council Officers will take place on Sunday, January 9 at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. with the Lord's prayer.