

United Evangelical Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Of Meeting Held January 11, 2005

Attendance: Rev. Cathy, Ursula Jacob, Bill Meyers, Pat Meyers, Rose Marie Jefferson, Elaine Kimos, Calvin Gundlach, Lori Betch, Lynn Sanders, Julie Hovermill and Nancy Spirko

The time of devotion was presented by Rose Marie.

Lori welcomed Mr. Walter Grabowski to the Council meeting. Mr. Grabowski attended the Council meeting in order to make his presentation on the Texas Hold'em tournament he would like to hold in the Friendship Hall. Council listened to the presentation and Mr. Grabowski left at approximately 8:30 p.m. Council discussed the presentation. A motion was made not to allow Mr. Grabowski to hold the tournament in the Friendship Hall, seconded and Council agreed not to allow Mr. Grabowski to hold the Texas Hold'em Tournament in the Friendship Hall.

The minutes were read and approved.

Financial Report: In Harvey's absence Ursula distributed a copy of the Financial Report through December 2004. Calvin stated at the end of the year we are \$23,000 in the red. Some items that contributed to that deficit were the Church insurance premium has been increased to \$5,000; the electric has increased by \$2,000 and \$5,200 was spent in order to do the Engineering study for the Sunday School building. We also received less in donations during the year 2004. Calvin stated we are starting off a new year and hopefully we will have a better year in 2005. A motion was made and seconded to accept the financial report. Council accepted the financial report.

Correspondence: A *Thank You* note was received from the families of Heber Culp and Mary Bassford Culp in appreciation for Pastor's words at the memorial service. Bill read a letter he composed and will be delivered to the Ladies Organization on Wednesday, thanking the Ladies Organization for the generous gift of \$2,500.

Introduction of Guests - As previously stated Mr. Walter Grabowski was on the only guest in attendance.

Committee Reports:

Property: Bill he will be contacting Harvey to discuss payment for the repair of the roof. Calvin mentioned the choir room also has a leak. Bill suggested we place an envelope in the bulletins each week marked for the "Building Fund" in order to accrue some monies for unexpected emergencies that arise. Bill will also be discussing with Harvey the completion of the tile job in the gym. Also, the bell system that is used when someone is entering the office is on it's last leg. The last time it was repaired the repairman said it was the last time he could fix it. A new system will probably cost approximately \$150-\$200. A notice will be placed in the bulletins requesting everyone who has keys to the various locks register them. Bill will also make up a diagram of the building with the closets and what is in the closets. A motion was made and seconded to place a plaque in the Friendship Hall with the inscription the "George Nassner Fellowship Hall". The motion was accepted by the Council.

Membership: Rev. Cathy stated as we have a mostly new Council, we have no membership chairperson. Elaine volunteered to accept the position.

Altar: Ursula stated a person has come forward and would like to purchase new Christ candle for the advent wreath. As we have a while before we need the candle, that will be coordinated at a later date.

Fellowship: As stated for the membership committee, we no longer have a fellowship chairperson. This person would be responsible for functions such as the Sour Beef Supper, Tinsel Sunday, food products at the Congregational Meeting and after the Wednesday Lenten services, etc. Rev. Cathy assessed we would probably need a chairperson and 3 people to serve on the committee. Pat volunteered to be the communication liaison person.

Spiritual: Need to have a chairperson. Calvin agreed to be part of the spiritual committee. (Will be discussed further at the Council retreat to be held on January 22.)

Music: Need to have a chairperson. Lynn agreed to be part of the music committee. (Will be discussed further at the Council retreat to be held on January 22)

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, the Ash Wednesday Service on February 9, the Wednesday Lenten Services, the Palm Sunday/Confirmation Sunday Service, the Tableau, the Maunday Thursday Service, the Good Friday Service and the Easter Sunday Services.

Ushering: Julie reported she has approximately 14-16 volunteers. She is in the process of making up a monthly calendar for the volunteers.

Christian Education: Need to have a chairperson. (Will be discussed further at the Council retreat to be held on January 22)

Rev. Cathy's Report: Rev. Cathy distributed her handout. Lori, Lynn, Ursula, Harvey and Rev. Cathy will be attending the Leadership Banquet on January 23. The Global Ministries Missionary's scheduled is still being worked out. It was decided to pay the missionary's mileage and also place an envelope in the bulletins for a special offering to compensate the missionary. No one will be attending the Anti-Racism training event or will be making the trip to the UCC offices in Cleveland. The "*Still Speaking*" initiative is still on-going. Over 100,000 hits were made to the site "How to find a church?" and out of 2,000 comments, 92% were positive.

Rev. Cathy reminded everyone the Council Retreat is on January 22 at 9:00 a.m.

As we have been having several visitors to each service on Sunday, Rev. Cathy suggested we have a fellowship time between the 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 service. This could consist of coffee/tea and donuts.

Rev. Cathy stated there are some Christian Education needs as we have some Jr. High and Sr. High children. A notice has already been placed in the *Endeavor* and the Sunday bulletins and there have been no volunteers. Bill volunteered to work on this problem with Rev. Cathy's help.

Easter Service times were discussed. The times decided upon are: 6:00 a.m., 9:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Rev. Cathy advised she has been asked by several people if we could have an exchange with Casa. She will contact them in order to arrange something.

Rev. Cathy has found a music person, Allison Hausley who possibly would be willing to do the 1st Saturday Services. A salary of \$75 was suggested which would cover four 1 hour practices and the service on Saturdays. A motion was made and accepted by Council.

Rev. Cathy is a member of the Canton Garden Club. The club has volunteered to make some wooden planters for the area between the parsonage and the church. The cost to the church would be \$75.00 for the purchase of the wood for the planters.

Pastoral Care - 7 visits, 1 phone call, 7 consults, 3 funerals.

Old Business: Elaine discussed an article from the newspaper regarding the need for senior housing in the neighborhood. She requested permission to send a letter to Streuver Bros. to see if they are interested in our Sunday School Building. A motion was made and accepted for Elaine to send the correspondence.

New Business: Janet Pate has volunteered to handle the Tableau.

Rev. Cathy passed out the sign-up sheet for Devotions for each month this year.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m. with the Lord's prayer.