

United Evangelical Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Of Meeting Held February 8, 2005

Attendance: Rev. Cathy, Ursula Jacob, Harvey Jacob, Rose Marie Jefferson, Elaine Kimos, Calvin Gundlach, Lori Betch, Rebecca Orendorff and Nancy Spirko

The time of devotion was presented by Rev. Cathy.

There were no guests at the meeting.

The minutes of the January 11, 2005 Church Council meeting were read.

Financial Report: Harvey stated we spent \$3528.00 more than we have taken in. This was due in large part to the fact that we had 2 Sunday's that it snowed. On one Sunday there were no church services and the other Sunday we had a very limited number of people at the 10:30 a.m. service. However, we did deposit \$7124.00 this week and \$2570.00 was from the regular envelopes, so everyone is catching up on their donations. Harvey stated we are not spending excessive amounts of money, but income is the problem. We need to address ways of getting more income, i.e., getting serious about the use of the Sunday School building. Examples of expenses for January, are \$2600.00 for gas (our highest bill ever) and \$497.00 for electric. Calvin stated the audit last Tuesday went well.

Correspondence: No correspondence was received.

Committee Reports:

Property: As Bill was not present, Rev. Cathy stated Bill re-programmed the thermostats, this may help reduce the utility bill.

Membership: Elaine stated she has completed the survey that will be mailed to the shut-in's, she also completed a letter that will be sent to any guest who attends a service. Elaine also stated the 50 year confirmation reunion will be held on Sunday, May 15, 2005.

Altar: Ursula stated she had nothing new to report. However, 2 altar cloths that were used for the Contemporary Service were missing and have been replaced.

Fellowship: Pat was not present. Rev. Cathy reminded the Council that on Sunday, February 13, 2005 there will be a meet your Council hour during the first fellowship hour that will be held between the 8:00 a.m. service and the 10:30 a.m. service. Rev. Cathy also stated the Congregational meeting will be held after the 10:30 a.m. service, since it was cancelled due to the inclement weather and there was not a quorum present. Rev. Cathy also stated Pat is trying to put together some type of fellowship time for Easter morning. No details on that yet. There will be fellowship times after the Wednesday night Lenten services.

Spiritual: Calvin stated he would like to bring Pat Kelly back again next year. There was discussion as to whether he should speak at the Contemporary Service or one of the Sunday services. A motion was made, seconded and accepted to bring Pat Kelly back to speak in 2006 at the 10:30 a.m. service only.

Music: Since Lynn was not present, Rev. Cathy stated Lynn is trying to arrange a meeting with Robert to discuss music.

Ushering: Since Julie was not present, Rev. Cathy mentioned there is still a need for ushers.

Christian Education: Rebecca attended her first Christian Education meeting last month. She stated there will be a Junior and Senior High class organized. Bill volunteered to take care of the Senior High class. Rebecca stated Diane Pachillis volunteered to take care of the Junior High class. Rev. Cathy advised she picked up the curriculum for the junior and senior high classes. Rebecca stated there were discussions at the Christian Education meeting on how to handle the new students, i.e., how to behave in church, etc. Also, there was some discussion as to involving the adult bible class with the Sunday school.

Rev. Cathy's Report: Rev. Cathy distributed her Pastor's Report and also some minutes from the Council Retreat. The Leadership Banquet that was to be held on January 23 was postponed due to the weather and is rescheduled for Sunday, February 13th at 5:30 p.m., Rev. Cathy, Harvey, Ursula and Lori will be attending. The Global Ministries Missionary is scheduled for Sunday, June 5, 2005. 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. The *Still Speaking* campaign commercials are going to be run again from February 28th through March 27th. A motion was made, seconded and accepted to purchase a banner to advertise the campaign. Rev. Cathy advised a dinner given by Earl's Place will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2005 and since we have supported Earl's Place we are invited. Rev. Cathy advised she has a friend who is a traveling nurse who will be in this area for 3 months and has volunteered to be the volunteer parish nurse. Rev. Cathy thinks she will be a very good resource person to go to in time of need, and can also do blood pressure screening, flu shots, etc. A motion was made and seconded to approve the volunteer parish nurse. Peggy, the church secretary requested vacation May 16-20, 2005 and November 25, 2005 and Rev. Cathy approved. Confirmand questioning night is Thursday, March 17th. Rev. Cathy will need volunteers to ask the questions. There are 3 confirmands. A gift of a bible and a wall cross will be given to each confirmand. Rev. Cathy reported the music person, Allison Housely is working out very nicely. There will be some new songs introduced in order to have a variety for everyone. Rev. Cathy is in conversation with Casa regarding an exchange of worship services. Rev. Cathy stated she was invited to a Spiritual and Victim Service Initiative luncheon to be held next Monday, February 14 at the Amazing Grace Lutheran Church. Speakers from the victims projects, i.e., the House of Ruth, etc., will speak. This initiative will train pastors with trauma counseling skills and will be trying to get as many area churches involved in the training so the churches can be a resource for victims. There will also be a ride-around the neighborhood to see where the crime areas are. Rev. Cathy is a member of the Canton Garden Club and the garden club has volunteered to build garden boxes for the area between the parsonage and the church, for the cost of the lumber. Rev. Cathy requested vacation from March 28th through April 11, 2005, and a motion was made, seconded and accepted to approve Rev. Cathy's vacation.

Pastoral Care - 7 visits, 4 phone call, 4 consults, 1 wedding.

Old Business: At the Council retreat discussion ensued concerning the renaming of the Friendship Hall to the George Nassner Fellowship Hall. The motion to rename the hall was removed and it was decided to bring before the congregation a motion to rename it to the Fellowship Hall and erect a plaque for names in honor of those who contributed to the fellowship of the church. Elaine has been in discussion with a developer and also representatives from the Southeast Community Development Corporation regarding uses for the Sunday School building. No response has been received as yet from Streuver Bros. Elaine also spoke with the Baltimore City Planning Department and was advised that we are not zoned for any kind of commercial activity in the building, the only activity that could take place in the building would be anything connected to the mission of the church. Elaine will present her findings to the congregation at the Congregational Meeting on Sunday. Elaine also stated, Howard Carter has agreed to look at the furnace and advise what repairs need to be made.

New Business: Janet Pate who has volunteered to handle the Tableau asked if advertising could be done for the Tableau. Rev. Cathy will have Peggy advertise the Tableau in the *Dundalk Eagle*, the *Baltimore Guide* and the *East County Times* on March 9 and 16.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. with the Lord's prayer.