

United Evangelical Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Of Meeting Held June 14, 2005

Attendance: Rev. Cathy, Ursula Jacob, Harvey Jacob, Pat Meyers, Bill Meyers, Elaine Kimos, Calvin Gundlach, Lori Betch, Lynn Sanders, and Nancy Spirko

The time of devotion was presented by Rev. Cathy.

The minutes of the May 10, 2005, Church Council meeting were read and accepted.

Financial Report: Calvin stated we are in very low on funds in the checking account. Harvey agreed, money is very tight and we are not quite half way through the year. He stated he may have to move some money out of the savings account to get us by. We have a deficit of approximately \$10,000. In May the revenue dropped \$5,900. Some benevolences were sent out and we had to pay out \$2,800 for the property insurance for the church. Hopefully we can make it up some of the deficit during the fall/winter.

Correspondence: Lori received a Thank You note from the Luckhardt family. Calvin passed on to Lori a letter he received asking for used eyeglasses to be recycled for the needy. A basket has been placed in the Narthex for the used eyeglasses.

Property: Bill advised a new custodian has been hired. His name is Paul Polasky and he seems to be working out very well. He met with Art Jones and Art gave him a tour of the area to be maintained. Bill advised he is still working on getting the cement blocks replaced, the contractors have been very slow in responding because it is such a small job. Bill advised the air conditioner motor on the roof is in bad shape and the motor will probably have to be replaced soon. Also, the refrigerator motor caught fire, thankfully Bill was there when it happened. That refrigerator is out of commission. Fireline advised the circuit board must have been hit by lightning and the circuit board panel needs to be replaced. Also, the six EXIT lights need to be replaced. Bill will replace the lights in the EXIT signs. Bill is looking for a contractor to install the rain gutters on the roof over the choir room, so that leak can be stopped.

Membership: Elaine stated the 50 year confirmation celebration went well and a good time was had by all. Rev. Cathy mentioned she received a note from one of the confirmands thanking the church for the celebration. Elaine sent the 50th year confirmation program and the gift to Nancy Buzzard, one of the confirmands who lives in Florida. Visitor bags are still being distributed to any visitors who attend one of the services.

Altar: Ursula stated she had nothing new to report except Harvey is working on repairing the candelabras.

Fellowship: Pat stated she sent a personal Thank You note to the Church's neighbor who so kindly donated \$100.00 and also bought tickets for the Pancake Breakfast. Pat would like to have another Pancake Breakfast in October, she has not decided on a date yet. The menu for that breakfast will be expanded to include scrambled eggs and perhaps waffles. Another idea being floated is a Flea Market with some tables being set up outside and some in the Fellowship Hall. We could rent a hog dog machine and serve hot dogs and perhaps lemonade. Pat reported the Strawberry Festival went well. A big hit was the cake table.

Spiritual: Calvin stated nothing new to report except he will be collecting the used eyeglasses for the needy.

Music: Lynn stated there has not been a meeting since the last report. Lynn will arrange a date for the meeting with Rev. Cathy.

Ushering: Julie was not present, nothing to report.

Christian Education: Rebecca was not present, nothing to report.

Rev. Cathy's Report: Rev. Cathy stated she attended the Central Atlantic Conference annual meeting on June 10-12, 2005 along with Greg Pate who also brought a friend. The conference was a big success. The conference focused on the *God is Still Speaking* initiative and the

theme of the conference was *"God welcomes all people, can we?"* Rev. Cathy reported all the resolutions at the conference were passed, including the resolution of equal marriage rights for all people. Anyone who would like to obtain further information can go to the UCC web site.

On May 31, Rev. Cathy met with the Parish Relations Committee. The members of the committee are Bill Single, Bill Raddatz, Sharon Daniloski and Kris Orendorff. Issues discussed were Rev. Cathy moving out of the parsonage and the subject of Rev. Cathy's availability, i.e., to be sure Rev. Cathy's telephone number is not long distance.

Rev. Cathy will be initiating a Bible Study and Prayer Ministry. She is looking for volunteers. Bill and Lynn volunteered. The orientation meeting will be held on July 13, with the first meeting being held on July 20.

Rev. Cathy advised Pat Hoke will be leaving and if anyone would like to go out to dinner on Friday, please let Rev. Cathy know. Since there will be quite a few people out of town for the July 2 Contemporary Service, it was decided to cancel it. Music Sunday is June 26 and the theme for music Sunday is "Why we sing".

Rev. Cathy asked for July 5 and 6 off and Council agreed.

Old Business: Rev. Cathy asked Bill to put an article about the Church Picnic in the Sunday Bulletin. Rev. Cathy stated Carolyn Noteware is pursuing the idea of picture frames along with the plaques for the Fellowship hall.

Elaine advised she spoke to Concetta (PACT) and Concetta stated she has signed up quite a few children for the fall and that she is not retiring. Concetta stated she was comfortable with the process of moving and asked only that the Council keep her informed. Elaine also stated she received the formal appraisal and has copies if anyone would like to see the appraisal. Elaine also handed out 2 proposals and

advised 2 more will be forthcoming. The proposal from Patricia Massey will be forwarded to Elaine by the end of August. A motion was made and accepted to retain one floor of the Sunday School Building in order to retain some control over the use of the building. It was also decided to allow Elaine to contact some management companies in order to obtain help in renting out the parsonage. It was decided that a special Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 28, 2005 at 6:30 p.m. in order to discuss the Sunday School building issues.

New Business: Harvey stated Rev. Cathy's compensation package needs to be re-structured since she is moving out of the Parsonage. Harvey distributed a Pastoral Expense Worksheet and asked Council to review it and offer any ideas. Harvey will also be working with Rev. Cathy on the compensation package and they will present their ideas to Council.

Bill stated we usually do not meet one month out of the summer, however, since we have so many important items we should not cancel a meeting. Council agreed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. with the Lord's prayer.