

(Revised)

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

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

The time of devotion was presented by Elaine.

Introduction of Guests - There were no guests in attendance.

The minutes of the October 11, 2005 Church Council meeting were read and accepted.

Financial Report: Calvin reported we had a good month in October and we took in more than we spent, (\$1,300.00) however, we still have a deficit of \$15,000.00. Harvey stated we projected a difference if \$19,000.00 and we may come out a little better as this time of year there are a lot of memorials and love gifts donated. Harvey stated our insurance premium has been increased \$6,800.00. The insurance is paid up until January, 2006. Under the new insurance system, we pay three times a year, 40%, 30% and 30%. One-half of our benevolences have been paid, however, the second half are due to be paid in the early part of December, i.e., Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing. Harvey will give Calvin the figures to pay the second half of the benevolences. We received our first utility bill from the property on Lombard Street, the amount is \$48.00. Harvey checks on the property every Monday. We will have to put the heat on shortly so the pipes don't freeze up.

Correspondence: Lori received correspondence from the OCWM regarding the "Still Speaking Initiative" thanking us for the faithful support and asking for a 10% increase. Lori also received correspondence from Mr. Paul Shelton of the law firm of McKennon Shelton & Henn LLP, advising there is no problem for us to rent the parsonage. Cass Young advised Lori the Alanon group that meets at the church on Friday at noon will not be meeting any more due to lack of attendance. Cass said the group

sent their thanks the church for allowing them to use the facility. Lori received a picture from a member of the congregation regarding the bathroom facility. Council discussed the situation and didn't think it was a problem to be pursued.

Property: Bill stated he received a Contract of Sale for the Christian Education building. The offer was is \$1,100,000.00. Lori also received a faxed copy of the Contract of Sale. The Contract of Sale was discussed and there were several questions pending. Rev. Cathy will contact Bill Caltrider of Federal Realty, the insurance agent and the lawyer in order to get the answers to the questions.

Bill stated he spoke to Concetta of PACT and she will be looking at the space in St. Bridgits to relocate until the renovations are completed in the Christian Education Building. St. Bridgits looks favorable as there is classroom storage and parking. A State inspection must be passed before PACT can relocate. It would cost approximately \$2,000.00 to convert the space in order to pass the State inspection. The emphasis of Council is to support PACT in every way. Rev. Cathy asked Rebecca to call Concetta and keep her advised of the on-going issues. A motion was made by Harvey, seconded by Bill and all in favor by Council to spend \$2,000.00 to make the space acceptable for the State inspection in order to retain PACT through the transitional period.

As Harvey mentioned he checks on the Lombard Street property every Monday. He has noticed there hasn't been any activity by realtors.

Bill mentioned the water cooler outside Pastor's office and the one in the Fellowship Hall are broken. It was discussed to perhaps bring in bottled water. Bill will check on the cost of repair vs. the bottled water and advise.

Bill prepared two letters for the two NA groups advising them they will have to begin looking for a new place to meet as we will be selling the Christian Education building in the near future. A motion was made by Elaine, seconded by Calvin and all Council in favor to forward the correspondence to the AA groups.

Membership: Elaine stated she is proceeding as usual. All bags have been delivered. Elaine stated in December we usually recognize the shut-ins. Last year we placed angels on the tree with shut-ins names and then they were forwarded to the shut-ins. The angels were greatly appreciated and it was decided to do it again this year with the help of the children. Bill will print off the angels and give to Rebecca who will distribute to the children to decorate. The date of the recognition of the shut-ins is December 4.

Altar: Ursula stated yesterday she and 3 ladies decorated the church for Fall. These decorations will remain for 3 weeks and then we will decorate for Advent. Ursula and the ladies also cleaned out the flower closet. Ursula will follow up with Art Jones to make sure he has enough volunteers to decorate for Advent. That usually occurs the day after Thanksgiving. However, Ursula will confirm.

Fellowship: Pat stated she asked Peggy to run off the tickets for Tinsel Day. The cost of the ticket is \$5.00 for adults and free for children under 18. Since Pat will not be here the next two Sunday's, Ursula will sell tickets at the 8:00 a.m. services and Lori and Lynn will sell the tickets at the 10:30 a.m. service. Pat asked that we emphasize no tickets will be sold at the door.

Spiritual: Calvin stated he confirmed that the Maryland Heritage Vocal Ensemble will be singing on Sunday, May 21, 2006. This Sunday was originally scheduled for Pat Kelly, however, since he passed away, Calvin had to find an alternative. A motion was made by Bill and seconded by Pat and agreed to by all of Council to have just one service on Sunday, May 21, 2006 to be held at 10:00 a.m.

Music: Lynn advised she had nothing new to report other than some new items have been incorporated into the worship service and that will continue.

Ushering: Lori stated we still need head ushers at the 10:30 a.m. service

Christian Education: Rebecca stated at the last Christian Education meeting a lot of time was spent discussing the meeting Council had with Carol and Clarence Rowell. There was concern over integrating budgets, how to collect and count the money, cleaning out and getting ready for the relocation, where to store the boxes, etc. The concerns were discussed and it was suggested a storage locker could be rented in order to store the items until the renovations are completed. Rebecca mentioned the Christmas Pageant will be a little different this year and the children will be singing on November 20 and no singing in December. The subject of a Christian Educator was discussed and it was thought by Council that this is the best way to go and to put that on the agenda for the Congregational meeting.

Rev. Cathy's Report: Rev. Cathy stated we need to get the slate together for the elections to Council. The agenda for the Congregational Meeting was discussed. Upcoming worship services were discussed. The Thanksgiving Eve service will be held at Messiah Lutheran at 7:30 p.m. Bill will be giving a talk about why he is grateful. Tinsel Sunday is December 11 and there will be one service at 10:30 a.m. The Christmas Eve service will be at 7:30 p.m. and the Christmas day service will be at 10:00 a.m. On New Year's Day there will be one service at 10:00 a.m. Rev. Cathy was approved to take vacation from December 26 through January 2.

Pastoral Care - 8 visits, 4 phone calls, 2 consults, 2 funerals

Old Business: Lori stated Ken and Janet Pate have decided to take care of the Coke machine. Nominees for church council were discussed. Ursula stated she asked several people on Sunday and was turned down by everyone. Ursula will keep asking. Lori asked if we could perhaps incorporate the Contemporary Service into one of the regular Sunday services. Attendance at the Contemporary Services has been minimal, however, we don't want to discontinue the Contemporary Services entirely. We could mix traditional hymns with some of the more contemporary ones. The whole service could be reworked. The Music committee will look into blending the services.

New Business: Harvey put together and distributed the Budget for 2006. We will need to restructure the budget for next year because of the real estate deals. As he traditionally presents the budget at the Congregational meeting, he asked that each Council member review the budget and asked for suggestions. The Congregation should support the operating expenses of the church on a day to day basis with the donations given each week. The endowment money should be used for special projects not the every day operating expenses. One significant increase will be the insurance which will be increased from \$12,500 to \$16,000 for property coverage and general liability. When the parsonage is rented, the utility expenses will go away. The salaries of Peggy, Rev. Cathy, Rob and Paul were increased 3%. The gas was increased from \$10,500 to \$12,900. For year 2005 we were budgeted at \$158,500, we are at \$134,667 right now. For year 2006 the estimate is \$165,000. The property management will be divided into 3 separate accounts. The budget will be voted on at the Congregational meeting. A motion was made by Bill to accept the draft of the Budget for 2006 as written with any adjustments that need to be made, seconded by Ursula and all of Council was in favor.

The rental of the parsonage was discussed. There have been a few people who looked at the property. In January there will be another influx of students to Johns Hopkins and perhaps there may be some interest.

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