

United Evangelical Church
Congregational Meeting Minutes
November 27, 2005

Call to Order - The Meeting was called to order at 11:55 a.m. by Lori Betch, Council President.

Opening Prayer - The Prayer was given by Rev. Cathy.

A quorum was present.

Reading of the Minutes - The minutes from the February 13, 2005 and October 9, 2005 Special Congregational meeting were distributed along with the Proposed Budget for Year 2006 and the Agenda. A motion was made, seconded and approved by the congregation to approve the minutes from the February 13, 2005 and October 9, 2005 Special Congregational Meeting.

Financial Report - The financial report was given by Harvey Jacob. Harvey stated that the year 2005 should end much as expected. At the end of October we took in \$134,667 and the expenses were \$149,698. Some items we didn't anticipate were the purchase of a home by Pastor, the constant increase in utilities and insurance premiums. Other than those items, there were no big surprises. The rental of the parsonage will be a significant help to the expenses. Revenue for November and December is usually good. For the month of November so far we have taken in \$9,497. Last year in November we took in \$13,618. In December of 2004 we took in \$22,288. We will have to wait to see what this December brings in. Harvey stated he noticed everyone is giving a little bit more which is a big help. We still have to pay out the benevolences for the second half of the year which will be due in December in the amount of \$4,400. Harvey mentioned the big impact this year was not having the Sour Beef Dinner. Even though we did not have the Sour Beef Dinner, we still held the Heat Fund Raffle which was a success taking in \$2,609, paying out \$697. Some of the payout was given back to the church so the net gain was \$1,912. Also, the two breakfast that Pat Meyers coordinated brought in \$681 and \$692. Expenses were \$1,375 for sidewalk repair, \$463 for lights in the sanctuary, \$273 for some roof repairs and \$1,500 for an appraisal on the Christian Education

Building. Harvey mentioned the end of next year (2006) will be his and Calvin's last year.

Olga DeBloom thanked Harvey and Calvin for all of their hard work. The congregation agreed.

Old Business:

Lori thanked everyone for helping decorate the church last Saturday. Lori mentioned there is some jewelry from the Kellner residence for sale. Anyone interested see Ursula. There have been several walk-throughs of the Kellner property, however, no bids on the property. The asking price is \$159,000, however, we may have to reduce the price. There were also a few inquiries on the parsonage. A suggestion was made to get a different sign as the sign that is posted right now is not visible from all angles. Lori will contact Long and Foster.

Lori reminded everyone Tinsel Day is December 11. Tickets are \$5.00 for adults and children under 18 are free. Tickets need to be purchased in advance as there will be no tickets sold at the door.

Lori is collecting money for the gifts for the Hoffman Home children.

January 14 at 10:00 a.m. has been designated as pack-up day in the Christian Education Building for anyone interested in helping.

Lori signed the contract for the sale of the Christian Education Building in the amount of \$1,100,000.00.

New Business:

Approval of Budget - Harvey presented the Proposed Budget for FY2006 to the congregation. Harvey stated the first three sheets of the proposed budget remain the same year after year with some adjustments. He is proposing a 3% increase in the salaries for the music director, the secretary and the custodian. We will not have the

expense of the utilities and the insurance on the Christian Education building or the parsonage when it is rented. Harvey discussed increasing Rev. Cathy's compensation package, however, the only adjustment that will be made is to increase Rev. Cathy's automobile allowance. Harvey will probably have to restructure the financial reporting with the sale of the Christian Education Building and the rental of the parsonage. As Harvey reported there should be 2 categories, the operating expenses and the endowment funds. The funds from the real estate transactions should go to the endowment fund for the outreach and growth of the church. We will not have to pay taxes on the sale of the Christian Education building as we are non-profit tax exempt. The budget was approved and accepted by unanimous vote of the congregation.

Vision for Christian Education - Rev. Cathy stated we received a letter from Trinity Church along with a \$5,500 check be used for an outreach mission to young adults. Trinity church had to close and decided to divide its money and with the help of Rev. Jim Bell various churches in the city were selected to receive the funds to be specifically used for outreach to young adults. If we do not use the funds for that purpose, the funds are to be returned to be redistributed to another church. We need to look at ways to minister to a younger age group. Rev. Cathy proposed we have someone to work with us for the spiritual nurture to young adult groups. This staff person would need the support of the entire congregation as each and every one of us have a vested interest. Rev. Cathy said this subject is discussed in further detail in the *Endeavor*.

Election of Officers - There are five spaces that need to be filled. Bill Meyers, Ursula Jacob, Julie Hovermill, Elaine Kimos and Rose Marie Jefferson will be leaving council. Nancy Spirko agreed to stay on another year. Five people have volunteered to serve: Kenneth Pate, Clarence Rowell, Howard and Ellen Carter and Nancy Parker Gray. A vote was taken on the 5 nominees. The nominees were unanimously agreed to. The next council meeting will be held on December 13, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. and the new members should be present. The installation of the new council members is December 4, 2005 at the 10:30 a.m. service.

Pastor's Comments - Rev. Cathy stated we have made huge strides this year as a church and Council knows that. Council is working hard and in good faith to do what is right for everyone. Rev. Cathy thanked everyone.

Comments from the Membership - Harvey stated there are a few extra copies of the financial spreadsheets if anyone is interested. A motion was made and seconded and all agreed to end the meeting.

Closing Prayer - The Lord's Prayer

Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 12:55 p.m.