

United Evangelical Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Of Meeting Held December 13, 2005

Attendance: Rev. Cathy, Harvey Jacob, Pat Meyers, Bill Meyers, Elaine Kimos, Calvin Gundlach, Lori Betch, Rose Marie Jefferson, Ken Pate and Nancy Spirko

The time of devotion was presented by Bill.

Introduction of Guests - There were no guests in attendance. Lori formally introduced Ken Pate to everyone on Council.

The minutes of the October 11, 2005 Church Council meeting were accepted as read, however, page 4 was missing. Page 4 will be placed in the minutes and they will be reviewed again at the next Council meeting.

Financial Report: Calvin reported in November we had a \$1,200 deficit and a \$16,000 deficit for the year. Harvey stated that probably by the end of the year we will need to withdraw some money from one of our accounts. There is \$22,228 in the Hopkins Federal account. We may have to withdrawal \$15,000 from that account for the expenses. We received our check from Sprint and the deposit on Monday from Sprint and the collections on Sunday was \$4377. An expense that has increased is the insurance premium. A new billing practice has been established for the insurance premiums for the year 2006. 40% has been paid, 30% is due the first of the year and another 30% in the spring. The gas bill for the month of November was \$3500. This is the highest gas bill in the history of the church. The electric bill was \$716. Harvey stated Ursula sold \$155 worth of jewelry from the Lombard Street house on Tinsel Day. Also, due are the second half of the benevolences, i.e., Neighbors in Need, One Great Hour of Sharing, the Hoffman Homes and Earl's Place.

Correspondence: Lori received correspondence from Earl's Place regarding the charity run. The run is January 1st and no one is interested in participating. If anyone decides to participate, a motion was made, seconded and agreed to by Council to pay the entrance fee of \$25.00. A Thank You note was received from Florence Gundlach for the memorial in honor of her cousin Margaret Fitzberger.

Christian Education: As Rebecca was not present there was nothing to report.

Rev. Cathy's: Rev. Cathy stated she has been asked to serve as spiritual director to a group called OMNI (Orphans Medical Network International) that will be serving in Zambia for two weeks from July 7 through July 23, 2006. Rev. Cathy asked if she could have one week off upon return from the trip. A motion was made, seconded and approved by Council to allow Rev. Cathy to serve in Zambia for two weeks as continuing education and have the week off upon return. A list to sign up for Devotions for 2006 was passed out. Rev. Cathy requested permission for the Victims Initiative Services group to meet in the Fellowship Hall several times in February and March. Everyone was in agreement.

Pastoral Care -11 visits, 3 phone calls, 3 consults, 2 funerals

Old Business: Lori stated she received several complains about leaving the doors unlocked. Everyone is reminded to lock the doors. Two new coffee urns are needed. They are approximately \$120.00 a piece. Council talked about putting a wish list in the bulletin for items in need. An estimate was received to install air conditioning in the house on Lombard Street. Council discussed the estimate and decided not to install the air conditioning, but to decrease the asking price from \$159,900 to \$130,000. Bill will e-mail Bill Caltrider, the listing agent to decrease the price. Bill also mentioned NA has been advised they have to start looking for a new location to hold their meetings due to the sale of the Christian Education building.

New Business: There was no new business discussed.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m. with the Lord's prayer.