

United Evangelical Church
Council Meeting Minutes
Of Meeting Held June 13, 2006

Attendance: Lori Betch, Ellen Carter, Howard Carter, Ken Pate, Rev. Cathy, Harvey Jacob, Nancy Parker-Gray, Calvin Gundlach, Rebecca Orendorff, Clarence Rowell, Lynn Sanders

The time of devotion was presented by Calvin.

Introduction of Guests: Bill Caltrider

The minutes of the May 9, 2006 Church Council Meeting were accepted as read. Rebecca motioned to approve the minutes; seconded by Calvin; all in favor.

Financial Report: \$5,000 deficit; ~~\$25,000~~^{\$24,000} in red for 2006. Harvey to research BGE to see if non-profit organizations are exempt from 72% increase. Insurance is paid in full. Lombard Street property has been removed from policy. Harvey has started working on treasury items with Arlene Pate.

Property: Bill Caltrider joined the Council to discuss sale of Christian Education Building and the contract with Federal Realty. The building is back on the market and has been shown to several prospects. Given market and interest rate changes, Bill indicated that final offer from JBL may not have been as unconsiderable as originally thought. JBL wants to make another offer. Prior studies by JBL would still be good. UEC would require evidence of JBL's financing arrangement. Bill Caltrider will also contact Ed Hale of First Mariner Bank to let him know the building is back on the market. Contract with Federal Realty ends 6/30/06. Discussion about UEC continuing to retain rights to bell tower in any contract. Discussion regarding new contract including clause to retain portion of deposit if buyer chooses to terminate contract or change terms of contract. Nancy Parker-Gray motioned to renew contract with Federal Realty through October, 2006 at 6% commission with a change in clause regarding time limitations of commission rights to one month if contract is terminated. Seconded by Howard Carter; 7 in favor; 2 opposed.

Use of air conditioning – discussion about having one service during mid-July, August and September with no air conditioning, when feasible. This would eliminate the need for a supply pastor for two services while Rev. Cathy is in Zambia. September 10 is Church picnic and we have been having one service on picnic day. September 24 is anniversary celebration; one service previously planned. This would leave only a few extra weeks to offer one service. 9:00am was discussed since it is between the two current service times. No Sunday School during July & August. Rev. Cathy to discuss non-use of air conditioning with Casa. Ellen Carter motioned to have one service, beginning at 9:00am, from July 16 through September 24. Seconded by Lynn Sanders; 7 in favor; 2 opposed. 8:00am & 10:30am services to resume first Sunday in October. Decision not to renew

service contract for refrigerator or hot water heater in parsonage. Replacements will be purchased when necessary.

Rev. Cathy met with architect parent and Concetta Clarke from PACT to determine code requirements so discussions can begin regarding renovations in Fellowship Hall to accommodate Sunday School and PACT needs. Portable partition structures to be researched. PACT rep to be invited to Christian Education meeting to review needs of both groups. With these upcoming changes, Casa will be informed that they will need to re-locate, effective 9/1/06.

Ken Pate resigned from Council due to work schedule and will no longer be property chairperson. He will no longer be responsible for filling soda machine. Replacement property chairperson needed. We are now short 3 Council members.

Ushering: List of volunteers will be developed. Schedule of lead ushers to be created to coordinate duties (lights, bell-ringing during Lord's Prayer, offering collection; securing offering monies at end of service, etc.).

Correspondence: Newsletter from Earl's Place announcing New Year's Day Resolution Run. Rebecca Orendorff plans to run in this race at Patterson Park on New Year's Day. Volunteers needed to help with activities. Donations being sought. Lynn Sanders motioned to donate \$250 to Earl's Place for the Resolution Run; seconded by Howard Carter; all in favor. UEC name will be on runner's shirts and banner.

Canton Community Association seeking place to meet monthly or quarterly. Would require use of Fellowship Hall and sanctuary. Harvey Jacob motioned to allow Canton Community Association to meet at UEC; seconded by Nancy Parker-Gray; all in favor.

New Business: Church picnic to be held September 10 (September 17 is alternate date if 10th is not available). Ursula Jacob to contact North Point State Park to determine availability. Coffee Hour stopped for July and August. Memorial plaque to be purchased to recognize generosity of Calvin and Myrtle Kellner. Lillian Hammerbacher purchased plaque for husband Charles. Recognition to be included in September 24 celebration.

Pastor's Report: Rev. Cathy and Nancy Parker-Gray to visit members who have chosen to leave UEC to listen and learn why they've chosen to leave. Rev. Jim Bell will be available for pastoral emergencies during July. Rev. Bell to attend July Council meeting to discuss visioning study. Visioning study will help determine:
Who are we?

What is God calling us to be?

Who are our neighbors?

Rev. Cathy leaves for Zambia on July 7 and returns to pulpit on August 6. Rob will be on vacation 8/13, 8/20, 8/27; will attend retreat on 9/10.

Anniversary celebration dinner and visioning study kick-off on September 24.

Pastoral Care – 10 visits, 4 phone calls, 3 consults, 3 funerals.

Meeting adjourned 10:30pm with Lord's Prayer.