

United Evangelical Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
December 12, 2006

Meeting began 7:10pm.

Time of devotion – Clarence Rowell

In attendance: Bob Osburne, Rebecca Orendorff, Clarence Rowell, Harvey Jacob, Calving Gundlach, Lori Betch, Lynn Sanders, Rev. Cathy, Ursula Jacob, Olga DeBloom, Barbara Matthew

Minutes from November 14 meeting were approved.

Financial Report – previously, approximately \$10,000 under budget but with two positive months of cash flow, we may end 2006 on a positive note. Sprint monies are direct deposited into United's account now. Hoffman Home for Children gifts were purchased. \$350 spent; \$435 collected; \$85 extra to be given to Hoffman Homes along with gifts purchased. Clarence and Carol Rowell to deliver gifts and \$85 on December 13.

Celebration held to honor Rev. Jim Bell; \$200 presented (\$130 collected from church members and Council added \$70 to bring total to \$200).

Peggy's gift - \$200 collected; Council to contribute \$50 to total \$250. VISA gift card to be presented to Peggy on December 17 in between services. Clarence motioned for \$250 to be given to Peggy; seconded by Lynn Sanders; all in favor.

Property – Repairs needed for:

- Organ relay switch.
- Smoke detectors are not functioning properly in church school building. Harvey Jacob is working with Fireline Equipment Co. on 12/13.
- Kitchen drain needs replacing.
- Carpet
- Stained glass window coverings are leaking and water is getting into sanctuary.
- Hardware repairs on main doors and paint is being refreshed.
- Brick column outside of parsonage is loose.

Property chairperson is still needed. Three tenants plan to stay in parsonage and will plan to have one other tenant moving in. Harvey Jacob to contact Long & Foster on annual inspection of property.

Old Business:

Clarence Rowell reported Nancy Gray is receiving a lot of interest in resuming dance classes. More details in 2007.

Pastor's Report:

Previous discussion regarding hiring Rev. Bell as a consultant. Rev. Bell is leading visioning study. He is knowledgeable with non-profit fund raising, mission development, and would be an asset on the feasibility study for Christian Education building.

Discussions to continue regarding compensation for Rev. Bell's services. Protest continues against Rev. Bell's termination as Association Conference Minister.

Youth Class – Rev. Cathy to meet with Tim Watkins to organize monthly youth program. Youth work program in Canandaigua, New York taking place July 22 – 27. \$300/child; Rev. Cathy is recommending \$100 paid by child's family; \$100/child raised via fundraiser; \$100/child provided by church.

Mission request – refugee resettlement from Liberia. Husband, wife, 5 children. Husband has been in U.S. for a few years and works for Rite Aid Shipping. Four churches needed to sponsor family. Zion Perry Hall; Zion Golden Ring; Protestant Community are already sponsoring this family. Zion Golden Ring has a house on its property but there may be household needs we can help with. We can consider a household 'shower' to give needed items. Sponsoring a family requires financial commitment of approximately \$2,500/month for four months (\$2,500 from each church if 4 churches sponsor). Family will need assistance with cultural adjustments. Council is interested in helping with material items – food, clothing, etc., but cannot commit financially to \$2,500/month. Meeting being held on December 14 – Carol Rowell to attend and report back to Council.

Earl's Place Run on New Year's Day – Lynn Sanders motioned to have United pay registration fee of \$25/each for Rebecca Orendorff and Calvin Gundlach; seconded by Rebecca Orendorff; all in favor.

New Business:

Leadership Dinner – January 14; \$10/person; Overhills Mansions; 5:30pm

Inquiry from church member regarding cost of repair of existing ice machine or cost of new ice machine. Lori Betch to ask Howard Carter for opinion regarding repair vs. new.

Jubilee Baltimore – three architects have seen Christian Education building and will return to study further to make presentation in January 2007. Decisions needed in January regarding moving forward or not with development of building.

Secretarial position has been offered to Kathleen Mengers to begin on January 2, 2007.

Election of Officers for 2007:

President – Harvey Jacob

Vice President – Clarence Rowell

Treasurer – Barb Matthew

Financial Secretary – to be determined

Recording Secretary – to be determined.

Lynn Sanders motioned to adjourn meeting at 9:45pm; seconded by Rebecca Orendorff; all in favor. Meeting ended with Lord's Prayer.