

United Evangelical Church of Christ
Council Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2007

Meeting began 7:10 p.m.

Time of devotion - Olga DeBloom

In attendance: Harvey Jacobs, Clarence Rowell, Dale Sanders, Ursula Jacobs, Barbara Matthews, Carrie Hogan, Nancy Gray, Bob Osburne, Rev. Cathy, & Laraine Jones

Clarence motioned to approve minutes, Dale Sanders seconded and all in favor.

Financial report: Our total revenue for the month was 12,002.47. Our total expenses were 17,695.12, leaving us with a deficit of 5692.65. Our CD was renewed at Eastern Savings Bank at the going rate. Casa Restauracion and Sprint monies will continue to help. The amount of \$1,000 was transferred from Trinity UCC Bequest Funds, to our operating funds for Vision study.

Cathy Fifield gave a presentation on *The Youth Group* Christian Education. Ideas discussed were fundraisers to help with trips and projects. Council agreed that the congregation should participate.

Property – A manager still needs to be appointed for this committee. Dissatisfaction with Paul's work was discussed. Dale Sanders will define work hours, job description and detail responsibilities for him. Art Jones is also willing to help.

Harvey has contacted a company in Kentucky, regarding a new Marquee and pricing. The clock, lights and church bells will be handled in the spring.

Jubilee Baltimore will make a presentation Sunday, February 11th after the 10:30 service, which could possibly help with decisions concerning the building.

Calendar – Someone still needs to be appointed to schedule church advents. Nancy is going to ask Ellen Carter to accept this responsibility. New people are also needed to set up the Alter.

Fellowship – Bob will be heading up this committee. The Pact Group would like better communication about Church events.

Membership - It was suggested that Ursula, Nancy and Rev. Cathy work together to reach old members. Nancy reported on "Connect First". The initial cost would be an \$80 set-up fee and .60 per card. Cards would be mailed to 50 new homeowners in the community per month. Dale made a motion to go with the membership project, Harvey seconded, all in favor. Rev. Cathy reported that there would be a CAC Church Vitality

Retreat, held March 23rd and 24th. The retreat would explore ways to increase vitality and growth in the church.

Spiritual – Rev. Cathy and Bob visited the Wondee family to find out their needs. The parents are getting job training, which will help them be self-supportive. The family will be invited to the February 18th service.

There will be a written report on the consultant work of Jim Bell, following the Feb. 25th church service.

During the Lenten season, there will be a bake sale and a coffee time, after the Wednesday night service. The Council will host the March 7th service.

On March 15th, new members will be invited to join us for a “potluck dinner” at 6:00p.m. They will get a chance to meet council members and find out more about the church.

Pastor David Flaherty, of First United Church is taking over the job of church secretary. There will be a 90-day probationary period.

Olga motioned to adjourn, Ursula seconded, all in favor.
The meeting was adjourned at 9:35p.m. Closing with The Lord’s Prayer.