

United Evangelical Church, UCC
Church Council Meeting
May 16, 2007

Meeting began 7:08 pm

Devotion: Rev. Cathy

Attendance: Harvey & Ursula Jacob, Olga DeBloom, Dale Sanders, Bob Osburne, Clarence Rowell, Rev. Jim Bell, Rev. Cathy & Laraine Jones

Minutes from April 18th meeting were read. Olga motioned to accept minutes with a revision to monies sent by Sprint, to cover electrical use, not rent. Dale seconded, all in favor.

Financial report: April turned out to be a good month. Our total revenue was \$24,470.78. Our total expenses were \$13,123.23, leaving us with a gain of \$11,347.55 for the month. We are still down by \$7021.91 for the year. Our stock made a gain of \$873 for the month. The financial report was accepted, as submitted.

Property: We accepted the proposal of \$23,000 for the repair of 5 stained glass windows. The congregation will be approached about sponsoring a window or donations to a window fund, which would allow families and friends to contribute to this project. Rev. Bell is working on grant letters to foundations, eleven letters will be sent out.

Copy machine proposal was received from Advanced Business Machines. \$244 per month for rental or \$278 per month for new machine, proposal based on amount of usage. Dale will look into other options.

Carpets are in need of replacement. New toilet seats and tissue holders are needed in bathrooms. Air conditioner needs to be serviced. Harvey has found a place in Texas that specializes in small signs. The cost for a LED sign would run approximately about \$10,000.

Membership: Nancy has gotten "Connect First" underway. Cards have been sent to 50 households in the neighborhood. Rev. Cathy met with Nancy about membership list and making contacts.

Fellowship:

- Fundraisers – Give congregation written information on windows. Council members are open to fundraisers, after seeing how much money is raised by grants and donations.
- Dinners to support project.
- Offering envelopes.
- Picnic to be held, Sept 9th at North Point State Park.

School Building: Discussion on uses for building.

- Renovation

- Meeting with Jubilee Baltimore
- Community involvement.

Visionary committee: Rev. Bell would like to get Jerry Leggett, who is touring the country with his "Sing Out for Peace at Noon!" to make a stop at our church. This would help in getting the community involved. Ursula will contact the media about promoting the event. A motion was made to accept the financial responsibility of guest, Mr. Leggett. Dale motioned to accept, Clarence seconded, all in favor.

Calendar – Ladies Aid Organization to hold luncheon.

Spiritual – One unknown song and the rest familiar.

Ushering – Nametags to identify people.

Christian Ed. – Order material for Cradle Roll and organize games for picnic.

Old Business – Sam's Club membership not needed.

Pastor's Review – Rev. Cathy will be away June 4th – 8th for continuing education. On sabbatical July 8th and in Ohio on July 6-9th. Youth trip will be held July 22-29th. The trip is a work camp to help out the community. The cost of the trip is \$300 per person. The Church and the Church School will each give a \$100 to each child for participation on trip. Bob Osburne is also contributing \$50 towards trip. Ursula motioned to accept, Olga seconded, all in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40pm., ending with the Lord's Prayer. Dale motioned, Ursula seconded, all in favor.