

**United Evangelical Church, UCC
Church Council Meeting
August 14, 2007**

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7 p.m.

Devotion: Clarence Rowell

Attendance: Bob Osburne, Clarence Rowell, Olga deBloom, Ursula and Harvey Jacob, Dale Sanders, Ellen and Howard Carter & Nancy Gray.

The July minutes were read. A motion was made by Olga and seconded by Dale to accept them as read. All in favor

Correspondence: A decision was made to disburse \$250 of 2007 budgeted Earl's Place funds this month designating our church as one of the sponsors of their 2008 New Year's Resolution Run. Calvin Gundlach has said he will participate in the run again next New Years day.

BGE will be coming to inspect and make recommendations for our air conditioning and heating. This will be done at no cost to us.

Financial Report: We took in \$1,000 more than we spent during July. This may be due to the fact that there were 5 Sundays in July. Nine of the ten windows are being sponsored. The tenth window is being reserved for miscellaneous contributions. We discussed the fact that people are more willing to give to a specific project than increase their weekly giving. Dale will look into the cost of a new ice machine. One of our members has offered to pay for it.

Discussion: We discussed renaming the Choir Room the Upper Room. The room is being renovated and painted and furnished to serve a variety of purposes. A suggestion was made by Nancy Gray to install ceiling fans and pull up window shades. A suggestion was made to update pastor's office in the near future. Work has begun on the stained glass windows and all ten will be finished before the end of the year. Harvey initiated a discussion about installing donor plaques on each window sill. There has been no response so far to the letters initiated by Rev. Bell asking for grant money for the restoration of the stained glass windows. A number of our members have been working very hard on cleaning up and disposing of no longer needed pianos, desks, old music etc.

Property: Harvey has met with several office machine dealers to discuss the purchase of a copy machine for the church office. He also has installed some "Scare Eye" balloons between the church and the school building in an effort to discourage the pigeons. We tabled the idea of installing large planters on either side of the church entrance.

Membership: No discussion

Altar: If we install railings, they would have to be installed on either side next to the lectern and the pulpit and match the existing woodwork. No conclusion was reached.

Fellowship: Our annual church picnic will take place on September 9th. A tea is planned by the Ladies Organization for October 3rd as well as an Oktoberfest on October 14th.

Christian Education: No discussion

Calendar: Our church will take part in the Canton Garden Tour on Saturday, September 15th.

Ushering: No discussion

Music: Ursula talked about the old, torn and outdated hymnals and suggested we consider replacing all of them with new ones that would also include some praise songs, eliminating the need for so many printed songs in Sunday bulletins.

Spiritual: No discussion

Pastoral Review: Lynn Sanders will be scheduling a meeting.

Rev. Cathy's Report: Rev. Cathy was out of town

Old Business: Fees for the use of the Church were discussed and will be continued next month. The conversion of the School Building was discussed. CASA has been asked to vacate by the end of August 2007.

New Business: No discussion

Olga made a motion which was seconded by Dale to adjourn the meeting at 9:10 p.m, all in favor. Meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer.