



**United Evangelical Church, UCC**  
**Church Council Meeting**  
**September 11, 2007**

Meeting began 7:10 pm

**Devotion:** Laraine Jones

**Attendance:** Harvey & Ursula Jacob, Nancy Gray, Olga DeBloom, Barbara Matthew, Bob Osburne & Rev. Catherine Oatman

Ursula motioned to accept the minutes with a correction to Earl's Place to read, a \$250 contribution to Earl's Place and to sponsor Calvin Gundlach to run in the New Year's Resolution Run. Olga seconded the motion, all in favor.

**Correspondence:** Calvin called Harvey with positive comments about the planters. A date needs to be given to N. A. group to vacate the building. Harvey will write them a letter asking them to give up the space they are using by the end of October. Barbara motioned to accept correspondence, Olga seconded, all in favor.

**Financial Report:** Our total revenue for the month was \$9599.20. Our total expenses were \$13,858.89. Things should be picking up with the fall season ahead. Nancy motioned to accept the report, Bob seconded, all in favor.

**Discussion:** The stained glass windows are in the final stage of completion. The front window is also in need of repair. It will cost \$15,121 to repair. It will be presented at the Congregational meeting for approval. Plaques will be issued for dedicating windows. A date will be set for church school clean up and volunteers. In order to keep up building repairs and appearances, \$4500 will be designated to updating offices and refreshing our appearance for the holidays. Laraine motioned to accept, Bob seconded, all in favor.

**Committees:**

**Property:** Council recommends we buy a new copier from Reliable Office Technologies. The cost would be \$8500 with a service contract of \$133 per month. This will be presented to the congregation at the next Congregational meeting. Nancy is checking into carpeting for the church. She also received donations of two nice large planter urns and placed them one on each side of the front entrance of the church.

**Membership:** Following up on Connect First mailings. Frank Lemaster will be taking pictures of church for postcards.

**Altar:** A decision was made not to have railings installed at the altar. Besides being costly it would take away from the appearance. Ushers will be available for anyone who needs assistance. Nancy motioned to accept this, Laraine seconded, all in favor.

**Fellowship:** Rally Day will be Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. Seminarian student, George Swift will be here. The church will be getting back into full swing. Refreshments will be served after the services. The ladies tea will be Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>. Oktoberfest is Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Hymnals:** We are looking into new hymnals for the church. The old ones are tattered and do not include a lot of the old standards or have a selection of contemporary music. The average cost would be \$9.95 each. We could also seek donations to replace the current hymnals.

**Pastor's Report:** Rally Sunday, Rev. Cathy will be talking about how the church is growing in all areas during this season of Pentecost. Youth group has 4 youth and is combining with Zion Golden Ring youth who have around 10 youth. The deadline for the Endeavor is this week. The Visioning Committee suggested getting the congregation to share faith experiences.

**Old Business:** We are planning to upgrade the fees we charge for church services. A schedule of proposed new fees has been drawn up that we are currently evaluating.

**New Business:** Nominating committee to recruit people to serve on the Church Council for the next 2 year term. A committee needs to meet to develop a proposed financial budget for 2008 to submit to the Congregation at the meeting Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>

Bob motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 pm. Barbara seconded, all in favor. The meeting ended with The Lord's Prayer.