

The January meeting of the Church Council was held on the 5th day of January 1954. The following members were present and voting throughout the entire meeting. Fred Gross, President, Albert Fader, Sr., Vice President, Ernest Jones, Financial Secretary, John J. Will, Jr., Treasurer, William Bark, Jr., Recording Secretary, Fred Hutchinson, A. Witzke, Howard Jenkins, Henry Smit, George Hammerbacher, Fred Long, and George Hoffmann. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. The minutes of the previous monthly meeting were read and approved. The Financial Secretary submitted his monthly financial report to the Council for its approval. It was read and approved and a copy is herewith contained in the record of the meeting.

Mr. Fred Gross then took time to acquaint the Council Board and the members and chairmen of the various committees of the Church with the requirements and responsibility of each committee and its proper functions in the Church.

The Charity Committee then reported on its Christmas activities. A total of fifteen families were aided in some way by this committee. One family was taken to Epstein's Department Store and fitted with shoes and underwear.

The Property Committee headed by Albert Fader, Sr. reported that several months ago new doors for the Sunday School Hall were ordered but as of this meeting had not arrived. It is the understanding of the Property Committee that Mr. Louis Mueller is to install the doors when they arrive. The question of new locks on the various doors throughout the Church was then taken up by the Council. It was decided that wherever new locks were needed the Property Committee should replace same. Keys to the Sunday School Hall are to be given to each member of the Church Council.

The doors under the stage in the basement of the Sunday School Hall are to be checked by the Church Council on next Tuesday. All refuse and other waste matter is to be removed.

The painting and papering of the parsonage was the next order of business by the Property Committee. It was decided that the windows of the parsonage should first be repaired so that when the painting and papering was done there would be no leaks of any kind to mar the walls and the papering. Mr. Albert Fader, Sr. was given permission by the Church Council to have the windows fixed and to have various con-

tractors bid on the papering and painting of the parsonage at the appropriate time. The motion was made by Ernest Jones and seconded by Mr. Frank Hutchinson. The Council Board voted to give Mr. Albert Fader, Sr. this authority.

By a motion of Mr. George Hammerbacher seconded by Mr. Henry Smit the Council Board approved the installation of a telephone to be placed in the Church Hall at a cost of \$10.00 per month.

The question of a cupboard for the Ladies Aid was considered by the Council Board and was decided that Mr. Fred Gross was to contact Mrs. DeVaughn about the type and location of such a cupboard. By a motion of Mr. Frank Hutchinson seconded by Mr. George Hoffman and passed by the entire Council Board it was authorized that Mr. Gross be given permission to purchase the cabinet which Mrs. DeVaughn may require.

The Highland Chapter Order of the Eastern Star asked permission of the Church Council for the use of the hall for January 13, 1954. Fred Hutchinson made the motion that the request be granted. The motion was seconded by George Hammacher. The permission was given by the Council Board that the above request be granted.

The Religious Committee under the direction of Rev. Lehmann reported that the last Sunday School program was presented very well. The Confirmation class has again resumed after the Christmas holidays.

The length of standing time of the Church Service was brought before the Council by Mr. Gross. He said that there have been some talk of the standing period being too long, especially for elderly people. Rev. Lehmann said he would look into the matter as to a possible change.

In a report submitted by Mrs. Elma Amrhein, Church Secretary, the following requested new envelopes for the Church Year.

Mr. John Matthews - 427 North Highland Avenue  
Mrs. Joyce Matthews - 715 S. Potomac Street  
Mrs. & Mrs. John Fund - 3345 Garnet Road  
Mrs. John Phillips - 117 S. Curley Street  
Mr. Charles Behnke - 6116 Parkway Drive  
Mrs. Margaret Clark - 6912 Bank Street  
Mr. George Hammer - 1105 S. Robinson Street  
Mrs. George Hamer - 1105 S. Robinson Street  
Mrs. Evelyn Turner - 612 S. Eaton Street  
Mr. Daniel Griffin - 1421 Broening Highway  
Mr. William Hoffmann - 326 S. East Avenue  
Mr. Wilfred Maier - 6108 Eastern Avenue  
Mrs. Millicent Gray - 715 S. Potomac Street  
Mr. David Harmening - 100 S. Curley Street  
Mr. George Eberhardt, Jr. - 41 Portship Road  
Mrs. Emma Anzer - 1226 N. Potomac Street  
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Bauersfeld - 348 Gusryan Street  
Mr. Charles Pohlman - 1120 S. Decker Avenue.

There are 18 new member in all. Also there were 10 renewals who had not been contributing regularly in the last year.

A motion was made by George Hammerbacher and seconded by Henry Smit that the above individuals be given envelopes requested. The motion was duly passed by the Church Council.

The following information was submitted by the Organ Committee to the Church Council so that they might act upon its recommendations.

The Hammond Organ has a list price of \$3,727.00 less a trade in value on our old organ of \$200.00. The price being \$3,527.00. The Whirlitzer Organ sold at a price of \$2,621.00 with a price of \$1,050.00 for two tone boxes and \$700 for Chimes. The Consonata sold for \$3,323.15. This price did not however include tone boxes nor chimes. The full price of the Consonata was \$4,548.00 which included chimes and two tone boxes. The Baldwin Organ sold for \$2,600.00 without Tone Boxes and Chimes. The complete cost of a Baldwin Organ with Chimes and two Tone Boxes was \$4,205.86

After much discussion it was decided by the Church Council to purchase the Hammond Organ at a complete price of \$3,727.00. This included the very latest model plus tone boxes and Chimes.

The Church Council accepted the recommendations of George Hoffman and his committee to buy the Hammond Organ.

The following question was therefore in the form of a motion put forth to the Church Council by Albert Witzke and seconded by George Hammerbacher.

"That George Hoffman be given authority to purchase a Church Model Hammond Organ included two tone cabinets and Mass Vibrachimes (Model #72) at a total cost of \$3,727.00, and to have said organ installed in proper place in the church. The Organ to be paid for in ninety days cash. The contract to be drawn by the Hammond Company and said contract to be signed by the following member of the Church Council. Fred W. Gross, President - Ernest Jones, Financial Secretary, and John J. Will, Jr. - Treasurer."

The above motion was carried by the affirmative vote of the entire Church Council Board.

Rev. Lehmann informed the Church Council that a Bible Study group was to start on Tuesday at 7:30 P.M. Rev. Lehmann requested that he be given permission to purchase his material for Lent. The request in a form of a motion was granted. Henry Smit making said motion and seconded by Albert Fader, Sr., and passed by the Council Board.

After a motion was heard from Fred Hutchinson and seconded by Henry Smit the meeting was adjourned. Rev. Lehmann closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

  

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 (William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary