

The October meeting of the Church Council was held on October 5, 1954. Those in attendance were A. Witzke, W. Bark, Jr., E. Jones, H. Jenkins, H. Smit, G. Hammerbacher, F. Gross, F. Long, G. Hoffmann, and A. Fader, Sr/ <sup>J. Will.</sup> The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. The reading of the minutes for the month of September were read and approved. The Financial Secretary submitted his monthly report to the Council Board and it was read, approved, and accepted and a copy is herewith contained in these minutes.

The letter from The Council of Churches and Christian Education of Maryland-Delaware, Inc. was read and discussed by the Church Council. The same delegates as last year were appointed to represent our church at the Annual Assembly Meeting to be held November 4, 1954. They are Mr. Fred Long, Miss Bertha Will, Mrs. May Getz, and Mr. J. Edwin Myers.

A letter of thanks was received from the Canton Area Council, Inc for the use of the Sunday School Hall for the purpose of the sixth annual talent show sponsored by The Kiwanis Club of Highlandtown and The Canton Area Council, Inc. on September 18, 1954.

A letter of thanks was also received from The Eastern Community Council, Inc., for the use of the Sunday School Hall for the Exchange Club Little and Big League awards party.

Auditing Committee - An audit of the books of the United Evangelical Church were made by the Auditing Committee on October 5, 1954. The books were in the highest of order and all income and expenses were recorded and properly disbursed to the various funds set up for their specific purposes.

Envelope Committee - The envelopes are to be prepared for distribution as per the request of the envelope committee.

Charity Committee - No report at this time.

Music Committee: - Mr. Albert Witzke, chairman of this committee states that an endeavor is being made to arouse the interest of the young people for the choir.

Canvas Committee - Rev. Lehmann commented that some sort of canvas should be conducted this year.

Finance Committee - The funds in excess of \$10,000 in the following banks are to be transferred to another depository for safety measures as requested by the Church Council and Auditing Committee in the meeting of September 1954. (Savings Bank of Baltimore, Provident Savings Bank, Canton National Bank)

A request was made by the church Financial Secretary, Ernest Jones that the Benevolence Fund at the Equitable Trust Company be closed and incorporated in the General Fund of the Church at the Canton National Bank. A Separate accounting method will still be used for this fund, however, as this fund is very inactive and the unnecessary time consumed in banking these funds are pressing upon the Church Treasurer the Church Council has hereby given permission to the Financial Secretary, Ernest Jones to close the above account. The motion was made by Albert Fader, Sr., and seconded by George Hoffmann, and passed by the entire Church Council.

Calander Committee - The request of the Ladies Guild for the use of the Church Hall and kitchen was granted by the Church Council. The date being October 20, 1954, the regular meeting of the Ladies Guild.

Property Committee - Locks on all inner hall doors have been installed and paid for. Mr. Paul Bauersfeld has been approved the giving of two extra keys to the Sunday School Hall to Sunday School Workers. Motion by Albert Witzke and seconded by George Hammerbacher, and passed by Church Council.

The Church Council has approved the giving of inner hall keys to all person possessing outside door keys to the Sunday School Hall.

The attention of the Church Council was called to the broken windows in the lower hall. A suggestion was made that these windows be ~~used~~ covered up with metal of some type and painted the same color as the building frames. The windows/<sup>being</sup> discussed are those in the rear of the stage in the Sunday School Hall. Albert Fader and Howard Jenkins will take the problem under discussion and report back to the Church Council.

Interorganization Committee - The Council Board had under discussion the dividing or responsibility of the Oyster Supper Committee. The Council Board decided that all workers at the coming Oyster Supper shall have the same servings as paying customers. Mr. Fred Gross and Mr. Fred Long are to attend the Ladies Aid meeting on Wednesday, October 6, 1954.

Religious Education - The Sunday School attendance is now picking up after the summer vacations. There were fifteen new scholars admitted on Sunday.

The last Sunday in November new member will be taken into the church.

Picnic Committee - The Picnic Committee of the Sunday School has submitted it's report and the same is contained in these minutes.

The United Evangelical Sunday School by it's Superintendent Paul E. Bauersfeld submitted to the Church Council the idea of a free picnic for all Sunday School members. The Church Council after much discussion undertook to write one-half of the expense of the Sunday School Picnic for the year 1955. A letter to the Superintendent of the Sunday School is hereby contained in these minutes stating the decision of the Council Board. The motion was made by Albert Witzke and seconded by George Hammerbacher that such action be taken and the entire Council Board was in accord with the plan proposed by Mr. Paul Bauersfeld, Superintendent of the United Evangelical Sunday School.

New Business - Mr. William Maher proposed to the Church Council the idea of a Teen-Age Club for members and friends of the United Evangelical Sunday School and the United Evangelical Church. The idea being for the youth of the church and Sunday school ages of fourteen years to twenty years to have a Teen Age Club to meeting on Saturday nights from 8 P. M. to 11 P. M. Mr. Maher stated that there would be adult supervision and that the usual music by records and refreshments would be a part of the entertainment. The Council upon motion by Albert Fader, Sr. and seconded by William Bark, Jr., decided to give this new organization a trial period to see if the Saturday Night time would be advisable in as much as the Church Hall would have to be cleaned on Saturday night for its use on Sunday for the Sunday School. The motion was carried and the trial period was given to Mr. William Maher

The Church Council voted to give the sum of \$10.00 to the Reformation Pilgrimage on Sunday, October 24, 1954. F. Long made the motion seconded by J. Will and passed by the entire Council Board,

Nominating Committee - Mr. Fred Gross, President of the Church Council appointed Mr. George Hoffmann as Chairman of this committee and Mr. William Bark, Jr. and Mr. Fred Long are to serve as assistences on this committee. This committee is to nominate members for the coming election of the Church Council to be held on the November 30, 1954. The Congregational Meeting will be also held on the same night as the election of members to the Church Council.

The First Sunday in December will be for the installation of the new Council Board members and the first meeting of the Church Council for the coming new Church Year will be held December 7, 1954.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

William Bark Jr.  
William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary

The November meeting of the Church Council was held on November 3, 1954. Those in attendance were A. Witzke, W. Bark, Jr., E. Jones, H. Jenkins, H. Smit, G. Hammerbacher, F. Gross, F. Long, G. Hoffmann, and A. Fader, Sr., and J. Will, and F. Hutchinson. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. The reading of the minutes for the month of October were read and approved, and accepted and a copy is herewith contained in these minutes.

Auditing Committee: The auditing committee reported that progress has been made this year in regards to the financial affairs of the church, and a more widespread program of banking church funds has been established.

Envelope Committee: The envelope committee reported that the new envelopes for the year 1955 will be ready for distribution the Sunday of December 12, 1954.

Property Committee: The property committee reported that there are still four keys to the inner doors of the church building to be distributed to the members of the Church Council and various other leaders of church organizations. The property committee had no report regarding the windows to be repaired in the lower portion of the church building and Sunday School Hall. The switch to the door of the Sunday School Hall is broken, that is to say, the light switch above the door. Mr. Witzke promised to look into the matter.

Music Committee: This committee reported that the youth and childrens choir is making excellent progress. The Church Council agreed that they will allot the sum of \$2.00 per week for refreshments for the Church Choirs after their practice sessions. The motion was made by G. Hammerbacher and seconded by H. Smit. The Youth Choir is in need of hats ~~for~~ to complete their choir apparel. Mr. Albert Fader, Sr. was instructed to take the matter up with the choir director and report back to the Church Council as to the cost of these hats and the number needed by the choir.

Charity Committee: This committee reported that there was one case brought to the attention of this committee for the month of October. The need was met by this committee.

Finance Committee: This committee reported that progress is being made in the redistribution of the Church's funds to various other depositors in the City so that the minimum margin of safety might be given to each account in the name of the Church.

Fellowship Committee: The chairman of this committee reported progress.

Interorganization Committee: The Ladies Aid and the Ladies Guild of the church are to share in the work of the Oyster Supper.

Building Fund Meeting: A meeting has been called for November 9, 1954 at 8:30 o'clock.

Religious Education: Rev. Lehmann reported that the Sunday School attendance is running from 65% to 70%, and that new members are always coming in each Sunday. He reported that there is only a very small group in the Bible Study Group now meeting under his direction.

Two new members were taken into the congregation by the <sup>motions</sup> ~~vote~~ of Mr. G. Hammerbacher and Mr. Albert Fader, Sr., and passed by the entire Council Board. The new members are John Carl Weber, and Mrs. Ruth Weber - 411 Cornwall Street, Baltimore 24, Maryland.

The Nominating Committee headed by Mr. George Hoffmann has offered the following for the Junior Board of the Church Council. They are <sup>William</sup> ~~William~~ Coleman, William Single III, Donald McEvoy, Jesse Hoffman, John Lang, Richard Single, Herman Rossmark, Julius Fischer, Charles Pumphrey, William Papilon, Joseph Rice, and George Lawrence.

The Nominating Committee also offered the following for the Senior Board of the Church Council. They are Henry Smit, J. Albert Fader, George Hammerbacher, Ernest Jones, E. Louis Mueller, Wilbert J. Ermer, Albert A. Hofmann, and William Sungle, Jr.

There being no further business before the Church Council at this time the meeting was ordered adjourned by President Fred Gross upon the motions of George Hoffmann and Frank Hutchinson. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayers.

Respectfully submitted,

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(William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary)

The December meeting of the Church Council was held on December 7, 1954. Those in attendance were W. Bark, Jr., E. Jones, W. Ermer, H. Smit, J. Will, G. Hammerbacher, F. Gross, F. Long, G. Hoffmann, and A. Fader. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. A motion was made by A. Fader that the Council Board welcome it's new member Mr. Wilbert Ermer. This was so done by unanimous approval of the entire Council Board. The reading of the minutes for the month of November were read and approved, and accepted and a copy is herewith contained in these minutes. Mr. J. Will made a motion which was seconded by Geo. Hoffmann that the reading of the Financial Report be dispensed with since said report was read and approved at the Congregational Meeting held on November 30, 1954. The Council Board voted approval of the above motion.

The election of new officers for the Council Board was the next business before the Board.

Mr. J. Will made a motion that the entire group of officers holding offices for the preceeding year be voted in on one ballot. President, F. Gross thought this type of balloting was against the Constitution and By-Laws of the United Evangelical Church. Mr. Will thereby withdrew his motion.

Mr. J. Will made a motion that Mr. F. Gross be nominated as President of the Church Council. This motion was seconded by A. Fader, and Geo. Hoffmann made the motion that nominations be closed. Mr. Fred Gross was elected President of the United Evangelical Church Council Board by unanimous vote of the Council Board.

Mr. F. Long made a motion that Mr. A. Fader be nominated as Vice President of the Church Council. This motion was seconded by W. Ermer, and Mr. George Hoffmann made the motion that nominations be closed. Mr. Albert Fader, Sr. was elected Vice-President of the United Ebnagelical Church Council Board by unanimous vote of the Council Board.

Mr. Albert Fader made a motion that Mr. Ernest Jones be nominated as Financial Secretary of the Church Council. This motion was seconded by John Will and Mr. George Hoffman made the motion that nominations be closed. Mr. Ernest Jones was elected Financial Secretary of the United Evangelical Church Council by unanimous vote of the Council Board.

Mr. Ernest Jones made a motion that Mr. John Will, Jr. be nominated as ~~Secretary~~ Treasurer of the Church Council. This motion was seconded by F. Long and Mr. W. Ermer made the motion that nominations for this office be closed. Mr. John Will, Jr. was elected ~~Secretary~~ Treasurer of the United Evangelical Church Council Board by unanimous vote of the Council Board.

Mr. Albert Fader made a motion that Mr. William Bark, Jr. be nominated as Recording Secretary of the Church Council. This motion was seconded by Geo. Hoffmann and Mr. George Hammerbacher mad the motion that nominations for this office be closed. Mr. William Bark, Jr. was elected Recording Secretary of the United Evangelical Church Council Board by unanimous vote of the Council Board.

Auditing Committee: No report at this time.

Envelope Committee: This committee report that all the contribution envelopes were ready for distribution. The proper announcements were made by Rev. Lehmann and the said envelopes could be picked up in the Fellowship Hall starting Sunday, December 12, 1954.

Charity Committee: This committee reported that twelve baskets were given away for the Thanksgiving Holiday. This committee reported that they had received a number of request for Christmas baskets also. The cost for the Thanksgiving baskets were \$90.92.

Music Committee: Mr. Albert Fader reported that the Choir would need about ten choir hats. Each hat to cost about \$3.00 The Council Board voted that said hats be purchased.



Finance Committee: This committee discussed at length with the Council Board the merger of the Baltimore National Bank and the Fidelity Trust Company with the relationship as to the insurance protection offered by the new bank known as the Fidelity Baltimore National Bank and Trust Company. Since the merger of these two banks also has merged the Savings Accounts in these two banks of the United Evangelical Church and since the maximum protection is still \$10,000 it was decided by a motion proposed by H. Smit and seconded by A. Fader Sr., that the Council Board draw the excess over \$10,000 and deposit said excess in a new account at the Eutaw Savings Bank. The motion to open the account at the Eutaw Savings Bank met with the entire approval of the Council Board and said account is to be opened in the near future.

Calander Committee: Several changes in dates were proposed by the various organizations in the church. The United Men's Club asked for a change of date from December 22, 1954 to December 15, 1954 to hold their annual Christmas Dinner. Approval by motion of George Hoffman and seconded by Henry Smit and passed by the entire Council Board was granted this change of date to the United Mens Club. The Council Board also gave approval to the Sunday School to hold a Spaghetti Dinner on January 12, 1955. The Council Board also gave approval to the Ladies Aid Society to hold a Sauerbeef Dinner to be held on February 9th 1955.

Fellowship Committee: This committee is planning to reward the Junior Council Board in the near future for their service to the Church.

Canvas Committee: No Report.

Property Committee: Light switch in Sunday School Hall repaired. The doorbell also in working order. A report to the effect that the toilet seats in the various laboratories are in bad shape was made to the Council Board. Mr. Fred Gross promised to order new ones in the near future. The property Committee Chairman (A. Fader) is to get an estimate from E. Louis Mueller in regards to repairing the Stage in the auditorium in the Sunday School Hall.

Interorganization Committee: No report at this time.

Religious Education: The Christmas program is to be held on Wednesday December 22, 1954 in the Church proper and fellowship will follow in the Sunday School Hall. The Sunday School attendance is between 60 and 70 percent at this time. A special program of Christmas Music will be offered by the Choir during the Christmas Holidays.

New Business: Mr. Fred Gross appointed Mr. H. Smit as Chairman of the Christmas Decoration Committee.

The Church Council by motion of A. Fader and seconded by George Hoffman voted to give to the Commission on World Service the sum of \$50.00 as a Christmas denotion for the relief of the surpressed and poor of the World at large.

The total receipts from the Oyster Supper was announced by Chairman Fred Long.

The amount at this time is \$1,263.92 with \$27.00 more to be collected.

The Church Council by votex of the entire Board voted to increase the salary of Mrs Elma Amhrein \$5.00 per week. The motion was made by A. Fader Sr. and seconded by Henry Smit.

There being no further business before the Council Board at this time a motion was made by A. Fader, Sr. and seconded by Henry Smit that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

William Bark, Jr.  
(William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary)