

October 8, 1954.

A Special Congregational Meeting of the Church was held on the above date. The meeting was opened with a prayer by the President of the Church Council, Mr. Fred Gross.

The minutes of the Congregational Meeting held on September 21, 1954 were read and approved. The financial report for the month of September was read and approved.

Most of the time at the meeting was taken up by slides of the preliminary drawings of the new church submitted by L. W. Moehle and Associates. As the slides were flashed upon the screen Mr. Fred Gross, President of the Church Council and Chairman of the Building Committee commented on the plans and questions and answers were forthcoming from the congregation and other members of the Church Council and Building Committee.

The question of the Church Choir was one of the main issues discussed at this meeting. Various views as to the position of the choir in the new church were discussed at this meeting. Comments were heard from the Choir Director and Organist, Mr. Donald Schrader, as to his preference as to the location of the choir. Mr. Fred Medinger, a member of the congregation, and one familiar with the positions of the various choirs of other churches expressed his views. Mr. Fred Gross stated that this subject would be given special consideration at the next meeting of the Building Committee.

After much discussion regarding the plans of the church and the question of meeting in the Sunday School Hall for Sunday and other religious services the motion was made by Mr. Wilbur Ermer, a member of the congregation that the Building Committee go ahead with plans to build a new church. The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Kellner, Sr., also a member of the congregation. Mr. Fred Gross, President of the Church Council and Chairman of the Building Committee put the question to a vote. There were no dissenting votes.

The Congregational Meeting was attended very well in comparison to other Congregational Meetings held by the Church.

There being no further business before the congregation the motion was made by Albert Fader, Sr., and seconded by J. Edwin Myers that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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(William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary)

9/21/54

A Congregational Meeting of the Church was held on the above date. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. Mr. Fred Gross, President of the Church Council presided at the meeting. There was a very small attendance and the Church Council as a whole was very upset at the small turnout.

Mr. Fred Gross, President of the Church Council and Chairman of the Building Committee outlined before the members present the plans and ideas as to the erection and design of the proposed new church. Preliminary plans were submitted to the Congregation for their inspection and approval. Mr. Gross stated that a new Church would cost in the realm of \$198,000.00. Mrs. Virginia Gross brought up the question of how did the Congregation propose to raise the amount necessary to build the new church. This question was deferred until a later time. It was stated by a member of the congregation that about \$9,000 could be raised between now and when the new church would started to be built, that is in the Spring of 1955. This figure was arrived at by taking into consideration the amount of money contributed to the Building Fund on a monthly basis from past record. This will leave a balance of about \$80,000 to be borrowed.

Because of the small attendance Mr. Fred Gross did not feel that the small representation of the Congregation should make any decisions until more members of the church were present. Therefore, a Special Congregational Meeting was called for Friday, October 8, 1954. Rev. Lehmann thought it a good idea that Mr. Gross, President of the Church Council make the announcement from the Church rostrum on the two succeeding Sundays before the Special Congregational Meeting was to take place. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*William Bark, Jr.*

William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary

November 30, 1954.

The first Congregational Meeting for the New Church year was held on November 30, 1954, in the Fellowship Hall of the United Evangelical Sunday School at 8 o'clock.

There were in attendance a total of 57 members from the congregation. The minutes of the previous meeting of the Congregation held on October 8, 1954 were read, approved and accepted and are contained in the Church Records. The Financial Report of the Church was read and approved and a copy is herewith contained in these minutes.

The report of Christain Service was read and approved and a copy is herewith contained in these minutes.

The financial report of the Ladies Aid Society was read and approved and is herewith contained in these minutes. Other reports from the various other church organizations were not ready at this time.

Mr. Fred Gross, President of the Church Council made the following announcements regarding the services for the Christmas Holidays. The Christmas Eve Service is to take place on December 24, 1954 at 10:45 P. M. The New Year's Eve Service is to take place at 8:00 o'clock on New Year's Eve. This is a change from the old time of 10:45 P.M. on New Year's Eve. It is hoped that the change in time will bring more members to this service.

Mr. Fred Gross, President of the Church Council expressed his desire that all twelve members of the church selected by the Nominating Committee for the Junior Board be allowed to serve in this capacity and that the rule of having only six members on the Junior Board be disregarded this year. A motion was made by William Single, Jr. that this method be carried out. The motion was seconded by Mr. George Hammerbacher and duly carried by the entire members present at this meeting.

The following members were elected to serve on the Church Council for the coming year. They are Henry Smit, John Will, J. Albert Fader, George Hammerbacher, Ernest Jones, and Wilbert J. Ermer.

A copy of the ballot report is herewith contained in these minutes.

There being no further business before the Congregation at this time a motion was made by Albert A. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Frank Hutchinson that the meeting be closed. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

(William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary)

TOTAL  
VOTES

11/30/54

SENIOR BOARD

VOTE FOR SIX

HENRY SMIT 28 ✓  
JOHN WILL 49 ✓  
J. ALBERT FADER 46 ✓  
GEORGE HAMMERBACHER 47 ✓  
ERNEST JONES 35 ✓  
E. LOUIS MUELLER 21  
WILBERT J. ERMER 41 ✓  
ALBERT A. HOFMANN 20  
WILLIAM SINGLE, JR. 25

JUNIOR BOARD

~~WILLIAM COLEMAN~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
WILLIAM SINGLE, III \_\_\_\_\_  
DONALD MC EVOY \_\_\_\_\_  
JESSE HOFMANN \_\_\_\_\_  
JOHN LANG \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard Single  
~~KENNETH D. NIEMAN~~ \_\_\_\_\_  
HERMAN ROSSMARK \_\_\_\_\_  
JULIUS FISCHER \_\_\_\_\_  
CHARLES PUMPHREY \_\_\_\_\_  
WILLIAM PAPILOIN \_\_\_\_\_  
JOSEPH RICE \_\_\_\_\_  
GEORGE LAWRENCE \_\_\_\_\_

*Junior  
Committee  
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TALLY SHEET

○ Frank Hutchinson	### ### ### ### ### ### ###	35 ✓	①
○ William Bark	### ### ### ### ### II	27 ✓	③
○ Albert Witzke	### ### ### ### I	21	⑤
○ George Hoffmann	### ### ### III	18	⑥
○ Fred Gross	### ### ### ### ### ### ### IIII	34 ✓	②
Marcus Strovel	### ### ###	15	
○ Fred Long	### ### ### ### ### II	27	④
Wilbert Ermer	### ### ### I	16	
Louis Westerman	### ### ###	15	
William Single	### ### ### I	16	
Henry Rossmark	I	1	
Emil Jorio		0	
William Mayer	IIII	4	
Melvin Felter	IIII	4	
○ Kenneth Dannemann	### ### ### ### ### ### ### IIII	34 ✓	①
○ Herman Rossmark	### ### ### ### ### ### ### III	33 ✓	②
James Calhoun		0	
Joseph Rice	### I	6	
John Huber	###	5	
○ John Lang	### ### ### ###	20 ✓	③
Elsie Neumann	II	2	
PAPILON -	### IIII	8	