

The December meeting of the Church Council was held on December 2, 1955. Those in attendance were William Single, Jr., Harry Bauersfeld, Jr., W. Bark, Jr., E. Jones, W. Ermer, H. Smit, J. Will, George Hammerbacher, F. Gross, F. Long, George Hoffman, and A. Fader, Sr. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. The reading of the minutes for the month of November were read, approved and accepted. The reading of the Financial Statement for the month of November was read and approved and a copy is herewith included in these minutes.

Auditing Committee: No report at this time.

Envelope Committee: The new envelopes for the coming Church Year are ready for distribution. The envelopes not picked up in the Sunday School Hall will be mailed out after the first of the New Year.

Calender Committee: The following dates were requested by the various organizations of the Church.

The Sunday School - Wednesday, December 21, 1955 - Christmas Program.

The Ladies Aid- Wednesday, December 14, 1955 - Christmas Party.

The Boy Scouts - Tuesday, December 20, 1955 - Christmas Party.

A request was made by Public School #240 to use the Church Proper for Graduation Exercises on the following dates January 25, 1956, January 27, 1956, January 30, 1956. A motion was made by Ernest Jones and seconded by John Will, Jr. that the above dates be approved for the various Church Organizations and the dates requested above for Public School #240 be also approved. Motion carried.

Charity Committee: There were a total of fourteen baskets giving to various families during the Thanksgiving Holiday. Cost \$98.00. The same amount and the same number of baskets will be needed for Christmas.

Canvas Committee: No report at this time.

Music Committee: No report at this time.

Fellowship Committee: It was suggested and approved that the Members of the Church Council usher people into the pews when the church becomes crowded. A memo is to be placed upon the Church Program stating when latecomers to Church should be admitted to their seats.

A motion was made by George Hoffman and seconded by Wm. Bark, Jr. that the name of Charles Pumphrey be added to that of the Junior Council serving at this time. Mr. Pumphrey's name was omitted from the list of those who were kind enough to run in the recent election. The motion was carried.

Finance Committee: The Chairman of this committee requested that the President of the Church Council and he himself clip the coupons now due from the bonds at the Equitable Trust Company Safe Deposit Box.

Upon motion made by William Single, Jr. and seconded by John Will, Jr. it was agreed that the sum of \$4,236.50 owed to the General Fund by the Building Fund be cancelled. The said sum is hereby turned over to the Building Committee for the erection of the new church. Motion carried.

Building Committee: The windows in the basement (rear) are still in need of repair. It was suggested that the Oriole Window Cleaning Company be contacted regarding the repair work. The Building Committee took up the request of Mrs. Emma James regarding the wall in the Sunday School Hall. The Church Council decided that the wall shall be repaired when the Sunday School Hall is again painted. The damage done to the wall was caused by the unusual heavy rains this summer and should not happen again. The blinds shall therefore be replaced before the repairs are made.

Religious Education: Rev. Lehmann reported that the Sunday School has dropped about eighty individuals from its roll.. These individuals have not attended for some time and the Sunday School wished to bring its records to date for the coming Church Year. There will be a Special Program for Christmas Day and December 21st.

Interorganization Committee: No report at this time.

Rev. Lehmann is to write to the proper individual to continue the name of the Church on the list for an assistant pastor when the time comes for obtaining the same and proper quarters are ready for his use.

New Business: The election of new church officers for the coming year is now in order.

The name of Fred Gross was nominated for the office of President of the Church Council by John Will, Jr. and Albert Fader, Sr. George Hoffman and Wilbert Ermer moved that the nominations be closed. Mr. Fred Gross was unanimously elected.

The name of Albert Fader, Sr. was nominated for Vice President of the Church Council by Wilbert Ermer and seconded by Fred Long. Mr. George Hoffman and Mr. Henry Smit moved that the nominations be closed. Mr. Albert Fader, Sr. was unanimously elected Vice-President of the Church Council. Mr. Albert Fader, Sr. made a motion that Mr. Ernest Jones be nominated as Financial Secretary of the Church Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilbert Ermer. Mr. George Hoffman and Mr. George Hammerbacher moved that the nominations be closed. Mr. Ernest Jones was elected Financial Secretary of the Church Council. Mr. Wilbert Ermer made a motion that Mr. John Will, Jr. be nominated as Treasurer of the Church Council. The motion was seconded by Wilbert Ermer. Mr. Albert Fader, Sr. and Mr. Henry Smit moved that the nominations for this office be closed. Mr. John Will, Jr. was unanimously voted Treasurer of the Church Council. Mr. Ernest Jones made a motion that William Bark, Jr. be nominated for the office of Recording Secretary of the Church Council. Mr. George Hammerbacher and Mr. Wilbert Ermer moved that the nominations for this office be closed. Mr. William Bark, Jr. was elected Recording Secretary of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church by unanimous vote of the Council Board. The Council Board took under consideration the changing of the Lenten Services from Friday night to Wednesday. After much discussion pro and con the matter was decided.

Mr. Wilbert Ermer made the motion that the Lenten Services be held on Wednesday Night during the Lenten Season, starting the first Wednesday in Lent. The time of the service will be 7:30 P. M. Mr. John Will seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the entire Council Board.

Mr. John Will and Mr. Henry Smit were appointed Co-Chairman to supervise the decorating of the Church for Christmas. The assistance of the Ladies Guild will be sought by the Council Board.

The date of the annual Sunday School picnic will be the 3rd Wednesday in July unless otherwise decided by the Church Council. There is much discussion on having the picnic on a Saturday.

The following new envelope members have been received into the Church.

Mrs. William Single - 722 S. Ellwood Avenue (24)
Mrs. Wm. Crawford - 728 S. Linwood Avenue, (24)
Mrs. Goldie Holmschuch - 811 S. Potomac Street (24)

The Council Board has given permission to Rev. Lehmann to secured the materials necessary for the Lenten Season. The Christmas announcements are to go out on a special Christmas letterhead.

There being no further business before the Council Board at this time a motion was made by A. Fader, Sr. and seconded by William Single, Jr. that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

(William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary)

The September meeting of the Church Council was held on September 6, 1955. Those in attendance were F. Hutchinson, A. Witzke, W. Bark, Jr., E. Jones, H. Smit, J. Will, George Hammerbacher, Fred Gross, F. Long, George Hoffman, and A. Kader, Sr. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. The reading of the minutes for the month of August were read, approved and accepted. The reading of the Financial Statement for the month of August was read and approved and a copy is herewith included in these minutes.

Auditing Committee: Books to be audited in near future.

Charity Committee: Progress. \$200.00 in Poor Fund Account.

Envelope Committee: To few members of the Council Board helping count Sunday church collections. E. Jones suggested we count on Sunday between services. This to be tried for the month of September.

Calander Committee: Ladies Guild requested the date of October 18, 1955.

September 14th. Ladies Aid Luncheon.

Saturday, September 24th the Kiwanis Club of Highlandtown requested the use of the Sunday School Hall for their annual Talent Show. A motion was made by George Hoffman and seconded by Fred Long that the above dates be granted to the various organizations. Motion passed.

Music Committee: None at this time. Donald Schrader satisfied with the raise voted him by the Council Board last month.

Fellowship Committee: Rev. Lehmann to check into pins for the Junior Board of the Junior Board of the Church Council.

Finance Committee: Progress.

Property Committee: The water fountains and toilets have been repaired. Fred Gross to check with Herman Rossmark regarding the varnishing of the front doors of the church.

Religious Education: Sunday School attendance picking up. Rally Day set for Sunday, September 25th. Sunday School workers to meet next Tuesday, September 13th.

Inter-Organization Committee: There is to be a meeting of this committee on Friday of this week to plan and prepare for the Canvas to be conducted by this committee in the near future. The canvas is to start on September 18, 1955.

New Business: Confirmation Classes to start on October 4, 1955 for the Boys and October 6, 1955 for the Girls. Rev. Lehmann requested permission to purchase the necessary texts and pamphlets for the Confirmation groups. Permission granted. Motion made by George Hammerbacher and seconded by Albert Witzke. The Council Board give permission to Rev. Lehmann to collect \$1.00 from each confirmant for the materials to be used in the Confirmation Classes this year. The balance to be charged against Church Funds. (About \$1.25 per confirmant will be charged to the expenses of running the church)

Monthly Bulletin: Discussion for later date. Copies of various other churches to be gotten for discussion.

Oyster Supper: Fred Long appointed Chairman by Fred Gross. Dates: Nov. 8th and 9th.

Nomination Committee: This committee of A. Fader, Sr. E. Jones, and J. Will to operate for nominating of members of the church to run for the Council Board in the coming election in December.

There will be a Congregational Meeting on September 27, 1955.

There being no further business for the Council Board at this time a motion was made by Frank Hutchinson, seconded by A. Fader, Sr. and passed by Council Board. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

(William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary)

The October meeting of the Church Council was held on October 4, 1955.

Those in attendance were F. Hutchinson, W. Bark, Jr., E. Jones, W. Ermer, H. Smit, J. Will, George Hammerbacher, F. Gross, F. Long, George Hoffman, and A. Fader, Sr. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. The reading of the minutes for the month of September were read, approved and accepted. The reading of the Financial Statement for the month of September was read and approved and a copy is herewith included in these minutes.

Auditing Committee: This report will be ready before the December Congregational meeting and the election of officers.

Envelope Committee: Envelopes being prepared for the coming year.

Charity Committee: No expenditures at this time. This committee will again be ready to operate in the coming holidays.

Finance Committee: The counting of the collections between services working out rather well.

Music Committee: Everything up to date. There was a donation of \$25.00 by Mrs. Bertha Will for the work being carried on by the Church Choir. This money will be used for the benefit of this committee.

Junier Council Comments: There were comments on the lack of interest shown by some members of the Junier Council. It was decided by the Church Council to make this Junier Council a honorary work of the church. It was also decided to have six members on this Council instead of twelve. Hope to creat more interest in this member of the Church organization by making it a honor to serve.

Interorganization Committee: No reports at this time.

Religious Education: The Confirmation classes for both the boys and girls have started. There was an excellent turnout for the Rally Day service. Sunday School attendance is picking up with the return of the Fall season. The Youth Fellowship has started on Friday nights.

Property Committee: The lights in the stairways have been fixed. Mr. Paul Bauersfeld states that the blind project in the Sunday School Hall is under way. The Windows in the rear of the building are to be fixed. Mr. Wilbert Ermer to fix the chimney. The front door of the Church Building is to be stained and varnished in the near future.

Canvas Committee: A detailed report is included as a part of these minutes as if they were cited word for word herewith.

Nominating Committee: This committee reported progress and stated that it will have candidates ready to run in the coming election of church officers. The Congregational Meeting and the Election of members to serve on the Council Board will be held on Friday, December 2, 1955.

Sour Beef Supper: The dates of December 6 and 7 have been selected for this event. Free Suppers will be served to all help. The committee will try to have television to entertain those waiting to be seated. The Council Board will serve that night.

Church Paper: The president of the Church Council has appointed George Hoffman, George Hammerbacher, and Frank Hutchinsen to serve on this committee. George Hoffman being chairman.

New Business: The Christmas Eve service will be held at midnight on Christmas Eve as has been done in past years. However, there will be only one Sunday Service on Christmas Day and that will be the 10:15 service.

The New Years' Eve Service will be held at 8:00 on Saturday, December 31st. There will be only one service on Sunday, New Years' Day and that will be at 10:15 A.M.

Birthday Card: The Church Council will send a Birthday Card to Rev. Timothy Lehmann on October 11, 1955.

There being no further business for the Council Board at this time motion was made by George Hoffman, seconded by J. Will and passed by the Council Board that this meeting be adjourned at this time. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary

The November meeting of the Church Council was held on November 1, 1955. Those in attendance were F. Hutchinson, W. Bark, Jr., E. Jones, W. Ermer, H. Smit, J. Will, George Hammerbacher, F. Gross, F. Long, George Hoffman, and A. Fader, Sr. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. The reading of the minutes for the month of October were read, approved and accepted. The reading of the Financial Statement for the month of October was read and approved and a copy is herewith included in these minutes.

The first item of this meeting was the passing of a motion made by Albert Fader and seconded by Frank Hutchinson that the Church Council vote \$25.00 to be sent to the Council of Churches and Christian Education of Maryland-Delaware, Inc. for Christmas Gifts for needy children. The motion was passed by the entire Council Board.

Auditing Committee: This committee will have its report ready by the last week in November - in time for the Congregational Meeting set for December 2, 1955.

Envelope Committee: This committee reported that fifty six sets of envelopes were given to the confirmands so that they might start early the practice of giving to their church.

Property Committee: The windows in the rear of the Sunday School Hall have as yet not be fixed. Our property committee chairman reports that he has contacted Ernest Leimbach regarding the replacing of the broken windows but as of now they have not been repaired. Rev. Lehmann promised to call Ernest Leimbach regarding this project.

Charity Committee: This committee reports that one family is currently on the charity list.

Calander Committee: No requests at this time.

Finance Committee: This committee reports progress.

Canvas Committee: No report at this time.

Music Committee: No report at this time.

Fellowship Committee: No report at this time.

Interorganization Committee: The Ladies Guild wishes to thank this committee for the excellent cooperation during the last supper sponsored by the above organization.

Religious Education: The attendance in Sunday School is on the increase. About four hundred average attendance each Sunday. There will be a meeting of the Sunday School Workers on November 9th. Film strips for each department will be shown.

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Supper: The tickets for this affair are on hand. The posters are also available for those so desiring them. The Church Council will have the pleasure of again helping to serve at this affair.

New Members: Mrs. William Single - Mrs. John Long - Miss Virginia LeBrun

A motion was made by George Hammerbacher and seconded by Wilbert Ermer that the above new members be admitted. Motion carried.

The weekly bulletins for the coming Church Year will be renewed.

Nominating Committee: This committee reports progress.

New Business: A motion was made and duly seconded (motion by A. Fader - seconded by George Hoffman) that the United Evangelical Church pay the sum of \$636.87 to the Potomac Synod this year for envelope members. This means that the church will pay 69¢ per member for nine hundred and twenty three members. This sum is to be paid quarterly. The sum of \$5,408.00 which has been assessed to the United Evangelical for appropriations will be met the same as before. That is one half of the sum collected in the Benevolence Fund side of our envelopes will be forwarded to the Potomac Synod to decrease this apportionment.

Mr. Ernest Jones will check the matter of Maryland Unemployment Compensation for Mrs. Bentrop.

There being no further business before the Church Council at this time a motion was made by Albert Fader and seconded by John Will that the meeting be adjourned. The motion was carried. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

(William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary)