

The September meeting of the Church Council was held on September 7, 1954. Those in attendance were A. Witzke, W. Bark, Jr., E. Jones, H. Jenkins, H. Smit, J. Will, F. Gross, F. Long, G. Hoffmann, and A. Fader. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. The reading of the minutes for the month of June were read and approved. The Financial Secretary submitted his monthly report (this report was for June, July and August) to the Council Board and it was read, approved, and accepted and a copy is herewith contained in these minutes.

Mr. Fred Gross, President of the Church Council commented briefly about the graduation exercises held by Fort View Junior High School in our Church on June 17, 1954. He said the program was very well attended and the affair itself was conducted in a sincere and reverent manner. The dinner held in our hall by the Jabs Daughter Bethel #3 was also a well conducted affair and the girls belonging to that organization were commended on their excellent conduct and the type of program presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Albert Fader and seconded by Mr. George Hoffmann that the Church purchase from the Evangelical & Reformed Church, Dept. of United Promotion folders for our Sunday Service Program at 70¢ per hundred. These folders are to be used at each Sunday Service throughout the year. The folders themselves will each Sunday present some form of message regarding the Church Year or some religious thought for that Sunday. The Church Council voted to buy the folders for one year.

Auditing Committee: No report.

Envelope Committee: Envelopes for the weekly offering have been received for the coming year. Mr. Ernest Jones made the request that more of the Council Board assist him in opening and marking and counting the offering each Sunday. The Council Board promised to assist more in the future.

Charity Committee: Three calls received by Rev. Lehmann. Mrs. Lehmann helped a young couple in the pastor's absence.

Fellowship Committee: No report.

Property Committee: The windows of the Sunday School Hall have been painted as per the contract let to E. Weidel.

The job of installing the special locks on the inside doors of the Sunday School Hall has been started by Mr. Louis E. Mueller.

The Sanitary Dispensers have been installed in the Ladies Room of the Fellowship Hall.

President Fred Gross and Fred Long will undertake to obtain information for a sign to be used on the outside of the Sunday School Hall for the purpose of announcing special events of the Church and Sunday School.

Religious Education: The Sunday School attendance has averaged about 50% during the summer. The Quarterly meeting of the Sunday School will be held next Tuesday.

Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 26, 1954. The theme this year will be Seeing Christ thru the Symbols of the Apostles. Confirmation has started. The boys meet on Tuesday and the girls on Thursday afternoon of each week, at 4:30 o'clock.

The Vacation Bible School had about a 90% attendance.

Picnic Committee: A report will be made after the representative from the Church sees the Superintendent of the Sunday School, Paul Bauersfeld.

New Business: The Oyster Supper will be held on November 9th and 10th, this year. Mr. Fred Long has been appointed Chairman of the Oyster Supper Committee. There will be a Congregational Meeting Tuesday, September 21, 1954 at 8 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall. The Building Committee will meet on Monday, September 20, 1954 at 8 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

William Bark Jr.

(William Bark, Jr. - Recording Sec'ty.)

Music Committee: The committee reported that personal visit have been made to certain Choir members in order to get them to return to the choir. Some old members have returned and more are expected back in the near future.

Our new Music Director and Organist is doing an excellent job since he has taken over by Choir and Organ. Mr. Donald Schrader is to be paid \$900.00 per year. He is allowed a month's vacation with pay and the church will pay for a substitute Organist for the month of his vacation. All other Sundays or other Religious Days in which Mr. Schrader does not serve in his capacity as Organist and Choir Director he will see to his absence in providing an Organist for the Church and he will also be expected to pay for the substitute he provides.

Mr. George Hoffmann and Mr. Albert Witzke proposed that Mr Donald Schrader be paid for the vacation he did not take. This amount be to \$75.00. It was voted that such payment be made and the motion was carried by the entire Council Board.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee reported that they will draw \$2,500.00 from the Baltimore Federal Savings and Loan Association and deposit the said sum in some other bank as a new depository for the Building Fund. This is a safety measure which was recommended by the Church Council and the Auditing Committee so that all funds of the Church are kept insured for the Insurable Sum of \$10,000.

Canvas Committee: A report was submitted by Mr. Donald J. Ely regarding the visiting he made during his short stay with the Church this summer. A copy is herewith contained in these minutes.

Calander Committee: The Church Council approved the following dates.

Saturday September 18th. for the Kiwanis Club of Highlandtown.

Friday, September 24th for the Highlandtown Little Leagues.

~~These~~ These organizations were permitted to use the Church Halls for special programs which are a benefit for the community as a whole.

The January meeting of the Church Council was held on January 4, 1955 at the home of the Church Council President, Fred. Gross. The members of the Council Board wish to express there sincere appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Fred Gross for their generous hospitality at this meeting.

Those in attendence were F. Hutchison, 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. The reading of the minutes for the month of December were read and approved, and accepted. The reading of the Financial Report for the month of December was read and approved and a copy is herewith included with these minutes.

Auditing Committee: The books were audited by this committee and found to be in proper form and correct in detail.

Envelope Committee: This committee reported that there are about 165 packages of envelopes to be mailed out by Mrs. Amhrein.

Charity Committee: The report of this committee stated that about twenty baskets of food were given to deserving families during the Christmas holidays. This committee would like more help around Thanksgiving and Christmas time. It was suggested that the Ladies Aid and the Ladies Guild help during the above holidays.

Music Committee: This committee reported excellent progress during the Christmas Holidays as to the work done by the Church Choirs. Favorable comments have been heard throughout the congregation.

Canvas Committee: No Report.

Finance Committee: The Savings Account for the Building Fund is to be opened at the Eutaw Savings Banks in the near future.

Calander Committee: This committee reported that the Young Men's Club of the Church would like to hold a meeting on January 19th. The Banquet to be held January 26th 1955. Approval of the above dates were given to this organization by the Church Council. A request by the Fortview Junior High School to use the Church Proper for their graduation exercises was sought by Mr. Gross. Mr. Geo. Hoffmann made a motion the request be granted, the motion was seconded by A. Fader, Sr. and passed by the Church Council as a body.

Property Committee: Mr. Fred Gross is to call the Gas & Electric Company to check the water heater in the boiler room. The new seats for the laboratories are to be installed before the Father and Son Banquet. Mr. E. Louis Mueller is to give estimates on repairing the stage in the Sunday School Auditorium. The general discussion of the vaccum cleaner in the Church and the condition of the Vaccum Cleaner lead the Church Council to give Mr. Fred Gross permission to look into the matter of the purchase of a new Commercial Vaccum Cleaner. The motion was made by H. Smit and seconded by Geo. Hoffmann. The Church Council gave its permission to it's President to purchase a new vaccum cleaner. The property committee reported that the electrical switches in the Sunday School Hall are in need of repair. The door bell button at the Parsonage is also need in repair. These matters to be corrected before the next Council meeting.

Religious Education: The Christmas Program was well presented but the attendance was poor. The Sunday School Attendance is going ahead. The Youth Fellowship Program is steadily improving as to attendance and as to the type of program presented. The first orchestra dance of the Youth Fellowship will be held January 29th in the Sunday School Auditorium.

Interorganization Committee: No report at this time.

Oyster Supper Committee: This report given by the Chairman Mr. Fred Long is hereby incorporated into these minutes as if they were formally quoted by him.

New Members admitted into the Church are as follows: (~~envelope members~~)

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Jones - 2919 Fait Avenue
Mr. Donald Schnader - 2920 Shirley Avenue
Mr. Oscar Clark - 6773 Woodlea Road
Mrs. Margaret Benser - 411 Folcroft Street
Miss Elizabeth Weitzel - 902 S. Clinton Street
Mr. John McEvoy - 3727 Foster Avenue
Mrs. Mae Kellner - 603 S. Macon Street
Mrs. Anna J. Mehle - 7601 Avondale Avenue
Mrs. Norma Bauersfeld - 347 Gusryan Street
Mr. Sam Jones, Jr. - 6906 Conley Street
Mrs. Fred Haas - 816 S. Clinton Street

Mrs. Amhrein reported the following:
934 regular weekly envelope members
52 quarterly dues envelope members
986 total envelope memberships.

Mr. George Hoffman made the motion the new members be accepted. Seconded by A. Fader, Sr. Motion passed by Council Board.

Mrs. Elma Amhrein stated there was a need for more general correspondence envelopes. The cost will be \$93.30 for five thousand. Mr. W. Ermer made the motion that these envelopes be purchased. Seconded by Mr. F. Long. Passed by Council Board by unanimous vote.

New Business: The contract submitted by the Frederick A. Moehle associates was read in detailed and discussed by the Council Board. There are several points of interest which the Council Board will discuss with the Building Committee and Mr. Frederick A. Moehle the architect for the Frederick A. Moehle Associates at the next Building Committee meeting. The point of partial payment to Mr. Moehle will also be discussed at the next Building Committee meeting. There being no further business before the Council Board at this time a motion was made by F. Hutchison and seconded by E. Jones that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

William Bark Jr.

(William Bark, Jr. Recording Secretary)

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council was held on December 2, 1953 with Mr. Mueller presiding. The following members were present Messers. A. Hofmann, A. Witzke, W. Bark, E. Jones, H. Jenkins, H. Smit, J. Will, G. Hammerbacher, F. Gross, R. Long, G. Hofmann and A. Fader. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. The minutes of the previous meeting and the Financial Secretary report were read and approved.

Committees

Auditing----- The books were audited and found to be in order.

Envelopes-----The envelopes for 1954 will be ready to be given out Sunday.

Charity----- Seven baskets were given out at Thanksgiving. \$ 42.40 was spent. \$ 20.00 was taken out of the charity fund and \$ 22.40 was donated by the Sunday school.

Music-----The Pastor and choir were on television. The church books are being repaired.

Canvas-----Reported progress.

Finance-----Reported progress.

Fellowship-----Reported progress.

Calendar-----Dec. 23 Requested by the Sunday school for a Christmas play. Dec. 28 Requested by the Eastern Star for rehearsal. A motion was made by Mr. Will and seconded by Mr. Bark that this date be granted. It was so carried.

The following dates were requested for Bake Sales by these organizations.

March 5 Ladies Aid.

March 12 Junior Dept. of the Sunday school.

March 19 Young Womens Guild

March 20 Boy Scouts

A motion was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Witzke that these dates be granted. It was so carried.

Property-----Reported progress.

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Education-----Attendance in Sunday school 68%. Christmas banks given out.

Oyster-----Reported progress.

Picnic-----Reported a loss of \$ 39.16. This will be paid by the Sunday school and church.

Communications-----Letter received from The Potomac Synod requesting \$-308.00 for membership. This will be checked.

New members-----

Wilfred Maier	6018 Eastern Ave.
Millicent Gray	715 S. Potomac St.
Joyce Matthews	427 N. Highland Ave.
John Matthews	427 N. Highland Ave.
David Harmening	100 S. Curley St.
George Eberhardin, Jr.	41 Portship Road
Emma J. Anzer	1226 N. Potomac St.

A motion was made by Mr. H. Smit and seconded by Mr. Will that we accepted these new members. It was so carried.

Old Business-----A motion was made by Mr. A. Hofmann and seconded by Mr. Will that we raise the church secretary salary from \$16.50 to \$20.00 a week. It was so carried.

Christmas tree has been ordered. Decorations will be put up in church.

The Council thanked George and Clarence Hoffman for donating the Church Calanders.

New Business----- Election of Officers of the Church Council.

Mr. Fred Gross was nominated for President by Mr. F. Long and seconded by Mr. J. Will. Nominations were closed by Mr. H. Smit. Mr. Gross was elected.

Mr. A. Fader was nominated for Vice- President by Mr. E. Jones and seconded by Mr. J. Will. Nominations were closed by Mr. G. Hoffmann. Mr. Fader was elected.

Mr. E. Jones was nominated for Financial Secretary by Mr. J. Will and seconded by Mr. G. Hammerbacher. Nominations were closed by Mr. W. Bark. Mr. Jones was elected.

Mr. J Will was nominated for Treasury by Mr. G. Hammerbacher and seconded by Mr. F. Gross. Nominations were closed by Mr. G. Hoffmann. Mr. Will was elected.

Mr. W. Bark was nominated for Recording Secretary by Mr. G. Hammerbacher and seconded by Mr. F. Long. Nominations were closed by Mr. G. Hoffmann. Mr. Bark was elected.

A motion was made by Mr. Bark and seconded by Mr. G. Hoffmann that we give Mr. Mueller and Mr. A. Hofmannn a raising vote of thanks for the fine work they did while they were on the Council. It was so carried.

The Council is invited to attend the Ladies Aid Christmas party on Dec. 3.

Tuesday Dec. 8 will be congregatio n meeting. Refreshments will be served.

A motion was made by Mr. Will that the meeting be adjourned. Meeting was closed with a prayer.

J. Albert Fader Sr.
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