

The April meeting of the Church Council was held on April 5, 1955. Those in attendance were F. Hutchinson, W. Bark, Jr., E. Jones, W. Ermer, H. Smit, J. Will, George Hammerbacher, Fred Gross, Fred long, Geo. Hoffmann, and A. Fader, Sr. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. The reading of the minutes for the month of March were read, approved, and accepted. The reading of the Financial report for the month of April were read and approved and a copy is herewith included in these minutes.

Mr. John Will made a motion which was seconded by Henry Smit to accept the offer of The Baltimore Committee of the Board of National Missions to have a study of strategy for church work made a study of our congregation relating to the residents of our congregation, the number of members living in the local of our church, the number of members living outside of the location of our church and other items which would be of interest to the Council Board and other bodies of our church. The fee for this study to be \$10.00. Mr. Fred Gross appointed Mrs. Bertha Ermer, Mrs. Alma Amhrein, and he himself said he would serve as a member of the Church Council.

Auditing Committee: No report at this time.

Finance Committee: The interest period for the Baltimore National Bank will be April 1, 1955. The Committee is to see that the interest is credited on the Savings Passbook of the United Evangelical Church at this bank. Also the interest period for the Fidelity Trust Company is May 1, 1955. The Committee is to see that the interest is credited on the Savings Pasbook of the United Evangelical Church at this bank. When the above transactions have been completed the Finance Committee is to drawn down the account to the balance of \$10,000.00. The bank balance in both banks at the present time exceeds the \$10,000.00 limit as pretaining to coverage by the F.D.¹.C. as to insurance on each account. (Balance in both banks \$15,629.32)

The Finance Committee proposed that \$4,500.00 be withdrawn from the Canton National Bank and deposited in the ^{Metropolitan} ~~Canton~~ Savings Bank. Also the same Committee proposed that \$2,500.00 be withdrawn from the Canton National Bank and said sum be deposited in Central Savings Banks

The Finance Committee then proposed that the entire Easter Collection be deposited in the Canton National Bank in order to rebuild this account at the above Bank up to the \$10,000.00.

The Finance Committee than proposed that \$7,000.00 be withdrawn after May 1, 1955 from the Fidelity Baltimore National Bank and Trust Company and the above sum be deposited in a new account at the Eutaw Savings Bank.

The motion for the above proposals ~~were~~ was made by George Hoffman and seconded by George Hammerbacker and passed by the entire Council Board.

Envelope Committee: Mr. Fred Gross and Mr. Ernest Jones thanked the Council Board for their excellent cooperation in counting and banking the Easter Offering.

Charity Committee: No report at this time.

Canvas Committee: No report at this time.

Fellowship Committee: All members of the Junior and Senior Council Board are to attend all ~~Easter~~ Lenten Services during the Holy Week in order to aid the Congregation to receive Communion at this time.

Calendar Committee: One request for a date of April 18, 1955 for the National Glee Club. Permission granted.

The date of the Sunday School Picnic this year is the 3rd Wednesday in the July or the 20th of July.

Religious Education: Florence Glaser has again been secured to aid the Pastor in the Vacation Bible School to be conducted the last two weeks in June. Sunday School attendance keeping up well.

New Members: The following new member were taken into the Church
Thalma Schwartz - 903 S. Conkling Street
Wilhelmina E. Bark - 3608 Foster Avenue

Property Committee: The Vaccum Cleaner has been purchased for the Janitor of the Church. The Lights in the Auditorium ~~have~~ be repaired. The charges for the Fire Extinguishers have been purchased. The ~~men's~~ room in the Sunday School Building is now repaired after the fire in February.

Music Committee: After a talk with Donald Schnader regarding why the Junior Choir was not singing at the Special Lenten Services the Music Committee reported that the type of music used was too hard for the Junior Choir to sign and would only strain their voices. This is the only reason Mr. Schnader allowed the Senior Choir to do the Special Lenten Services.

The Council Board appointed George Hoffman and Frank Hutchinson to see that the request of Donald Schnader, Choir Director regarding the replacing of music sheets beyond repair and to see that what other music the Choir Director needed to bring his present library up to par.

New Business: The Council Board decided use three pages for the Sunday Programs whenever such space is needed for special announcements and other important news regarding the building of the new church.

The present folders which are purchased by the Church from a Out of Time printing firm are to be continued during the summer services. The amount of folders to be purchased during July and August is to be four hundred.

Since the replacing of the ringin of the Church Bells must be done when the present Church is torn down, the Church Council decided to making a recording of the church bell announcing the beginning and ending of the church services. The Church Council left it to Ernest Jones, Albert Fader, and Albert Witzke to look into the matter and decide what might be done in the way of recording the above.

The Church Council at this meeting voted upon the motion of Wilbur Ermer which was seconded by George Hammerbacher that the sum of \$150.00 be paid to Rev. Lehmann for automobile repairs to the Paster's car. This sum is to be paid quarterly.

There being no further business Before the Board at this time Mr. Frank Hutchinson made the motion that the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Albert Fader and passed by the Council Board.

Respectfully submitted,

William Bark Jr.
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Recording Secretary

The May meeting of the Church Council was held on May 3, 1955. Those in attendance were F. Hutchinson, W. Bark, Jr., E. Jones, W. Ermer, H. Smit, J. Will, G. Hammacher, F. Gross, F. Long, G. Hoffman, and A. Fader, Sr. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. The reading of the minutes for the month of April were read, approved, and accepted. The reading of the Financial Report for the month of April was read and approved and a copy is herewith included in these minutes.

Auditing Committee: The books will be audited for the meeting for the month of June.

Envelope Committee: This committee is doing its required work each Sunday as expected.

Charity Committee: There is once case at the present time. This situation was taking care of by Rev. Lehmann.

Canvas Committee: Mr. Henry Smit reported that one member of the church with whom he had conversation regarding his return has been ~~xxxx~~ seen at recent services.

Finance Committee: The committee reported that the month of April produced more income for the church than at any time during the life of the church.

Music Committee: No report at this time.

Fellowship Committee: The Chairman thanks those for the excellent work during April.

Calander Committee: No dates requested.

Religious Education: The pastor reported that there are enrolled in the Sunday School at the present time about 700 members. The Sunday School Workers meeting will be held on May 10, 1955.

Property Committee: The committee has received a report that Mr. Edw. Kneller request that he be relieved of his duties as Church Sexton. A committee made up of Fred Gross, Geo. Hammerbacher, and Fred Long are to look into the matter of securing a new sexton.

During the building of the new church the Council Board will hold monthly meetings during the months of June, July, and August.

There being no further business before the Board at this time a motion was made by Wilber Ermer, seconded by Frank Hutchinson that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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