

The July meeting of the Church Council was held on July 12, 1955 at the offices Fred Gross & Sons. Those in attendance were A. Witzke, W. Bark, Jr., E. Jones, W. Ermer, H. Smit, J. Will, George Hammerbacher, 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 June were read, approved and accepted. The reading of the Financial Report for the month of June 1955 was read and approved and a copy is herewith included in these minutes.

Mrs. Bertha Ermer, representative of the United Evangelical Church to the Potomac Synod, gave her report to the Church Council. It was stated that the Church owed \$54.10 to the Potomac Synod as part of its unpaid contribution per member. The Synod figures on 1,100 members, the church figures on 923 members. Mrs. Ermer suggested that a special collection be taken on the fifth Sunday in each month of the year and this money help defray the Potomac Synod expense.

Mr. Fred Gross suggested an entire study of the Benevolence Fund in relations to the Potomac Synod apportionment be made.

Auditing Committee: No Report.

Envelope Committee: No Report.

Calander Committee: No Report.

Charity Committee: The church still has the same family on the Charity Fund. The sum of \$10.00 per week is paid to this family.

Music Committee: The choir will only take the month of July for it's vacation and not July and August as previously reported. A motion was made by A. Fader and seconded by J. Will that all choir robes be cleaned and pressed for the coming fall season. There will be special music presented by the choir in the fall.

Property Committee: Roof estimate for repair \$125.00. Repairs completed.

Mr. Albert Fader is to check with the plumber regarding the water fountains in the Sunday School Building.

The windows in the Sunday School Hall were cleaned both inside and out as per our recent contract with the Oriole Window Cleaning Company, Inc.

The Property Committee suggested that the Blinds in the Sunday School Hall be the same color throughout. The Committee to consult with Mr. Paul Bauersfeld regarding the above.

Rev. Lehmann suggested that the Announcement board regarding the services to repaired.

Fellowship Committee: No Report.

Canvas Committee: No report.

Picnic Committee: Final report to be given later in the fall.

Religious Education: Rev. Lehmann reported that there were about fifty five enrolled in the Daily Vacation Bible School. The average attendance was about 40%. Rev. Lehmann wished to thank the Young Women's Guild for there help and the refreshments provided for the youngsters at the Vacation Bible School. Rev. Lehmann reported that both the Sunday School and Church attendance has fallen off more this year during the Summer Months then at any time during the history of the Church.

Finance Committee: This committee has decided to count the Sunday Church Offerings during the Church Services each Sunday.

New Business: A letter is to go out to the Congregation regarding the delay in building the new church.

Rev. Lehmann announced that he would like to have an outdoor meeting of all heads of the departments of both the Sunday School and Church in order to purpose plans for a churchwide visitation which would take place before the World Wide Communion Service in October.

Mr. William Single attended this meeting in order to bring the Church Council information regarding the progress of the Finance Committee of the Building Committee in obtaining funds to build the new Church.

After looking over the Financial Statement of the Financial ~~Statement~~ Secretary for the month of June 1955 Mr. Single purposed that the Church Council think about putting all funds now in Savings Accounts in Commercial Bank (where the rate of interest is low) in qualified Federal Savings and Loan Associations where the rate of interest is much higher. After due consideration by the Church Council on the above matter Mr. George Hammerbacher made the motion that the Church Council go on record to withdraw funds from the Commercial Banks and transfer said funds to the qualified Federal Savings and Loan Associations if the Finance Committee of the Building Committee sanctioned such action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilbur Ermer and passed by the Council Board. One member of the Council Board abstained from voting.

There being no further business before the Board at this time a motion was made by George Hoffman and seconded by John Will 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 August meeting of the Church Council was held on August 10, 1955 at the offices of Fred Gross & Sons. Those in attendance were A. Witzke, W. Bark, Jr., E. Jones, W. Ermer, H. Smit, J. Will, George Hammerbacher, Fred Gross, George Hoffmann, and A. Fader, Sr. The meeting was opened with a prayer by President Fred Gross. The reading of the minutes for the month of July were read, approved, and accepted. The reading of the Financial Statement for the month of July was read and approved and a copy is herewith included in these minutes.

Finance Committee: Savings Signature Cards for the Canton National Bank Building Fund Account to be gotten in near future. The Church Council as a whole wish to complement the Financial Secretary and Treasurer on the excellent job they are doing.

Property Committee: The fountains in the Sunday School Hall have not as yet be repaired. The Chairman of the ~~Building~~^{Property} Committee (A. Fader, Sr.) has informed Mr. Paul Bauersfeld about the blinds in the Sunday School Building. The Chairman of the Property Committee is to see Herman Rossmark regarding the painting of the front door of the Church Building.

Auditing Committee: No Report.

Envelope Committee: Progress.

Music Committee: The robes of the Senior Choir have been cleaned. The Choir is ready for the fall work to be done in the Church. There has been full attendance at rehearsal. Mr. Donald Schrader hopes to put on a play to furnish choir room and to secured other essentials for the choir.

The Council Board took under consideration the conversation between Albert Witzke and Donald Schrader regarding the raising of Mr. Schrader's salary to \$1,100.00 per year. Mr. Witzke put a motion before the Council Board regarding the increase. The motion was seconded by Albert Fader, Sr. and passed by the Board. The increase in salary for Mr. Schrader will begin on December 1, 1955 the beginning of the new Church year.

Picnic Committee: Final report on this committee later in year.

Canvas Committee: The Canvas Committee (H. Smit-Chairman, Albert Witzke, and Wilbert) with the help of the Council Board will form the nucleus to operate as a committee for the purpose of rendering the service of a visitation for the Church. This committee and the Council Board will seek to compile a list of one hundred and fifty individuals to act^{as}/ambassadors of good will to visit the congregation. The purpose of the visitation is to bring about the complete participation of the Sunday School and the Congregation in the Rally Day and World Wide Communion Service to be held in the Church in the near future.

There being no further business before the Board at this time a motion was made by E. Jones and seconded by J. Will that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,


(William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary)