

Congregational Meeting Minutes

The January meeting of the Congregation of the United Evangelical Church was held on January 26, 1968.

There were 25 voting members in attendance.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Albert Fader and opened with a prayer by Pastor Paul A. Rasche.

The minutes for the Congregational meeting held on November 24, 1967 were read and approved as submitted.

The Financial report for the year 1967 was reviewed. Mr. Fader noted that we had enough money to clear out our Improvement Fund Bonds. He asked if there were any questions concerning the report; there weren't any.

Annual reports of Church Organizations:

The Ladies Aid had another busy and productive year; it made a gift of \$500 to the Church.

Through out the year 1967 the Young Women's Guild worked at their money making projects and graciously handed over \$900 to the Church.

United Men's Club - no report.

Mr. Marty Walsh read the yearly financial report of the Church School and Mr. Paul Bauersfeld, our Church School Superintendent, commented that after having spent \$2700 for furniture and fixtures the net loss for the year was just \$1600. Mr. Bauersfeld said that attendance for the year was very good - averaging 255 pupils out of a total enrollment of 430.

The Senior Choir's annual report was given by Mr. Albert Witzke. This dedicated group not only gave of their talents through out the year, but also purchased their own new robes at a cost of \$400.

Mrs. Grace Fader reported on the activities of the Sewing Group. This group has 12 ladies sewing many useful items for the hospitals. Each week these ladies contribute money to buy materials; they are receiving support from some of the Church organizations, it would be nice if all the organizations helped out.

Pastor Rasche observing the Teen Group for the past year pointed up that we are in need of adult help to look after these children as some 80 to 90 attend each week.

In giving his annual report Pastor Rasche delved into our vitals. He was particularly alarmed over the seeming growth of the spirit of unconcern of the people toward the Church. He said that he was happy to see the appearance of the Canton Christian Council during this past year and expressed great hope for its potentials in dealing with the community life and its associated problems.

Our Pastor was pleased to announce the coming of Pastor Weisser as our Pastor of Visitation and welcomed Dr. and Mrs. Weisser to our congregation.

Pastor Rasche noted that our congregation is in its 95th year. He felt sure we would want to have a special celebration, and advised us to start planning immediately.

Pastor Rasche reported on the Girl Scouts as follows:

The junior group has 12 girls registered now, another group of 12 will register in March - things look promising.

Brownie Troup now has 22 girls registered; held two day trips last year to State Parks; they are doing fine.

Mr. Fader asked if there were any questions on Pastor Rasche's report; there weren't any.

Mr. Fader welcomed any suggestions that the congregation had to offer concerning our 95th Anniversary, as the Council could work on these at its March Meeting.

Mr. Paul Bauersfeld asked if we shouldn't start some kind of fund for our 100th Anniversary which was just 5 years off. Pastor Rasche thought it a good idea to form a special committee for this purpose. We could couple the anniversary fund drive with some of the larger projects which still remain to be completed such as our Church organ \$25,000.

Mr. Fader informed us that our home for children in Littleton, Pa. known as Hoffman Home is in dire need for improvements on its facilities. To contribute our share each member of the Church would have to give 3 or 4 dollars per year for 3 years. Pastor Rasche said that if we could show the Church Organizations the function of Hoffman Home through audio visual aids, people would feel more like giving.

Mr. Fader brought up the matter of Confirmation Reunion-would we continue on as we have been or were there any new ideas? Mr. William Voelker suggested that each organization of the Church think about this matter and we could later tie it all together.

Mrs. Grace Fader reminded us that the Young Women's Guild would be having their Lenten sales and would need some help, especially from the men.

Pastor asked the Organizations of the Church to get their dates into Mr. Ernest Jones for the Bake sales.

There being no further business to come before the Congregation at this time, the meeting was adjourned. Pastor Weisser closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker, Sr.
Recording Secretary