

January 3, 1979

The regular monthly Council Meeting of the United Church of Christ was called to order by President Mr George Turek, Opening prayer By Pastor Rev. Scot Hengen.

Council Members present, Carol Weidel, John Strong, John Bond, Robert Jackson, Earl Jackson Ed. Myers, Lou Oberlander and Margaret Craig.

GUEST SPEAKER Rev. Curis Clair Conference Minister on Stewardship.

The reading of the minutes and financial reports were dispersed due to the time to be given to Rev. Clair.

Organist: Mr John Bangert presented letter of resignation, but would reconsider position if the church would increase his salary to \$4,500.00 and increase the Music budget to \$1,000.00. The Council was not in favor of this. Robert Gunlap has agreed to fill this position until at a future time when we can secure a regular director and organist. The Pastor suggested we try to secure a director for Christian Education and Musical Education. The Music Committee to consider this proposal.

1 Banking: Change of Checking account from American Bank to Equitable Trust. Motion by John Bond, seconded by C. Weidel. Close checking account at American open Checking and \$200.00 savings account at Equitable. To be completed as soon as possible. Mr Ed. Myers to do more research on the Equitable Bank.

Custodian: It was considered to continue the Probationary period of the custodian another month.

Operation of Opening & Closing Church. Mr Lenning no longer available for this duty. Chris Woelfman was to assume this duty but due to his illness it will be impossible. Mr Weidel and Stephen Hengen volunteered to this operation on a temporary basis.

Youth Choir: Request \$50.00 to give the group a belated Christmas Party. It was regular moved by Councilman John Bond and seconded by Earl Jackson to grant \$50.00 to Youth Choir.

Special Education Program: Awaiting information on Insurance coverage before granting group use of the hall.

Dryer in Parsonage to be repaired or replaced property committee to investigate.

The balance of meeting was turned over to Rev. Curtis Clair bringing us the following message.

Inflation and Church Budget

Education Biblical & Theological

Communication- Inform, Invite and inspire members.

Ownership: Discuss Church Budget in dollars and personnel.

Orientation Needs of Church- In 2 to 3 years or 5-10 years.

Also suggests having Steering Committee and Canvas Committee with sub committees for visitation follow by Hospitality Dinner not to be held at church but somewhere outside.

Rev. Curtis Clare suggest a persons income should be shared with church \$1.00 for every \$1,000.00 earned per year given weekly to the church.

Example \$8,000 earned per year-- \$8.00 per week given to church.

Another ratio for giving:

5%	members--	5%	givers
10%	"	10 %	"
20%	"	25%	"
65%	"	25%	"

Rev Clair also will return with more information and construction if we need him at a future date.

In closing: a short discussion on the forth coming Congregational meeting to be held Sunday January 27th. it was asked if reports from orgainizations be submitted in printed form. Congregation meeting to take place after the 10;15 church service followed by a buffet luncheon.

The meeting was closed with the Lords Prayer.

Submitted by,

Margaret B. Craig
Council Secretary