

February 5, 1980  
Tuesday

The monthly meeting of the Church Council was called to order by President, George Tuerk with the following members present:

Fred Long  
George Sauer  
John Strong  
George Tuerk  
Earl Jackson  
Grace Fader  
Louis Oberlander  
John Bond  
J. Edwin Myers  
Ernest Jones  
May Getz  
The Rev. Scott Hengen

Opening prayer was offered by Pastor Hengen.

Before discussion of church business Mr. Tuerk announced we had some guests who wanted to talk to the Church Council.

1. Mr. Tuerk read letter requesting permission for use of gym on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 8 p.m. to 10 p.m. by a group of Canton young men, ages 18-20 yrs. The purpose for players to get in condition for the baseball season. Mr. Tuerk asked the representative of the group if they had insurance coverage on the players. The answer was no. Request denied because of no insurance.

2. Mr. Mike Tiranoff requested use of the auditorium February 14, 15, 16, 1980 to present a drama/play documentary entitled "Baltimore Voices." Mr. Tiranoff asked permission to photograph some of the pictures and documents in the church archive. These to be placed in the Highlandtown/Canton heritage collection by Mr. Tiranoff. Mrs. May Getz motioned we authorize photographing pictures in church archives in the presence of a council member or a member of the congregation. Seconded by John Bond. Motion approved by Church Council.

Mr. J. Edwin Myers asked about advertising/publicity. Was informed advertising will be through the Baltimore Guide and possibly the Sun Paper.

There will be no charge for the drama which will include past interviews with some of our church members. Donated pictures by these members to be photographed.

Mr. Tiranoff stated they are partially sponsored by Baltimore City, U.S. Government, Seco and others.

Mr. Fred Long will unlock the building on Saturday, February 17 and will be responsible for locking up the building on that day when they are finished using it.

The minutes from the January meeting were approved as read.

Mr. George Tuerk reported:

1. Folding table has been removed from the narthex.
2. Mr. N. Beatin, representing E. Eyring and Sons will be at the church in about a week or 10 days to evaluate the church property. The property has been insured for \$2 million dollars.
3. New cloth has been installed covering organ pipes.
4. Mr. Fred Long has consented to replace Mr. Robert Jackson

for the balance of the term. Mr. Long will be chairman of the Christian Education committee. Mr. Tuerk thanked Mr. Long for his concern.

### Property Committee

Mr. Earl Jackson reported meeting of property committee to discuss changing quiet room into multi-purpose room. Baird Seating Co. are out of business - committee looking for another company which handles church furnishings.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Craig will donate ~~\$15,000~~. \$1,500.00 to re-do the Quiet Room which could include baptismal font, small altar for small weddings or baptism. Could be used as Quiet Room on Sunday with children playing on the rug. More Later.

An electronic lock has been installed on the Dillon Street entrance by the Dependable Lock and Key Co. however, there are some problems with it.

a. Intercom box should not have been placed on outside door.

b. Mr. John Bond said any lock can be opened with a credit card or knife therefore he suggested a guard be placed over lock on door to hid mechanism.

c. Lock cannot be unlocked from inside of door, therefore, to get into entrance from the outside you must always use a key.

d. Mr. Tuerk asked Mr. Earl Jackson to contact Dependable Lock and Key Co. to correct these problems.

e. Mr. Tuerk said 2 keys came with lock and he has ordered 4 extra keys. However, members of the church are complaining not having key for door. The electronic lock would not have been installed in the first place if we didn't have too many keys issued. The lock has been installed to protect people from injury.

e. Mr. John Bond suggested people could use church door to get in.

f. The following persons have a key to the electronic lock:

Mr. Louis Oberlander, council member  
Mrs. Mildred Schlecta, church secretary  
The Rev. Scott Henge, Pastor  
Mr. Frank, Custodian  
Mr. J. Edwin Myers, vice president  
Mr. George Tuerk, President

Mr. Tuerk suggest we permit the custodian to have one key to front door - no other keys.

Mr. Earl Jackson reported no heat in church school building Sunday, Feb. 3. Problem again with heating system to church school building.

### Treasurer's Report

Mr. John Strong reported \$10.00 difference in January financial report. Will recheck for error and report next month.

Mr. Tuerk advised \$10,000.00 was taken out of the checking account with Equitable Trust Co. and placed in a six month money market certificate with American National Building and Loan Ass'n.

Mrs. Grace Fader made motion we approve withdrawal of \$10,000.00 from checking account with Equitable Trust Company and money placed in six month money market certificate with American National Building and Loan Ass'n. Seconded by Mrs. May Getz. Council approved.

Mr. George Tuerk asked "where are the church documents now?" Informed they are in church safe. Mr. Tuerk informed us we are in violation of the church by-laws by not having a safe deposit box for these documents. Mr. May Getz motioned we get a safe deposit box for the purpose. Seconded by Mr. J. Edwin Myers. Council approved. Bank books and certificates to be placed in safe deposit box.

#### Auditing Committee

Mr. J. Edwin Myers presented several recommendations from the Auditing committee (see letter attached).

- a. Recommended transfer \$10,000.00 to money market account. Approved above.
- b. Recommended church safe combination be changed immediately and given only to authorized personnel.
- c. All checks properly filled out before signature affixed. Accepted.
- d. All bills must be paid by check only. Accepted.
- e. Recommended memorial envelopes amount recorded on envelope for proper credit. Council felt they are doing a good job of this.
- f. Memorial envelopes be marked and money removed before turning over to church secretary for recording.
- g. All envelopes be sorted into separate bags prior to counting. Not accepted.
- h. After each church service money should be counted and deposited the same day. Not accepted.
- i. Kitchen doors to be locked when counting money on Sunday. Slide bolt installed on door to Friendship Hall. Accepted.
- j. A record of various bank book accounts made and copies given to secretary, treasurer, financial secretary and chairman of auditing committee listing the following:
  - Name of institution
  - Account number
  - Type
  - Interest rate
  - Amount
  - Maturity date
  - Where keptThis information to be listed on monthly financial statement. Accepted.
- k. Recommended treasurer have check book with him every Sunday. Not accepted.

The names to appear on the safety deposit box with Equitable Trust Co. shall be:

John Bond  
Grace Fader  
George Sauer  
Louis Oberlander

The signature of two persons from the above list and their presence is required to open safety deposit box.

✓ The auditing committee suggests a letter of commendation be sent to:

Mr. Robert Jackson, financial secretary  
Miss Carole Weidel, treasurer  
Mr. Randy Schmitt, treasurer

who have done an excellent job of their respected positions.  
Approved.

Mr. John Bond will order the 1981 church envelopes.

Mr. George Tuerk was approached by the Canton Friendship Circle Senior Citizens who meet at the church each Monday, for permission to play bingo with no money involved. Permission granted.

#### Pastor's Report

1. Annual congregational meeting on January 13 a success.
2. Series of sermons on 1st Corinthians conducted for three Sundays in January.
3. Music events at that time exceptional.
4. Wednesday Lenten services planned.
5. Potential membership group to begin in March.

#### Pastoral Monthly Report:

Baptisms - 1  
Funerals - 3  
Worship services led - 9  
Church meetings attended - 17  
Non-church meetings attended - 3  
Hospital and home visitations - 24  
Church consultations - 3  
Non-church consultations - 2  
Baptisms pending - 7  
Marriages pending - 6  
Added note: Pastor robbed of money and watch at gunpoint. (January 8, 1980)

#### Pastor's concerns:

1. Request for church to celebrate College Heritage Day April 27, 1980. Information made available to Christian Education Committee.
2. One Great Hour of Sharing material now here.
3. Consistorial Dinner, February 17, 1980 at St. Matthews Church.
4. Mr. Robert Gundlach very upset because of conversation in total church before the second service, while prelude is played. Pastor and Mr. Tuerk asked that we pass the word to have it stopped.

5. Spiritual Committee meeting February 18, 1980 at 7:30 p.m. Pastor and Mr. Tuerk want to attend all meetings ex-officio.

Mr. Tuerk will enter hospital tomorrow for leg injury.

The meeting was adjourned with a closing prayer by Pastor Hengen followed by The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Grace E. Fader*

(Mrs.) Grace E. Fader  
church council secretary