

The regular meeting of the Church Council of the United Evangelical Church was held on June 7, 1977, with the following persons in attendance: Ernest Jones, George Tuerk, Randy Schmitt, Robert Gundlach, John Bond, Carole Weidel, May Getz, Willoughby Myrick, Louis Oberlander, Louis Parker, Jr., George Sauer, Gary Pate, and Rev. W. Scott Hengen, III.

President Tuerk called the meeting to order, and Pastor Hengen opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes for the May meeting were approved as read.

Financial Report:

The report for the month of May was approved as submitted.

Report of Committees:

Mr. Tuerk reported the insurance on our facilities cannot be finalized until the insurance is made permanent. Therefore, the Council is to meet with the insurance agent, Mr. Cover, on Monday, June 13, to discuss our coverage, and to discuss any questions we may have concerning the policy.

Property--Mr. Sauer reported that he was unable to obtain information on the company which installs the fuel saving devices we were considering. He recommended that we purchase two new oil burners. Mrs. Getz moved that we purchase the two burners at \$575 each. Mr. Myrick seconded the motion, and it was given unanimous approval.

Mr. Sauer also reported that an inspection of our stained glass windows showed that they are in good condition and are not in need of repair. The replacement cost for the 18 windows is currently \$64,100. Mr. Parker pointed out that the large window area is in need of some repair. Mr. Sauer was asked to obtain bids for the job.

Finance--Mr. Schmitt passed around a sample set of the new larger envelopes we will be using in the coming year. Except for size, they are exactly like our current envelopes.

Membership and Stewardship Committee--Mr. Schmitt reported that his committee had met twice. Three suggestions resulted from those meetings:

1. A shuttle service for the elderly, as is explained in the June Endeavor;
2. A congregation-wide visitation program for the purposes of informing members of what is happening, fellowship, and the completion of a questionnaire by the visitor;
3. The reorganization of the Church files into two files--one for basic information, and the other to include financial records. Files currently in existence but older than 7 years are to be destroyed.

Mr. Parker moved to accept this recommendation of the Committee, with Mr. Myrick seconding. The motion was carried unanimously.

Music Committee--Mr. Myrick reported that a choir committee had met to develop a system for providing music for the 8 a.m. service. Mr. Tuerk reported that he had heard favorable comments concerning the music at the early service. He also

reported that Mr. Bankett had called him regarding the Council's letter to him. Mr. Bankett said that he felt that he had not missed so many services that he deserved such a letter. Mr. Tuerk explained the Council's position on the matter, and he invited Mr. Bankett to appear before the Council if he so desires.

Mr. Bond reported that 6 notes on the organ are not playing. The Council authorized the repair of the notes if the price was within \$300; if the amount is higher, a report to the Council is to be made first.

Pastor Hengen offered a proposal for a Festival of Music to be held at United Evangelical, to include the music directors and choirs of the churches in the Chesapeake Association. A copy of the proposal is attached hereto. Miss Weidel moved that the proposal be accepted as presented. Mr. Schmitt seconded it, and the motion was given unanimous approval.

Miss Weidel is to write a letter of thanks to the choir for their contribution of the trombone quartet for the 10:30 a.m. service on Pentecost.

Ushering Committee--It was recommended that the balcony be closed off during the summer months, due to the higher temperatures in that part of the church, and because of the absence of council members at the summer services.

Youth Service--Mr. Schmitt reported that the June youth service will be the last one until September. He thanked the choir for their participation in the May service.

Old Business:

Mr. Sauer reported that the paint and materials for painting were ordered. Painting is to begin on June 20.

New Business:

The Council gave approval for the purchase of a floral display from the Congregation to be sent for the funeral of Albert Witzke. Mr. Myrick said that he would order the flowers.

Mr. Sauer is to get an estimate on the cost of new drapes for the offices, choir room, and connecting hallways.

Pastor's Report:

Pastor Hengen included the following in his list of accomplishments for the month of May:

1. The Pulpit Exchange on May 15
2. The choir's birthday gift of music on Pentecost
3. Four lay delegates are to attend the CAC meeting
4. The Homewood Offering
5. The Churchmen's Fellowship dinner
6. The Membership and Stewardship Committee's plans
7. Gifts to the graduates
8. The pastor is to serve on the Hunger Task Force, the Alumni Council of Lancaster Theological Seminary, and as a planning consultant for Immanuel UCC.

A copy of the Pastor's Monthly Report is attached hereto.

Pastor Hengen informed the Council of the formation of a neighborhood group called "Concerned Neighbors of Canton." This group is to be involved in helping to identify and solve local problems. The Council gave its approval for the neighborhood group to meet here in Fellowship Hall on June 16 at 7:30 p.m.

The Council gave its approval for the vacation requests from Mrs. Slechta and Mr. Wolferman. The dates are as follows:

Mrs. Slechta--June 27 to July 4

Mr. Wolferman--July 5 to July 12 and Aug. 1 to Aug. 7.

Pastor Hengen relayed a request from Rev. Steve Davidson for a contribution to the youth pilgrimage to Belize. Mr. Myrick moved that we contribute \$50 to the Central America Pilgrimage. Mr. Jones seconded it, and the motion was carried 6-3, with one abstention.

The transfer of Donald R. Long to Jerusalem Lutheran Church was granted by the Council.

Rev. Kann has asked to be excused from serving as supply pastor for the July service. He has agreed to exchange with Dr. Weisser for the service in August.

Pastor Hengen reported that the air conditioner in his study is not working properly, that some of those in the parsonage may need some repair, and that he should like to have one in the parsonage basement. Mr. Sauer suggested that each air conditioner be checked, and he said that he would get an estimate for one for the basement.

Mr. Tuerk reported that there were two names before him as possible replacements for Mr. Witzke: Bill Single and Marty Craig. Other names may be suggested by the Council for consideration.

There being no other business before the Council, the meeting adjourned and closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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