

The regular meeting of the Church Council of the United Evangelical Church was held on July 5, 1977, with the following persons in attendance: John Bond, Marie Voelker, George Tuerk, Louis Oberlander, George Sauer, Ernest Jones, Carole Weidel, Robert Gundlach, Gary Pate, Lynn Stinchcomb, Edward Tomchewski, Robert Jackson, and Rev. W. Scott Hengen, III.

President George Tuerk called the meeting to order. Instead of opening the meeting with a prayer, Mr. Bond played part of a recording of the music of the Festival Service held on July 3 at the National Cathedral.

The minutes for the June meeting were approved as read.

Financial Report:

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

Report of Committees:

Property--Mr. Sauer reported that he had stopped the contract for the hot water heater service, and that he had bricked up the hole in the wall in the Boy Scout room. He recommended that we reconsider reupholstering the pews in the sanctuary, since they are in poor condition and continually deteriorating. Miss Weidel recommended that a check be made on other areas in need of cleaning or repair, such as the dusty rafters, grease marks on walls, and water marks on ceilings. Mr. Tuerk suggested that we defer action until the September meeting. Mr. Sauer also reported a leak in the roof of the ladies' room, and he was given permission to do whatever is necessary to remedy the situation. He said that he had received only one estimate for pointing up the limestone on the front of the church. That estimate came from Better Buildings of Hanover Street, in the amount of \$550 (\$850 if the steps are included). Mr. Sauer said that he would check further to try to get a better price.

Mr. Bond reported that he had gotten a motor for the air conditioner in the pastor's office, and that the ones in the parsonage had been fixed. He can get an air conditioner for the parsonage basement for \$270.

Miss Weidel reported that a tile had come off the church roof. Mr. Sauer said that he would check it.

Finance--Mr. Jones made a motion that we transfer \$5,000 from the Memorial Fund to the General Fund to cover our expenses during the summer. Mr. Sauer seconded it, and it was passed unanimously.

Music--Mr. Bond read a report from Mr. Myrick, in which he commented on the copier received from Mr. Block and used frequently to duplicate the choir's music. His report also mentioned the choir's participation in the Festival Service, where our choir joined with the Potomac Association Choir and Orchestra.

Mr. Gundlach presented a proposal from the choir for the provision of special music for the 8 A.M. services. The proposal included a request for \$25 per month to be spent for a vocal or instrumental soloist, if needed. Mr. Jones moved to accept the choir's proposal, with Robert Kerchner eliminated as a soloist. Mr. Sauer seconded it, and the motion was carried.

Youth Group--Lynn Stinchcomb reported that a lock on their metal cabinet had been opened. Only she and Robert Jackson have keys. Mr. Jackson reported that the youth group had begun to paint, but they were not finished because the colors were changed and they ran out of paint. Mr. Sauer asked the group to paint the Dillon Street stairway from the kitchen up, and he said that the left-over yellow paint would be darkened for the Boy Scouts to use in their room.

Miss Weidel moved to reimburse the Hengens \$45 for the lunches they provided for the youth group during the painting. Mr. Jones seconded, and the motion was carried.

Old Business:

Mr. Tuerk announced that he was appointing Mrs. Marty Craig to fill the seat of Albert Witzke.

Mr. Sauer said that the estimate for the new drapes was \$400-500, and that on Sunday, July 3, a "meeting" of the council in the kitchen brought about the decision not to purchase them. Miss Weidel questioned why she had not been informed about the meeting, so that minutes could be taken. The answer was that "we had a quorum, and we voted." A discussion ensued concerning the propriety of such meetings, and the duties elsewhere in the church from 9 to 10 AM of council members who do not count money in the kitchen. Mr. Oberlander moved that we not purchase the drapes, but that we see if the ones we have can be repaired and cleaned. Miss Weidel seconded it, and the motion was carried.

New Business:

Mr. Jones suggested that we take a total inventory of all of the repair work needing to be done in our facilities, and that we then take a loan against one of our certificates to pay for the work. This is to be done in lieu of having several smaller repair bills each month. Miss Weidel suggested that we also take an inventory of our storage space and personal property stored in those areas. It was decided to do so, and to decide what will be done about the personal property at the September meeting.

Pastor's Report:

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

Pastor Hengen listed the following accomplishments for the month of June:

1. We were well represented at the meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference in Montclair, New Jersey;
2. The worship service held at the Masonic Home, Bonnie Blink;
3. The Guild Dinner Theater party;
4. The Confirmands' trip to Lancaster;
5. The Central America pilgrim;
6. The painting in the church school building by the youth group;
7. Our choir and banner at the Festival Worship Service in Washington;
8. The Canton Happening;
9. A representative of the UCC Board for Youth Ministries will be coming to observe our youth program;

10. The Canton community group met here;
11. Our insurance has been up-dated;
12. Record keeping has improved;
13. The youth group has made plans for a dinner theater here;
14. Response to the planned music festival to be held here; and
15. Young people are calling the office about becoming members.

Pastor Hengen expressed his concern over the vandalism problem we are experiencing. He announced a request for a separate memorial fund for Albert Witzke, with the possibility of an addition to our organ or the purchase of a carillon. The use of our facilities for a pre-school center in conjunction with that of Messiah Lutheran Church is a possibility. Such an arrangement would include a monthly gift to the United Evangelical Church.

Transfer requests were granted to the following persons:

- Mr. Louis Schmidt to St. John's Church;
- Mrs. Anna Schmidt to St. John's Church; and
- Mrs. Helen Raum to St. John's Church.

Pastor Hengen said there is a need to up-date our files at Lancaster Seminary. The last report from us is from our 50th anniversary. The Pastor also reported the desire of the Chesapeake Association Churchmen's Men's Brotherhood to have a retreat in our facilities in the spring. He expressed concern over the lack of suggestions from the congregation on the heat conservation problem, and over the lack of adequate cleaning of our buildings. Pastor Hengen suggested that we consider additional personnel--either pastoral or cleaning.

The Pastor announced that there will be a celebration of the Evangelical Church in North America in Chicago during September. An invitation was received to attend the UCBWM pot luck supper on July 16 at Immanuel UCC. The main concern of this event will be the area of hunger and poverty in the world.

There being no further business before the council, the meeting was adjourned. All joined in praying the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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