

The regular meeting of the Church Council of the United Evangelical Church was held on September 20, 1977, with the following persons in attendance: Willoughby Myrick, Louis Parker, Jr., Louis Oberlander, George Sauer, John Bond, Margaret Craig, May Getz, George Tuerk, Carole Weidel, Robert Jackson, and Rev. W. Scott Hengen, III.

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

The minutes for the July meeting were approved as read.

Financial Report:

Mr. Sauer questioned the lack of contributions made to our homes and seminaries. Mr. Jackson explained that money for that purpose comes under the category of "Other Envelopes." Mr. Tuerk said that the bill for our insurance had not yet been received, but that Mr. Cover said that it was forthcoming.

The financial report for July and August was approved as submitted.

Report of Committees:

Property---Mr. Sauer reported that he had been trying to contact a roofer and a plumber, but he was having difficulty in locating someone who would do the repairs we need. Mr. Jackson said that the Scouts are looking for monthly service projects and request the Council's help in finding tasks to perform. It was tentatively decided that they should work on the floors in Friendship Hall and the Church School.

Finance--In the absence of Mr. Schmidt, there was not report given.

Music--Mr. Myrick reported that special music for the 8 A.M. services has been scheduled through the end of 1977 and most of 1978. Mr. Tuerk said that he has received many favorable comments concerning the special music which has been presented recently. Pastor Hengen reported progress in pulling together the organists and choirs for the creation of the festival choir.

Fellowship--Mr. Tuerk asked about the plans for annual oyster and sour beef supper. Pastor Hengen reported that the Ladies' Aid would assist by selling tickets and working in the kitchen. He suggested that a chairperson and a committee be appointed to evaluate last year's supper and to plan and supervise this year's event. Mrs. Craig suggested that the committee be composed of two members from each of the church's organizations. The supper is to be held on October 25 and 26. The cost will be \$5.00 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Christian Education--Miss Weidel reported that our participation in the SECO family picnic held in August was quite successful. We had a table display, a banner, and a presentation by our youth group at the picnic.

Old Business:

Pastor Hengen thanked the council for the air conditioner which was installed in the parsonage basement during the summer.

Mr. Tuerk said that he had received some complaints about markings which appeared on the walls in Friendship Hall after they had been washed. It is not known how the marks got on the walls, nor who is responsible for putting them there.

New Business:

There was no new business to be discussed.

Pastor's Report:

A copy of the Pastor's Monthly Report as of September 6, 1977, is attached hereto.

Pastor Hengen listed the following accomplishments for July and August:

1. Our participation in the SECO family picnic, including the display, program by our youth group, and the new brochure created for distribution at the picnic and through the church office and church school;
2. The youth group dinner show;
3. The acquisition of a new Scoutmaster and a planned Scouting program for the coming year;
4. The procedure for obtaining special music for the worship services;
5. The securing of supply pastors during Pastor Hengen's vacation;
6. Our pilgrim to Central America;
7. The Guild crab cake supper;
8. The Canton Happening;
9. The children's choir picnic;
10. The participation of some of our members at the Jubilee celebration at St. Casimir's Roman Catholic Church; and
11. The development of additional programs for youth, which has attracted the attention of our church's national youth committee.

Pastor Hengen expressed his desire to have monthly meetings of the paid staff members in order to discuss programs and to coordinate the month's activities. Council members could also attend these meetings. The Council agreed to this idea, and Pastor Hengen said that he will report to the group concerning the success of this new program.

The pastor reported that only two people had responded to his letter inviting them to become members of this church. The two respondents are to be received on October 2.

A letter of transfer was granted to Mrs. Conradine Huber Hewitt, to the Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Prince of Peace. William Hoffman, Jr., and Edward Tomczewski were approved for membership on the Youth Council. Pastor Hengen reported that William Hoffman had also completed the requirements for the Scouting God and Country Award. His work is to be reviewed by the Christian Education Committee.

It was decided to purchase quarter folders for Advent, 1977 and Lent, 1978.

The Contemporary Worship Group has prepared a questionnaire concerning possible changes in the time of the November congregational meeting. That meeting will include the presentation of the budget, election of council members, and a progress report on our goals and objectives.

Chesapeake Association

Pastor Hengen reported that a ~~Central Atlantic Conference~~ meeting is to be held in Cambridge, Md. at 3 P.M. on October 23. This meeting will draw the attention of participants to the world hunger situation, and will include a meal prepared by the Central America pilgrims in the style they experienced during their trip. The pastor asked that the council consider designating November as "Hunger Emphasis Month!"

Both Confirmation classes have been organized. There are about 14 members in each class.

The Fellowship Event scheduled in our goals for the month of September was not held. The first such event is to occur in October.

Mr. Tuerk brought to the Council his proposal for obtaining a quick-claim deed to our property from the Canton Company. Mr. William Single III has been asked to chair a committee to investigate this proposal, should the Council approve such a decision. The matter is to be discussed at the October Council meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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