

The regular meeting of the Church Council of the United Evangelical Church was held on October 4, 1977, with the following persons in attendance: May Getz, George Sauer, Randy Schmitt, Louis Parker, Jr., Willoughby Myrick, John Bond, Ernest Jones, Louis Oberlander, Carole Weidel, George Tuerk, Margaret Craig, Lynn Stinchcomb, Robert Jackson, Edward Tomczewski, William Hoffman Jr., and Rev. W. Scott Hengen, III.

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

William Hoffman presented the Council with a check for \$250. This represented part of the profits realized from the Youth Group dinner and show held in August.

After a change from "Central Atlantic Conference" to "Chesapeake Association" noted by Pastor Hengen, the minutes for the September meeting were approved.

Financial Report: The Financial Report was approved as submitted.

Report of Committees:

Property--Due to the serious illness of our custodian, Mr. Parker moved that we seek and hire an assistant custodian at a salary of up to \$2.50/hour. Miss Weidel seconded the motion, and it was carried with one councilman opposed. The matter of continuing the salary for Mr. Wolferman while he is not working was discussed. The council voted to continue his full salary at least until the next council meeting. At that time more information on his financial situation and possibilities for returning to work should be available.

Mr. Schmitt reported that the church school doors are in poor condition and in need of replacement. Mr. Jones said that prices should be gotten, and Mr. Sauer suggested that the new doors be equipped with panic hardware. It was also pointed out that the gate on the tower door should be opened any time a meeting is being held in Friendship Hall. Those attending such meetings are to use this entrance instead of the Dillon Street door.

Finance Committee--Mr. Schmitt reported that our Central Atlantic Conference Fair Share contribution is \$5,750. A request by Mrs. Hengen for a \$358 advance for food for the sour beef and oyster supper was granted. A meeting of the Budget-Finance Committee, including the treasurers of all of the church's organizations, is to be held on Thursday, October 27.

Music Committee--Mr. Myrick expressed thanks on behalf of the choir for the allocation of \$25/month for special musical presentations. A memorial for Albert Witzke was discussed, including the possible dedication of the choir room or choir loft in his memory. Since the council cannot decide such matters, Mr. Jones suggested that it be brought up at the November Congregational Meeting. Pastor Hengen reported that memorial requests for Mr. Witzke have been received from the Senior Citizens' Coalition and SECO, and that Bertha W. Kennedy has offered \$500-600 to purchase something that we need in memory of Marie Witzke and Albert Witzke.

Auditing Committee--Mr. Tuerk reported that he had asked Ed Myers to chair this committee, and he had agreed to serve.

Fellowship Committee--Mr. Parker said that he would plan the Halloween party. It is to be held on October 28 from 7:30 to 9 P.M.

Youth Service--Mr. Schmitt announced the following schedule for the coming Youth Services:

Sept.--Pilgrimage report  
 Oct. --Congregational meeting report  
 Nov. --Bible types  
 Dec. --Christmas Eve service  
 Jan. & Feb.--Christian religions  
 April--UCC-wide service  
 May & June--Discussions.

Mr. Schmitt reported that response to the questionnaire concerning the time and date of the coming congregational meeting had been poor.

The schedule for Christmas services was set as follows: on Christmas Eve, a youth service at 7PM and the regular family service at 8:30 PM; on Christmas Day, morning worship at 10:30 AM. There will be no 8 AM service on Sunday, December 25.

Christian Education Committee--Miss Weidel reported that the committee will meet on October 18 at 7:30 PM.

#### Old Business:

Mr. Parker moved that President Tuerk be empowered to appoint a committee to investigate the possibility of having our deed changed to remove current restrictions on property use. Miss Weidel seconded the motion, and it was carried.

#### New Business:

Pastor Hengen reported that the Kennedy family wish to know what the church needs that costs \$500-600. It was decided to recommend to them that the money be used for new doors for the church school.

#### Pastor's Report:

Pastor Hengen reported that Lynn Stinchcomb wishes to remain on the junior council. Lori Stinchcomb has indicated that she does not wish to serve.

A copy of the Pastor's Report for the month of September is attached hereto.

Pastor Hengen listed the following accomplishments for September:

1. Two new members were received;
2. Both Confirmation classes were organized;
3. The sour beef & oyster supper is being planned and the committee to over-see it is being organized;
4. Growth is being shown in the young adult group;
5. The pastor is showing progress in his work for the Doctor of Ministry degree; and
6. William Hoffman, Jr. has completed his work for the Boy Scout "God and Country" Award. He will receive his award in February.

Because of Pastor Hengen's concern for highlighting the Hoffman Home, it was decided to emphasize it during January, including receiving a special offering. The pastor reported that he has received an invitation to concelebrate the 75th Anniversary Mass at St. Casimir's Roman Catholic Church. The Mass is to be said on Nov. 6 at 4 P.M.

In response to a question by Mrs. Slechta, our secretary, it was decided that poinsettias for the Christmas altar would be purchased according to the amount of money received in the poinsettia fund. Miss Weidel recommended that several florists be contacted before a final decision is made about where to purchase the poinsettias. Mr. Sauer said that the florists' delivery schedule was also an important factor to consider.

Mr. Tuerk said that he would appoint a committee to nominate members for the next council. Mrs. Craig said that it would be a good idea to have a wide organizational representation on the council in the future.

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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