

The regular meeting of the Church Council of the United Evangelical Church was held on November 1, 1977, with the following persons in attendance: Louis Oberlander, George Sauer, Ernest Jones, Margaret Craig, George Tuerk, Willoughby Myrick, Louis Parker, Jr., Randy Schmitt, Carole Weidel, Robert Jackson, Lynn Stinchcomb, William Hoffman, Jr., Edward Tomczewski, and Rev. W. Scott Hengen, III. The meeting was called to order by President George Tuerk, and Pastor Hengen opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes for the October meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Tuerk reported that William Single, III was investigating our deed to the church property. It appears that we purchased the property in 1904, and that there are no restrictions on the land use. We are awaiting Mr. Single's final report.

Financial Report: Pastor Hengen asked how much we had made on the sour beef and oyster supper. Mr. Schmitt reported that the profit appeared to be approximately \$2,200. The financial report was approved as submitted.

The budget was discussed before the committee reports. Below is a summary of changes made by the Council in the budget proposed by the Finance Committee:

Salaries

Pastor--Proposed \$13,286, changed to \$13,000; motion passed with Mr. Oberlander dissenting.

Nursery Director--Deleted.

Assistant Janitor--Added, with a salary of \$2,600.

Maintenance--Church

Insurance--Proposed \$2,400, necessarily changed to \$3,000.

Other Church Expenses

Employee insurance--Proposed \$2,000, motion made and carried to pay up to \$400 for each full time employee--\$800.

Pastoral Expenses

Pension & Relief--Proposed \$1,462, changed to \$1,430 (11% of the Pastor's salary).

Mr. Parker moved that this budget as amended by the Council be presented and recommended to the Congregation at its November meeting. Mr. Schmitt seconded, and the motion was carried, with Mr. Sauer dissenting. Mr. Schmitt brought a request for funding from the Christian Education Committee. Mr. Jones said that requests should be brought to the Council when needed, and that they need not be included in the budget.

Report of Committees:

Property--Mr. Sauer reported that the limestone may be pointed up for \$450, that the church should be siliconed at a cost of \$400, and the church school also done for \$1800. It was moved that the pointing up be done at a cost of \$450. The motion was given unanimous approval.

Mr. Sauer also reported that solid core-birch veneer doors for the church school could be obtained for \$510. These would include panic hardware. Mr. Parker moved that we purchase the new doors. Mr. Schmitt seconded, and the motion was carried.

Mr. Jackson brought up the matter of repairing the pews, and he suggested that some of the Memorial Fund be used for this purpose. Pastor Hengen suggested that this be an addendum to the budget, subject to the approval of the congregation. It was decided to recommend that the congregation allocate \$5,000 from the Memorial Fund to repair the pews, and an additional \$5,000 to repaint the sanctuary.

Music--Mr. Myrick reported that a choir outing will be held on Dec. 8. Pastor Hengen reported that a meeting for the festival choir will be held on November 20. Five churches are currently involved, and the expected date of the presentation will be in May, 1978.

Youth Service--Mr. Schmitt requested that the name be changed to the "Contemporary" Service, since the word "youth" may give the wrong impression of the service. He also requested permission to give out lighted candles at the Christmas Eve service. Pastor Hengen asked whether the fire ordinances would allow it, and Mr. Schmitt said that he would check alternatives to the real candles.

Christian Education--Miss Weidel reported that the committee will meet on November 16 to complete an updating of our goals and objectives.

Fellowship--Mr. Parker reported that the cost of the Halloween Party was \$106.98.

#### New Business:

Mr. Schmitt asked what the plans are for the New Year's Day worship. Pastor Hengen said that it will be a Communion service, and he suggested that there be only one service at 10:30 (no 8 A.M. service), and no service on New Year's Eve. The Council agreed to this schedule.

#### Pastor's Report:

A copy of the Pastor's report for the month of October is attached hereto. Pastor Hengen listed the following accomplishments for October:

1. Guild trip to Homewood;
2. Ladies' Aid Planning Process;
3. Involvement of all organizations in the planning and handling of the Sour Beef and Oyster Supper;
4. Purchase of three overhead projectors;
5. Planning for the festival choir;
6. Revision of the church school by-laws;
7. Halloween party;
8. Guild trip to Springvale Terrace;
9. Correlation between the programs of the church school and the Confirmation class; and
10. Planning of the Youth Task Force show to be held here in April, 1978.

Concerns--Because of the distance she must travel each way each day, our secretary, Mrs. Slechta, is resigning as of December 23. There is a possibility she will reconsider her decision. Mr. Tuerk will check with her to get her final decision. Pastor Hengen reminded the Council of November being designated as

Hunger Emphasis Month. He expressed a desire to place in the Narthex a display to increase concern and awareness of our hunger campaign. The Council agreed to have the display.

The Pastor also made the Council aware of the closeness in time of three important upcoming events. December 11 is Tinsel Day; on December 12 will be the Senior Citizens' Christmas Party and the Girl Scout dinner. Junior Council members William Hoffman, Edward Tomczewski, Robert Gundlach, Robert Jackson, and Lynn Stinchcomb have agreed to serve for another year. Debbie Bauersfeld declined because of her studies at the Naval Academy. No response has yet been received from Gary Pate, Linda Pate, and Penny Sullivan.

A letter of transfer was granted to Mrs. Marie Rieth, to Christ Lutheran Church. Transfers for Mrs. Edward Hagens, and Mr. & Mrs. William F. Barnes, to Parkside United Methodist Church were delayed pending further investigation by Pastor Hengen.

The Pastor reported on the possible development of a home for the elderly on Philadelphia Road. The facility would include some nursing care. A Women's Auxiliary would be developed for the new home.

The general consensus of the Council was to deny a SECO request to include in our bulletin a brochure on the possible creation of a senior citizens' center instead of a prison at the Continental Can building. The Council agreed that the Youth Task Force could use our buildings to develop their spring show, providing the idea has the unanimous approval of the youth group.

Pastor Hengen recommended that we give a special benevolent gift to Huber Memorial Church in honor of their anniversary. He also recommended that at the Congregational Meeting five persons be nominated to serve as association and conference delegates.

Pastor Hengen reported that no specific amount was quoted to him as the cost for an ad in the Chronicle East. On January 28 and 29, Ms. Brenda Gorrell, National Youth Ministry Staff Person, will be here to share information concerning the UCC youth ministry. Because the Maryland Food Commission is withdrawing its funds, something must be done by the local churches to develop an emergency food supply plan. This plan may include the Canton Baptist Center, the Department of Social Services, and the Canton Christian Council.

The Council was reminded that Council Officers for 1978 will be elected at the meeting on December 6. 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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