

The regular meeting of the Church Council of the United Evangelical Church was held on March 7, 1978, with the following persons in attendance: Louis Oberlander, May Getz, George Sauer, J. Edwin Myers, Earl Jackson, Henry Schneider, Jr., Carole Weidel, Randy Schmitt, Billy Hoffman, Edward Tomczewski, George Tuerk, Jr., Willoughby Myrick, Margaret Craig, and Rev. W. Scott Hengen, III. President Tuerk called the meeting to order, and Pastor Hengen opened the meeting with a prayer.

The first item of business concerned the reupholstering of the pews. Mr. Ron Millburn was present to answer questions about the fabric, the work involved in the reupholstering, and other related matters. The pews are to be done as a continuous seat, cushioned with two inch high density foam, with a total cost of \$4,579 excluding the quiet room. Mr. Millburn recommended that we purchase a repair kit at a cost of \$20-\$25. The whole matter of the pews was delayed until the property committee report.

The minutes for the January meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Tuerk reported that he had appointed a committee to develop job descriptions for our employees excluding the pastor. Henry Schneider, John Bond, Ed Myers, and Randy Schmitt are to serve on that committee. Mr. Tuerk also reported that the Scouts had cleaned the sidewalks after the last snow, and that he had sent a letter to Marie Voelker thanking her for her service, wishing her improved health, and hoping that she may be able to serve in the future.

Youth Group: Billy Hoffman reported that Mr. & Mrs. Myers and Mr. Fred Long have agreed to serve as advisors. The Council approved the selection. Several changes were made in the Constitution of the Youth Group, and a copy of the changes is attached hereto. The Youth Group also put in a request for more storage space for their materials.

Mr. Tuerk reported that he had received complaints about the condition of the stage, that it presents a fire hazard. Mr. Sauer reported that the things on the stage steps belonged to the Girl Scouts and Sewing Group. Pastor Hengen said that the Property Committee should make adequate storage space available for the various groups.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Hengen reported the following accomplishments for February and January (no meeting 2/13/78):

1. the Contemporary Worship Group completed their series on Christian denominations;
2. \$1,000 in the pew fund;
3. Consistorial Banquet at St. Matthew's;
4. the Ash Wednesday service;
5. William Hoffman, Jr. received the "God and Country" Award;
6. the church school purchased a new transparency maker-copier;
7. the National Commission on Neighborhoods met here for dinner;
8. the Ladies Aid codfish dinner;
9. we shared a videotape of the service at the National Cathedral on July 3;
10. some volunteers were gotten for Meals-on-Wheels;
11. Canton Christian Council food program at the Canton Baptist Center;
12. the Task Force show is progressing; and
13. the church school doors have been installed.

A copy of the Pastor's statistical report is attached. Pastor Hengen listed the following items as concerns:

1. Money for the Easter lillies is coming in slowly. The lillies will cost \$8.50 and \$10.50.
2. A transfer request came from Mr. David Harmening to Christ Lutheran Church. Mr. Harmening wishes the transfer mailed to him instead of to the church. Pastor Hengen is to call and discuss the transfer with him. The transfer of Mr. & Mrs. Everett G. Smith to Cowenton United Methodist Church in White Marsh had already occurred, but a letter of transfer was requested. Pastor Hengen is to write

a letter to that church expressing his dissatisfaction with the way the matter was handled.

3. The Pastor requested permission to attend a management seminar June 14 -16 at Farley-Dickinson University in Madison, N.J. The cost is \$450, and he hopes to get some of this from conference and association funds. The Council agreed that the Pastor might attend.

4. At the next Council meeting, the matter of a change in the By-Laws to allow for Sunday Congregational meetings is to be decided.

5. In response to a letter from Rev. Kamm, William Bark was suggested to serve on a committee working on the proposed retirement center at Golden Ring.

6. The Council agreed that there be no Holy Communion on April 2.

7. Pastor Hengen requested that his vacation dates be July 23 & 30 and August 13 and 27. He will contact Dr. Weisser about serving on those Sundays.

8. The Pastor requests that he and the Council President be informed about all committee meetings.

9. The Confirmation dinner will be on March 12.

10. There are no emergency substitutes for the church secretary or custodian.

11. Delegates are need for the Association meeting on the first Sunday in May, and to the Conference meeting on June 9, 10, and 11 in Harrisonburg, Va.

12. Two members for the Spiritual Committee are needed.

13. A letter was received from Rev. Curtis Clare concerning the merger with the Disciples of Christ.

Financial Report:

At Mr. Schmitt's suggestion, it was agreed that instead of accruing our insurance, the money should be applied against our bill. Pastor Hengen explained that the new way of presenting the financial report was merely a means of showing the same information presented in the line item report but using new categories. Mr. Schmitt reported that our Association goal was \$1,165, as opposed to our budgeted figure of \$900. A savings certificate for \$20,000 was transferred from American Bank to Highland Federal for 4 years at 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. The \$25,000 certificate at American National Building & Loan was redistributed to a \$20,000 certificate for 6 years at 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ % and a passbook account for \$5,000. to allow for emergency funding for the renovations. The Council agreed to this arrangement. Also, since the cost of the Blue Cross Mini-Group Plan is \$431 per person, it was agreed to pay the full amount of this insurance for the church secretary and the custodian.

Concerning the \$2,000 bequest from the estate of William Burns, Jr., William Single is to present a written opinion on whether we are obligated to use the money for the organ as stipulated in the will.

It was decided to order 650 sets of the small offering envelopes for 1979. Christian Education Committee: Miss Weidel reported that the committee had met to discuss the 1978 goals and objectives and how these relate to the various programs of the church. Committee members are to act a liaison persons between the committee and their respective organizations.

Membership and Stewardship Committee: Mr. Myers reported that the committee had reviewed Pastor Hengen's agenda, and that a proposal for establishing a group of greeters for each worship service had been developed. Most of the remaining offering envelopes had been delivered.

Music Committee: Mr. Myrick reported that plans for the festival choir were progressing and that there is much enthusiasm from the participants. The Council agreed that should the Choir pay for reupholstering one or more pews in the choir loft, a tablet dedicating the work to the memory of Al Witzke may be placed on the memorial board in the narthex.

Property Committee: The question of whether to include the quiet room in the reupholstering was discussed. It was decided to include the room, and Mrs. Craig was appointed to head a committee to select the color for the upholstery.

Altar Committee: Mrs. Getz resigned as chairperson, and Sadie Zinn is serving in her place. Since Mrs. Zinn is not a member of the Council, the matter of a permanent chairman is to be resolved at the April Council meeting.

Fellowship Committee: Mrs. Craig reported that a special breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 on Easter morning. The breakfast will consist of juice, coffee or tea, and buns.

Mr. Myers reported that the water coolers in the church school will be fixed and cut-off valves will be installed.

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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