

The regular meeting of the Church Council of the United Evangelical Church was held on May 2, with the following persons in attendance: Earl Jackson, George Tuerk, Jr., Carole Weidel, J. Edwin Myers, May Getz, George Sauer, Louis Oblerlander, Randy Schmitt, Margaret Craig, Willoughby Myrick, William Hoffman, Jr., and Rev. W. Scott Hengen, III. Pastor Hengen opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved as read. The Financial Report was approved as presented.

Report of Committees:

Finance Committee--The \$5,000 in the savings account at American National Building and Loan has been added to our \$20,000 savings certificate at that same institution. Mr. Schmitt reported that Mr. Woelferman consented to take the Association health plan as is Mrs. Slechta.

Christian Education Committee--Miss Weidel presented the recommendation of the committee that Sept. 17 be designated as our 105th Anniversary Sunday. Council approval was given this request. Mrs. Getz moved that there be only one service to be held at 10 A.M. with a meal following. Mr. Myrick seconded, and the motion was carried.

Pastor's Report--Pastor Hengen listed the following accomplishments for the month of April:

1. Plans have been made for the Festival Choir to perform at the May meeting of Chesapeake Association;
2. The Youth Task Force Show was a success;
3. The Youth Group has planned a retreat to Claggett Center;
4. A dance was held by the 1978 Confirmation class;
5. Plans for the Canton Happening have been finalized;
6. Plans are being made for the 1978 Youth Group show;
7. A Performance Evaluation for Pastor and Church was conducted under the sponsorship of the Council and the Christian Education Committee;
8. The pew renovation is progressing;
9. The acolytes have been revitalized by the Altar Committee;
10. Several Church School teachers and the Pastor attended a planning resource meeting;
11. Through contacts made by the Pastor, Mr. Harmening has said that he would remain part of this congregation;
12. Two new members are to be received on May 14;
13. The Church School is involved in the Hunger Task Force "Fill the Ark" project;
14. Dr. Weisser will serve as supply pastor during Pastor Hengen's vacation;
15. A substitute secretary has been found for the church office; and
16. Ken and Jim Pate will be taking part in the Youth Study Trip to the Dakotas this summer.

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

Concerns:

1. Delegates for the Association meeting at First and St. Stephen's Church on May 7 at 3:30.
2. Delegates for the Conference meeting in Harrisonburg, Va., on June 9 - 11.
3. A letter of transfer was granted to Mrs. Bessie Doenges to St. Michael's Lutheran Church.
4. Concerning Pastor Hengen's doctoral project, he reported that it has not yet been approved, but he asked the Council's agreement to participate with him the the project. It is the Pastor's intention to develop a planning manual in conjunction with the project, and he indicated that the manual would be the property of the church, the seminary, and himself. He also indicated that he has no desire to leave this church upon completion of the doctoral program, but that he had a moral obligation to stay because of the work he anticipates we will be doing together. It was the consensus of the Council that an agreement such as this could not be entered upon by the Council, but that the understanding and approval of the congregation was necessary. A special congregational meeting is to be called for this purpose.
5. Pastor Hengen has requested \$500 in Conference funds to attend the planning seminar at Fairleigh-Dickinson University, and he expects the funds to be forthcoming.
6. An Orientation meeting for Conference delegates will be held on May 18 at Heritage U.C.C.
7. A target date of Sept. 21 was set for the Adult Christian Education Program. Pastor Hengen recommended that it be held 3 Sundays per month if the group meets between the two services. This would allow participants to attend the Contemporary Worship on the fourth Sunday.

Music Committee--Mr. Myrick reported that the Festival Choir will perform at the Association meeting on May 7 at 3:30. It is hoped that the presentation will generate interest so that more churches and choirs will become involved in the future. The Choir will also develop a special presentation for the anniversary service in September.

Property Committee--Mr. Tuerk reported that he has asked George Sauer to paint the ceilings in the men's and ladies' rooms. The pew renovation work has begun, and the question now concerns the painting--when? how extensive will the job be? It was decided to include the offices, the doors, and the hall from the kitchen to the choir room. The consensus was to move on the project immediately so that the work could be done in the summer when there could be adequate ventilation. Mr. Sauer reported that the Girl Scouts need to clean out their area, and Mrs. Craig reported that a member had told her that the hall and the stage were dirty. Miss Weidel reported that Mrs. Jenkins asked that a section of corkboard be removed from her room in the church school, and Mrs. Jenkins requests that her bulletin boards be tacked up.

Membership/Stewardship Committee--Mr. Myers reported that there had been a poor response to the greeter project.

Spiritual Committee--Mr. Schmitt reported that the committee still needs some members.

Ushering Committee--Miss Weidel reported that frequently there was a lot of noise and talking coming from the narthex during worship, and that this was disturbing to those in the sanctuary.

Youth Group--Mr. Myers reported that the youth would be attending a retreat at Claggett Center May 5 -7; a picnic at Caledonia State Park on June 4; an Oriole game on July 2; and would be having their annual show on August 18 and 19. Rehearsals are to be on Tuesday or Wednesday evenings. A question concerning their closet space was referred to the property committee.

Altar Committee--Pastor Hengen reported progress with the acolytes.

Job Description Committee--Mr. Tuerk reported that Mr. Schneider said that the job descriptions would be finished in about one week.

Miss Weidel submitted a request by the Ladies' Aid that sour beef tickets be made available before the summer, with the definite price established, including a policy concerning the inclusion of dessert. Miss Weidel expressed a request of the Church School that the early worship time be moved to 7:45. Both of these items are to be considered at the June Council meeting.

Pastor Hengen asked if the property committee is empowered to hire an assistant custodian, and the answer was "no." Pastor Hengen said that previous applicants for the position should be interviewed, and that the job description for the custodial staff has not yet been approved by the Council. Mr. Tuerk said that he would advertise the position again, and that he would check into the other applicants.

Mrs. Getz requested the \$100 budgeted for the Canton Happening.

Mr. Schmitt expressed thanks to the Council for the rental of the film used at the April Contemporary Worship.

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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