

The regular meeting of the Church Council of the United Evangelical Church was held on October 3, 1978, with the following persons in attendance: Earl Jackson, George Sauer, Louis Oberlander, Henry Schneider, Jr., May Getz, J. Edwin Myers, John Bond, Carole Weidel, Margaret Craig, George Turk, Jr., William Hoffman, Jr., and Rev. N. Scott Wenger, III. Pastor Dingen opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as read.

Financial Report: Approval by consensus was given to Mr. Jackson's suggestion that a note stating that we are \$11,000 behind in the budget be included in the Endeavor.

Mr. Turk said that \$107 was added by Lewis Bros. to our painting bill as interest for late payment. That amount has not been paid.

The financial report was approved as submitted.

Property Committee: Mr. Bond said the tray on the folding machine was replaced, and the machine is now working properly. The organ chimes are in need of repair.

Mr. Sauer reported that he and Robert Jackson had put out the chemical to get rid of the pigeons. At least 8 more tubes are needed to complete the job.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Wengen reported that he had received a written request from the Church School to remove the air conditioner under the table in the office, and to winterize the windows, especially around the air conditioners. The Pastor also reported that the parsonage dryer may need service, and he recommended that Frank Gora be made the full-time custodian. There was no objection to this recommendation.

Youth Group: Billy Hoffman reported that \$100 was given to the Church from the profit realized from their show. A new lighting system in the stage was also included. A gift of \$10 was made for the anniversary dinner. \$1200 was made on the dinner-show held in August. Approval by consensus was given for the use of the Fellowship Hall and auditorium for sleeping 2 nights in November when a youth group from Philadelphia is scheduled to visit.

Mr. Therk recommended that everyone be aware of all of the exits in case of fire.

Finance: Mr. Jackson said that the \$2000 approved for transfer to the checking account had not yet been moved, but that \$3000 had been deposited in checking. It was left to the discretion of the treasurer whether to move the \$2000.

Membership/Stewardship: Mr. Myers reported that no greeters were available. Mrs. Craig said some had volunteered but weren't called. Pastor Wengen recommended that those who had volunteered be used for as long as they were willing to serve.

Ushering - Mr. Oberlander requested that John Bankett wait for the signals before he plays. Mr. Tuerk said that John needs to synchronize his watch with the church clock.

Fellowship: Mrs. Craig asked about the date for the Congregational meeting. It was decided to have it as scheduled on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

Christian Education: Miss Heidel expressed thanks to the Council and various organizations for their cooperation with the anniversary celebration.

Altar: Mrs. Getz received council approval to give away used candles at the Saur Beef supper.

Old Business: Mr. Tuerk re-opened the question of who has the right to look at church records. The consensus of the Council was that the Pastor, secretary and Council members only have this privilege.

Pastor Wengen asked about complimentary tickets for workers at the sour beef supper. It was decided that the decision should be made by the chairperson of the supper committee.

New Business: Mrs. Craig asked about sponsoring a travel group tour as a fund raiser, with 1 free passage for every 25 people going on the tour. She is to get someone to come and talk it over with the Council.

Mr. Myers received permission for the Boy Scouts to use the kitchen in Fellowship Hall.

Pastor's Report: The pastor listed the following accomplishments for the month of ~~October~~<sup>September</sup>.

1. Participation by the congregation in the D. Min project was approved, and study groups began Oct. 1;
2. The 15 member confirmation class of 1980 was formed;
3. Our 105<sup>th</sup> anniversary was celebrated with banners, a display, and a luncheon;
4. The Cantor's Happening and the Church School gave \$408 to the Fill the Ark project;
5. A gift of an 1885 Confirmation Certificate was presented to the archives; and
6. the first part (Independent Study portion) of the pastor's D. Min. requirements were completed.

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

Concerns:

1. The Church School is aware and sympathetic to the problems of the pre-school group at Messiah Lutheran Church. The group is potentially interested in meeting here 2 or more days/week in Fellowship Hall and the library. The cost of heat is a big factor. The Council also questioned why the group had to leave their other places. The matter is to be brought to the new Council in January or February.

2. The Pinsettia Fund is to be handled the same way as last year by consent of the Council.

3. A replacement needs to be obtained for John Lenning.

4. From January 8 to 26 a group of students from Lancaster Theological Seminary will be studying urban church ministry in Baltimore. Lodging with breakfast is needed from members of local churches. The program is part of a larger plan to involve <sup>the</sup> seminary in the Baltimore churches, and it may expand to a full year program including resident faculty, if successful.

5. At the meeting of Chesapeake Association Rev. Curtis Clare announced the formation

of a cluster of congregations to help with stewardship training and concerns. The training will be at Messiah U.C.C., and other churches are invited to attend the sessions.

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Caleb P. Widel  
Recording Secretary