

The regular meeting of the Church Council of the United Evangelical Church was held on December 5, 1978, with the following persons in attendance: Louis Oberlander, Earl Jackson, Randy Schmitt, May Getz, George Tuerk, Jr., Dolores Canoles, Carole Weidel, Margaret Craig, J. Edwin Myers, John Strong, Willoughby Myrick, Jr., and Rev. W. Scott Hengen, III. The Pastor opened the meeting with a prayer. The minutes of the November meeting were approved as read. The Treasurer's Report was approved as submitted.

Mr. Tuerk reported that 2 art class people had been contacted about repairing the stained glass window broken by an employee of E.D. Robbins Co. The Robbins' insurance company has been contacted about the damage.

Gabrielle Holland and Brenda Ready presented a proposal for the formation of a pre-school observation program here one day per week for two hours. Parents will observe and help during the first hour, and have parent/teacher discussions during the second hour. A paid aide will also work in the program. The classes will begin shortly after the first of the year on Mondays in the nursery department of the church school. Twelve to fifteen parents and children may be accommodated. Council action was deferred until later in the meeting.

Election of Council Officers:

The following members were elected Council Officers for 1979:

President--George A. Tuerk, Jr.

Vice-President--J. Edwin Myers

Treasurer--Carole Weidel

Financial Secretary--Robert Jackson

Recording Secretary--Margaret Craig.

Mr. Tuerk reminded the Council that no member of the Council should quote another concerning any item of Council business.

Report of Committees:

Finance: Mr. Schmitt reported that we were about \$14,000 short of meeting the budget, but he indicated that the Renovation Fund was not necessarily the cause of the deficit. Mr. Tuerk said that he had received the suggestion that the \$2,000 special organ bequest we have been holding be used to replace the cloth on the organ pipe chambers. Mr. Myrick recommended that the matter be placed with the new property committee. The council agreed by consensus.

Property: Mr. Myers reported that one of the fans in the kitchen was broken. Mr. Myrick reported that the strip on the inside of the Dillon Street door needed to be replaced, and that one heater in the choir room was not working. Mrs. Canoles reported that Bertha Will had put a new clock in the choir room. Mrs. Craig said that something was wrong with the ovens in the kitchen, and Mr. Myers said the gas company should be contacted to come and check them.

Membership/Stewardship: Pastor Hengen said that he had received a list of names of people in the area who had responded to a survey by St. Casimir's Roman Catholic Church, and who had indicated that they were either a member of "Batz's" or a "Protestant."

Music: Mr. Myrick reported that tables and chairs were needed for the Chorus of the Chesapeake to eat together on Tinsel Day. They are to perform upstairs and down in Friendship Hall. Mr. Tuerk reported that 10 to 12 new tables are needed to replace our old and damaged ones.

Youth: Mr. Myers reported that a final report on the youth group show is forthcoming.

Mr. Tuerk asked the pastor about the youth/young adult party scheduled for Dec. 29. Pastor Hengen said that it was being held for those from the age of Confirmation to 30, to discuss future plans. There was general Council disapproval of the

idea of allowing those 18 and over to bring wine to the gathering. Pastor Hengen said that the youth group members had responded favorably, since the suggestion indicated his trust in them. Mr. Schmitt said that the date was bad, as the Christmas holiday period was not a good time to get everyone together, and also that the event had too much the quality of a party and not the important decision-making event it was intended to be. The Pastor indicated his concern that we develop the best program for senior highs and young adults that we possibly can. Mr. Tuerk recommended that the Pastor get a consensus on when most will attend. Fellowship: Mrs. Craig reported that Fred Long will handle the food for Tinsel Day. Help is needed to put up tables on Saturday. Mr. Myers is to call Dale Sanders to get the Boy Scouts to help.

Concerning the Sour Beef and Oyster Supper, Mr. Tuerk said that he will write a letter to the ladies who set up the supper, and to Mrs. Hengen who administered it. The fellowship and social aspects make the event worthwhile, not only the financial benefits.

Altar: Pastor Hengen commended the committee on the work they have done so far. He said that the price for poinsettias will be \$8.50 for 6 to 8 blooms, and \$12.50 for 10 to 12 blooms.

Mr. Tuerk reported that the January Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, January 28, 1979. There will be one worship service, the meeting, and a meal with a free will offering. He also said that he would appoint Council committees within the next week, and that he would make every effort to appoint members to positions where they would be happy.

New Business: Regarding the question of allowing the pre-school to meet here, there was a question among the Council about insurance coverage and our liability in case of an accident or injury. Mr. Myrick moved that the program be given a trial from January to May to allow us to evaluate the cost to us; to make sure that there is insurance coverage; that they be liable for any damage to property; that they not use consumable Church School supplies; and that the final approval come from the Church School Staff. Mr. Schmitt seconded, and the motion was approved.

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

1. His attendance at a meeting of the Lancaster Theological Seminary Alumni Council and dedication of the Lark Building;
2. A clergy seminar was held here;
3. Food distribution for Thanksgiving through the Canton Christian Council;
4. LTS fund raising presentation was given on November 19;
5. Congregational Meeting on November 24;
6. Some members of the Church School staff attended a training session in Silver Spring;
7. The Guild Christmas Bazaar is being planned;
8. The Pastor's Doctoral Support Group met;
9. Plans for Tinsel Day are complete;
10. Memorial Sunday was held; and
11. The youth task force is planning a return to South Dakota.

A copy of the Pastor's Statistical Report for the month of November is attached. The following were listed as concerns by the Pastor:

1. The demise of the contemporary worship group;
2. Non-participation by youth in the doctoral project groups;
3. The phone situation--parsonage is unlimited, office limited business phone. A pay phone would make an additional cost. The church line could have an increase in the number of calls allowed each month.
4. The Urban Ministries Seminars scheduled for Jan. 8 - 26 may be postponed because few students had signed up. Overnight accommodations and breakfast are needed if the students should come.

5. Additional stewardship training is needed. The pastor is to invite Dr. Curtis Clare to address the Council at a future meeting concerning this matter.

6. Job descriptions for the organist and secretary have not been enacted. Also, consideration needs to be given to the suggested part-time maintenance person and his job description. The new Council in January is to discuss whether we need and/or want an assistant and whether that person should be Chris Wolferman.

Pastor Hengen introduced the new Key Pak for January through June, 1979, and pointed out two placemats about the United Church of Christ that we may want to order.

Mr. Schmitt reminded the Council that it is necessary to find a replacement for John Lenning. Mr. Tuerk expressed his thanks to Randy Schmitt and George Sauer, who are leaving the Council.

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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