

The regular monthly meeting of the church council of United Evangelical Church was called to order by President, George Tuerk on Tuesday Sept. 1, 1981 at 8:00 P.M.

Pastor Hengen opened the meeting with a prayer.

Council persons present were:

George Tuerk	Clara Wise
Margaret Myrick	May Getz
Florence Gundlach	William Single III
Dorothy Jones	Sam Jones

Pastor Hengen  
Louis Oberlander

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Absent: Mr. Strong and Mr. William Voelker  
Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Mr. Single reported that this is the worst that he has ever seen money matters in this church. He stated that 1000.00 dollars was withdrawn from Equitable Trust Band in order to pay the bills. He went on to say that something would have to be done if we were going to remain a church. He wanted to know if the Sunday School building and the Endeavor were necessary for the winter. The Sunday School attendance has dropped considerably, and to heat the building for a few would be expensive.

Also, The Endeavor to be published every month would be expensive as stamps were 18 cents and would no doubt be increased.

Mr. Tuerk spoke on the absent members of the congregation, and also their contributions had stopped coming in, making the church fall into the poverty level. Mr. Tuerk also said that the congregation must realize sooner or later that the church could not be operated like 30 years ago. Somethibg has to be done now. Inflation has made everything more expensive, and the money coming in was getting less.

Mr. Single made a motion to consult with Sunday School people to use Friendship Hall during the winter for Sunday School, and close the Sunday School building, but to maintain the heat at 55 degrees at all times. Mr. Jones seconded the motion and motion was carried.

Mr. Single also made motion to dispense with real flowers on the altar, unless contributions were rendered and specified for flowers. Mr. Jones seconded this motion and motion was carried.

Mr. Single made a motion to send Endeavor out 4 times a year. This is to include Easter and Christmas. Mr. Jones seconded the motion and motion was carried.

PROPERTY: Mr. Jones reported that he could not see anything at the present to be done, except to have the bell fixed on the side door.

MEMBERSHIP: Dorothy Jones reported that Florence, Margaret and Gertrude Everett made calls to some members. Some had transferred, and some have moved. However they reported that several will return in the fall.

Dorothy ~~JONES~~ will call on the people that have had their children baptized, to see if they would like to attend United Evangelical Church Also, she is going to call on those that have been married in this Church. perhaps we can build up the membership this way.

MUSIC: Florence reported that the music for the choir was completed for the whole year. The choir will hold special music on anniversary Sunday. She would also like the permission of the council to hold choir Festival here at this church on Nov. 15, 1981. She would ask the Ladies Aid to help with the food. a possiblity of 300 people

The council gave permission to hold Festival here Nov. 15, 1981. Florence also asked approval to have the Gospel lite~~s~~ singers to come here on Tinsel Sunday. The cost ~~50.00.~~ 25.00 to come from the Choir and ~~25.00~~ to come from th choir's allotment for special music out of the budget. approval granted with the pastor's acceptance of the ~~gou~~ groups musical ability to fit into our realm of music.

PASTOR'S REPORT: pastor just came back from vacation. No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mr. Tuerk said that he talked with Mrs. Fadar, and that she would run the Sour beef and Oyster Supper, ~~but that~~ She will not take care of tickets, as it is too much working in the kitchen and having to stop for tickets. She has asked that some one else take care of that area. She will need help to work in the kitchen. Also people to do the dining room work.

Mr. Single brought up the fact about a number of things being paid out of petty cash, and wanted to know why its done. He was told that Millie buys stamps that are needed and some emergencies. Mr. Single said whenever possible, pay everything by check. Dorothy Jones made motion to adjourn and Mr. Oberlander seconded it. Pastor Hengen closed the meeting with a prayer followed by the Lord's Prayer. Next meeting to be held Oct. 6, 1981. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Respectively submitted;

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