

OCTOBER, 6 1981

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council of United Evangelical Church was called to order by President, George Tuerk, on Tuesday Oct. 6, 1981 at 8:00 P.M.

Pastor Hengen opened the meeting with a prayer.

Council persons present were:

George Tuerk

William Single III

William Voelker

Florence Gundlach

Dorothy Jones

Clara Wise

Louis Oberlander

Pastor Hengen

Guest--Rev. Dodds

Area Conference minister

Absent: Mr. Strong and Mr. Sam Jones and Mrs. May Getz *Marg. Myrick*

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Tuerk met with Sunday School people and they were not pleased with the council's decision to ~~close the Sunday School for the winter.~~ *to reduce* He invited them to the council meeting to present their views on the *heating problem* matter. Mrs. Borkman, Ms. Jenkins and Miss Kathy Borkman represented the Sunday School.

In order that the SS people be made aware of the seriousness of this situation, it was stated that we have not met our pledge of 6,000 dollars to the conference and that we also have deficit of about 18,000 dollars. We are spending more than we take in, and it was suggested by Mr. Tuerk that a committee be formed to investigate and find a solution as to what is to be done with the Sunday School building. We have two options as of this time.

1-- To sell the building to be used compatibly with the Church.

2-- to lease the building for the same reason.

Of course either way will have its advantages or disadvantages.

The Sunday School wants to keep children in buildin, or else they feel that they will lose these families and their children. Some will not bring children to Friendship Hall, as they are too small and floor is too cold for them to sit on . and some are too small to sit on the chairs. The Sunday School representatives said they would talk to the rest of the S.S. and see if they could help with the expense of the heating problem. They wanted to know if the council would then reconsider about closing the SS.

So the whole thing boils down to the fact that the council is concerned with expenses and the Sunday School is concerned with Christian Education.

The Council thanked Mrs. Borkman and Ms Jenkins and also thanked Rev. Dodds for coming to the meeting and sharing their views.

It was brought to the council's attention that the Ladies Aid wanted to sell shares for an Afghan at the up coming Sour Beef and Oyster supper. Mr. Voelker made the motion for the Ladies to sell shares for the Afghan. Mr. Louis Oberlander seconded the motion. the motion was carried. It is so stated here that Pastor Hengen is now, has been and will be opposed to this and any similar ways of making money.

Mrs. Grace Fadar and Mrs. Lillian Sauer have donated bouquets of silk flowers for the altar for their respective husbands.

Pastor Hengen asked about Hymnal Memorials. He has people coming to the office to give to the memorial fund and sometimes they make specific requests. The council decided that Gifts given to the memorial fund should not be specified, but to use it for anything that the church would need.

Mr. Tuerk and Mr. Single talked about a threatened law suit from Bay Welding Co., but they had neglected to live up to their contract, and ~~damaged xxxxxxxx~~ as a result of this there was some damage to the boiler that had to be straightened out by some one else. This amounted to 2,000 dollars.

Mr. Single was concerned about the Youth Group disbanding without the council's consent and he wanted to know where their money went. Mr. Tuerk will get a report about the Youth' Group's treasury. Pastor Hengen thinks this is the responsibility of the Christian Education Committee.

Altar Committee: No Report.

Music Committee: Robert Gundlach cancelled the Gospel lite singers.

Any commitments for Choir Festival music have to come from the association at Emmanuel church, Catonsville from Nov. 15 to Nov. 22.

Property committee: The front and side doors to church need to be repaired. Stambaugh was called to come down to see about a leaking u tube.

Membership: Dorothy reported she got poor response to her calls. Some had been away for the summer, others did not have transportation, and other did not seem interested. However, some have returned to church.

Calender Committee: No Report.

Pastor's Report:

Accomplishments--

- 1-- 108th anniversary celebrated.
- 2-- Worship in the Park completed
- 3-- 1983 confirmation class formed
- 4-- Canton Christian Council "Project Locate" initiated for homebound
- 5-- CAC New decade associates fund meeting held.
- 6-- Senior Choir show presented at "D" building for patients (City Hosp.)
- 7-- Guild bus trip to Homewood Home, Williamsport, Md.
- 8-- Pastor participation in Installation of Pastor Tom Hope, Messiah UCC.
- 9-- Pastor participation in Installation of Pastor Jean Kelbaugh, Messiah UCC.
- 10-- Pastor participation in Workshop/Conference on homebound in SE Balto.
- 11-- Pastor led Protestand Worship at Boy Scout Camporee held at Patterson Park.
- 12-- Sour Beef and Oyster Supper planning meeting held.
- 13-- Affirmative response received from Dr. Martha Church, Pres. of Hood College, to be guest speaker here in Jan. or Feb. 1982.
- 14-- Affirmative response received from Rev. Richard Dodds, new area Conference minister, to be Guest Preacher here on Nov. 22.
- 15-- New Confirmation materials being used.

B. Statistics: see separate sheet.

Pastor's Concerns:

- 1-- Request from Mrs. Cardine Watchman, for person from UEC to serve on Springvale Terrace Board of Directors--meets at Silver Spring on 2nd Tuesday at 6 P.M. (dinner free)-- Will be involved in development of new home for elderly at Golden Ring. Who should be contacted and challenged? (Ruth Beckwith,)
- 2-- List of items from Church Office Secretary
- 3-- Designate date for Conference Sunday.
- 4-- Youth Group decision to disband - newplans?-new leaders?
- 5-- Nominating Committee:  
Delegates needed for Fall Association meeting on Nov.22
- 6-- Study packet of materials received re: merger talks w/ Disciples
- 7-- Reduction of mailing list to 800 (600 lenten folders ordered instead of 1000)
- 8-- Response to new UCC priorities--Peace & Family Life
- 9-- Use of Memorial Fund for Chancel needs- Policy established previously  
Previous use of Hymnal Fund?
- 10-- Informed re: change of membership of Barbara (Jones) Harne to Webster Congregational Christian Church (UCC), Havre De Grace, Md. on 12/7/80.

New Business: Pastor wishes 1 year subscription to "The Futurist" ~~magazine~~

magazine, at 20.00dollars per year. This was tabled until next meeting. It was also decided to hold Congregational meetings on the last Sunday in Nov. and Jan. There will be one service on that Sunday at 1030 A.M. No refreshments will be served.

We will have poinsetta's at Christmas time on the Altar by anyone who wishes to donate them. The Church will not pay for flowers.

There will be two services at Christmas. 7 P.M. and 11 P.M.

Delegates are needed for the Association meeting Nov. 22, 1981.

Clara Wise made motion to adjourn meeting. This was seconded by Dorothy Jones.

Pastor Hengen closed meeting with a prayer, followed by Lord's prayer. Meeting adjourned to meet again on Nov. 3, 1981.

Respectively submitted;

*Clara Wise*

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Church Council Secretary