

February 3, 1981

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council of United Evangelical Church was held on Tuesday, February 3, 1981 at 8:00 p.m. Vice-president, J. Edwin Myers presided over the meeting in the absence of Mr. George Tuerk, president who is recuperating from a broken leg.

Council members present were:

George Sauer	May Getz
Louis Oberlander	Rose Hoffman
Ernest Jones	William Hoffman
John Strong	Earl Jackson
J. Edwin Myers	Grace Fader
Clara Wise	The Rev. Scott Hengen

absent:- George Tuerk

Pastor Hengen opened the meeting with a prayer asking that we fulfill the task to which we have been called.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as read.

The financial report was approved as corrected.

PASTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT - (see enclosed sheet)

PASTOR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS - January, 1981

1. Decisions made at annual congregational meeting -
 - a. Future meetings to be held on Sunday after worship. *Decided* *Yet to be*
 - b. Support for special instrumental music for special worship events.
 - c. Continuing support for annual report booklet.
2. Both persons who robbed Pastor at gunpoint have been caught, have pleaded guilty as charged, and are being incarcerated for their crime.
3. Pre-Lenten Sermon series on "Sermon On The Mount" (Feb. 1 - March 1)
4. Pastor participated in dedication of new Joseph Senior Citizen Center (Broadway)
5. Helped Bertha Will and Matthew Groom each celebrate their 90th birthday.
7. Choir show rehearsals underway for May 1 presentation.
8. Initial contact made with Visiting Nurses Association for development of new special project in Canton-Highlandtown area.
9. Pastor served as Community Consultant for SECO Planning Session at International Inn.

CONCERNS

1. Follow through on recommendations in Pastor's Annual Report.
2. U.C.C. College Heritage Day, April 26, 1981. Bulletin inserts?
Council approved ordering bulletin inserts which are free.
3. K.Y.P. articles.
 - a. An insurance to protect church funds. 1400 churches now in program to protect against losses.
 - b. Mr. Forster will send further information.
4. Pastor requested to serve as Community Consultant to assist with problem solving at Canton Junior High School on ongoing basis, probably full year.
 - a. School has been experiencing very serious problems regarding neighborhood.
5. New special project being proposed to Canton Christian Council for neighborhood homebound residents in cooperation with Visiting Nurses Ass'n.
6. Annual report to United Church of Christ - final figures for 1980.
 - a. Total income of various groups amounted to \$88,559.00 as opposed to \$80,973.00 in 1979. Actual income for 1980 approximately a little less - \$800.00 over last year
7. Request Membership & Stewardship Committee to assist Pastor with recruitment for New Member group to begin March 8 and be received April 12.
8. Transfer of Mrs. Pamela Sartori, nee Milecki. Motion approved.
9. Rededication of Quiet Room - to take place after room is completely furnished.

CONFIRMATION

Discussion - should Confirmation examination take place in church or Friendship Hall? Pastor designed way of doing it but it is not the decision of Pastor. Parents made responsible for Confirmation at time of Baptism. System is to develop relationship between council members, parents and confirmands. Positive value to begin at that time and follow Confirmation event.

Pastor feels better relationship and awareness by informal discussion. Confirmands more at ease. Thinks memorizing a particular item is only one form of learning.

Many council members expressed objection.

Pastor discussed matter with class and parents and gotten back strong objections. Some will not be confirmed.

Mr. Hoffman asked why do parents feel this strong about child being examined in church? Confirmands are accepting this church when confirmed.

Mr. Myers recommended examination to take place in church as more people will be in church than in Friendship Hall.

Pastor stated he sent out Confirmation schedule early in year. Following same procedure as last year.

Mr. Myers asked the questions:-

1. "Do we want Confirmation examination in church? Luncheon following service?
2. Do we want Confirmation examination in Friendship Hall? With luncheon?

Mr. Louis Oberlander motioned Confirmation examination be held in church. Seconded by May Getz. Motion carried.

Mrs. Rose Hoffman motioned we combine the examination and Rite of Confirmation at 10:00 a.m. church service, Palm Sunday. Seconded by George Sauer. Motioned carried.

1981 COUNCIL COMMITTEES

All members accepted their designated place on committees.

Mr. Myers presented examination of Financial records. Read report. All funds accounted for. Report enclosed.

Pastor reported other churches looking into the possibility of purchasing supplies from one person at same ~~xxx~~ price with the thought of saving money.

Mr. Sauer said Janitorial room should be locked at all times.

CALENDAR COMMITTEE - All Lenten Bake sale dates taken.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE - progress

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE - progress

FINANCE COMMITTEE - discussed previously.

MEMBERSHIP/STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

1. Letter of sympathy sent to the Bantz Family.
2. Summer seminar courses July-August, *Princeton Theological Seminary*
3. People visiting our church - no letter sent at present.
4. We should look into new Memorial cards for church.

MUSIC COMMITTEE - ~~progress~~.

- a. Show progressing
- b. Plans to present a variety of music for church.
- c. Plans progressing Festival Choir to present special music at Central Atlantic Conference meeting, Goucher College, June 14.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE - George Sauer reporting.

1. Thanks expressed to Sewing Group for washing draperies and hanging them.
2. Bricklayer will start as soon as man is available.
3. New safety valve ordered for boiler.
4. Sides need to be covered with asbestos when completed.
5. Kitchen fire extinguisher over stove to be checked and re-charged.
6. Room for janitor.
7. Took up matter of water damage with Mr. Tuerk. Don't think we are covered.
8. Bug exterminator to spray only on Thursday and Fridays.
9. Pipes - would advise using same pipe to custodian sink, third floor, church school building. To check with plumber and use best judgement.

Mr. Myers read card telling of death of the Rev. Wilfried Riggs on January 27, 1980. Memorial service at St. John's United Church of Christ February 14, 1981.

Mr. Myers wrote Dunn and Bradstreet regarding Mr. White. Another letter received from Dunn and Bradstreet on January 16th.

Pastor said Salem United Methodist Church installation of new boiler have same problem as us if not worse with Mr. White.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 1982 Church envelopes - reorder what is needed.
2. Mr. Jones and Mr. Myers and Mr. Jackson discussed saving certificates interest. Recommend Highland Federal and American National stand as is. Loss would be too great. Approximately \$4,000.00.

Mr. Ernest Jones motioned we adjourn, seconded by George Sauer.

The meeting closed with a prayer by Pastor Hengen followed with all joining in The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted

(Mrs.) *Grace E. Sauer*, Ch. Co. sec.

Added note: Pastor Wible will preach here Feb. 15.