

March 3, 1981

The regular meeting of the Church Council of United Evangelical Church was called to order by President, George Tuerk on Tuesday, March 3, 1981 at 8:00 p.m. Pastor Hengen opened the meeting with a prayer.

Council members present were:-

Louis Oberlander	May Getz
Earl Jackson	George Tuerk
J. Edwin Myers	Grace Fader
George Sauer	John Strong
William Hoffman	Pastor Hengen
Rose Hoffman	

absent: Clara Wise, Ernest Jones

The secretaries minutes from the previous meeting were read and approved as corrected.

Mr. Tuerk passed around letters from Mr. White for council members to see, stating top letter was pertinent.

Financial report was presented and Mr. Strong explained a correction. Financial report approved.

Mr. Strong informed Watts Window Cleaners are increasing their service 10%.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Myers wrote to Mr. Forster for three year premium cost of policy insuring against misuse of church funds. A \$10,000.00 policy will cost \$15.00 (\$100.00 deductible). Additional cost of \$30.00 for robbery, etc. Council advised Mr. Myers to check with Mr. Kover as church may have this insurance coverage. Left to Mr. Myers judgement.

Mr. Myers advised form sent to B. Green and Co. that church can buy at discount prices on cash/carry basis.

Also, a local outlet in area gives churches a discount. Mr. Myers will get information from Scouts and report to council.

Letter received from Internal Revenue Service dated Feb. 3, 1981 stating we owe \$34.80. Mr. Strong and Mr. Myers at complete loss and thought we were clear after November, 1980.

PROPERTY

Mr. Tuerk received letter from Dunn and Bradstreet stating we owe Mr. White \$2,200.00. Called Mr. Single, Esq. to seek his advice. Mr. Single advised not to reply to last letter. Mr. Single said should they sue, we would counter sue for non-performance of contract and confident we would win. Feels certain an attorney

would accept on a contingency basis ~~with an attorney~~ getting ^a certain percentage of amount.

Mr. Hoffman motioned, if necessary, allow Mr. Turek turn over matter to an attorney to go to suit against the Church. Seconded by Rose Hoffman. Motion approved.

Mr. Myers called Dunn and Bradstreet Monday, March 2, and was informed they are turning matter over their accountant.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE

1. Minor correction on boiler taken care of by Gross.
2. Janitor's room - asked Youth Group move their supplies out. They are scattered in janitor's room including 2 T.V.'s. Metal cabinet can remain.
3. Door to Janitor's room should be locked at all times.
4. Mr. Myers asked where can Youth put their supplies? Canton Happening using Youth storage space in soda room. Mr. Myers suggested Civilian Defense material be removed from premises and Youth could use that cupboard. Mr. Myers to call Civilian Defense for permission to remove it.
5. Access to both sides of stage will be possible when in use.
6. Mr. Tuerk asked Mr. Sauer to get estimate of water damage when pipe broke in church school building. ~~Mr. Sauer will submit bid~~
7. Mr. Tuerk asked about insulation of boiler. Mr. Sauer to ~~contact McCormick Insulation Co. Mr. Sauer will submit bill for his services regarding boiler repair & water pipe damage.~~ contact McCormick Insulation Co. Mr. Sauer will submit bill for his services regarding boiler repair & water pipe damage.
8. Dillon St. lock not working properly. Doors are rotten and aluminum strip has been removed. Locks need to be moved deeper in door. Mr. Sauer to take care of it.
9. Mr. Hoffman stated doors on church school building vandalized. Mr. Fader motioned the doors be repainted. Second by Mr. Myers. Approved by Church Council. Mr. Sauer to submit bid.

Mr. Myers stated church school staff expressed concern over amount of time it took to repair boiler - "If it had been the church it would have gotten repaired sooner." Council disagreed.

Mr. Myers expressed disgust with lock on Dillon St. door. Dead bolt used so all can get in without ringing bell. On Sunday, March 1, Mr. Strong returned to church at 3:00 p.m. Dead bolt on, activity in building by Choir. Mr. Sauer will look into matter that

door will lock at all times.

Mr. Sauer received card referring to stained glass window repairs. Contacted company and they said windows need putty and glazing. Storm windows falling out. Estimate \$2,000.00, plus. Council thought estimate to high. Will try to get a local concern for estimate.

PASTOR'S REPORT

Pastor Hengen's monthly report (February) presented to Council members. (See enclosed report.)

PASTOR'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. Scout Sunday celebrated.
2. Young Adult Group had first meeting.
3. Chaplain Dr. Lyle Weible as guest of United.
4. Pastor and wife and May Getz attended Consistorial banquet.
5. Canton Christian Council planning to launch new program for homebound residents.
6. Pastor gave prayer at opening of City Council meeting.
7. Blue and Gdd banquet held - 50 years of scouting for Ed. Myers - new Eagle Scout from United Evang. Church, Joseph C. Cooper.
8. Sermon series on "Sermon on the Mount" completed.
9. Choir show progressing well.
10. Churchmen's Fellowship Communion breakfast plans complete.
11. Mr. Silvestri was sentenced to 20 years in prison for pleading guilty to armed robbery here.
12. Plans for Lent underway, including Easter breakfast.

PASTOR'S CONCERNS

1. Council support for Canton Christian Council ecumenical project being planned for homebound persons in Canton. Report in Endeavor.

Need volunteers. Co-ordinator is Sister Maria, St. Brigid's R.C. Church. Mr. Tuerk wanted to know are we to be involved financially and voluntary. Mrs. Rose Hoffman stated it is time consuming, approximately one afternoon a week and that we should look into project before getting involved. It will not take the place ~~xxx~~ of pastoral calling.

Discussion turned to item in Baltimore Guide stating Pastor Hengen and United Evangelical Church in favor of elderly high-rise

housing near St. Casmir R.C. Church. List of ministers published after May⁸ refused it. Pastor stated he was involved in changing zoning only. Council decision not in favor of housing.

Mr. Tuerk would like to know what kind of response from membership of church on a project such as this.

Motion carried that pastor seek volunteers for homebound persons.

2. Church to pay for Consistorial banquet dinners?

Pastor was informed by Council it is not the policy of church to pay for dinners.

3. One Great Hour of Sharing publicity.

Stewardship Committee to hang posters.

4. Request from Canton Junior High School (230) to use stage and auditorium on Friday, April 24 and Saturday, April 25, 7 to 10 p.m. for show "'Lil Abner." Also, for rehearsal on April 22, 23 during school hours. Show involves several of our young people.

Request denied - insurance coverage does not permit this. Mr. Tuerk will send letter explaining this.

5. Request from Mrs. Amelia Avesser for transfer to St. John's Lutheran Church, Parkville, Md. Request granted.

6. Use of "Seven Last Words" banners this year?

Mr. Sauer motioned we use cross and garden instead of banners. Motion carried. Council asked that banners in balcony be stored away.

7. Increase in price of U.C.C. Hymnals after April 15, 1981.

Mr. Strong advised not enough money in fund to purchase hymnals. Present hymnals in good condition.

8. Request from church office secretary for Fridays off, March 27 and May 1 to go to class. Council approved.

9. Selection of questions for confirmands?

Pastor gave to each council member a list of questions. Council, ^{asked} to select three.

10. New membership class/group to begin March 15th between services.

To be received into membership with church on Palm Sunday.

11. Comparative 1980 report of O.C.W.M. giving.

Report received.

12. Successful methods for evangelism used at other U.C.C. churches shared at meeting of Chesapeake Ass'n. ministerium.

Information now available to committees.

13. Initial response to selection of Apostles' Creed as theme for mid-week Lenten service?

Positive response.

14. Seminar and cassette learning program on bookkeeping for non-profit organizations.

Brochures passed to council members.

15. Request from Mr. Gilbert Felter, for copy of script of Last Supper Tableau for use at St. Johns' Lutheran Church, Sweet Air Road, Jacksonville, Md.

Mr. Myers stated we had an understanding with Rev. Lehmann this is not ~~xxxxx~~ to be shared with any other organization or any other congregation, However, if it has a name on it we will share the name with Mr. Felter.

ALTAR COMMITTEE - no report

CALENDAR COMMITTEE - Overnite pajama party, March 20, 1981, 3 to 9 year old Brownies and Girl Scouts. Approved with stipulating no one leaves building and proper supervision at all times.

Mrs. Margaret Brunner requested use of Friendship Hall for dinner for approximately 50 persons in October. Ladies Aid to cook. Approved. Date to be set later. (Oct 14, 1981)

Oyster Supper - October 27 and 28th, 1981.

FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE - progress.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE - Meeting on Saturday, March 7 at 11 a.m.

Mr. Myers received letter from Princeton Theological Seminary regarding summer seminar. \$150.00 per person. Price to high.

MUSIC COMMITTEE

Mr. Myers requested no rehearsals during church school hour. Will tell this to Mr. Gundlach. Council agreed.

SPIRITUAL COMMITTEE - progress.

NEW BUSINESS

April 5th - Fellowship dinner at 5:00 p.m. for confirmands and their family and friends. Council members invited. Mrs. Carol Rowell coordinating the affair. Church will provide meat and parents will provide covered dish. Mrs. Rowell will get ~~xxxxxx~~ check from Mr. Strong.

Mr. Myers and Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman attended meeting on Feb. 22 with Pastor, confirmands and parents. Pastor put blame on Council

members for change of time for examination of confirmands.
Mr. Hoffman stated, Council position explained to parents and they ^{were} behind Council 100%. to have oral examination in church.
Mr. Myers stated it is not Council responsibility to select questions for confirmands. Mr. Myers added date in letter for inclusion in Confirmation schedule of the church not brought up at Council meeting.

Mr. Will Mack has a refrigerator, in working condition, to be given to person wanting it.

Mrs. Fader was granted permission for sale of shares to be held November, 1981.

Pastor Hengen still seeking price of wafer tray to match what we have. Pastor to work with altar committee.

Mileage reports are being turned over to Mr. Myers by the Pastor.

Mr. Sauer motioned we adjourn. Seconded by Mr. Oberlander. Pastor closed meeting with a prayer followed with all joining in The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Grace E. Fader

Mrs. Grace E. Fader
Church Council secretary