

UNITED EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 7, 1997

The regular meeting of Church Council of the United Evangelical Church was held on Tuesday, January 7, 1997.

Those in attendance were: Olga deBloom, George Finnerty, Calvin Gundlach, Baptist Hoffmann, Harvey Jacob, Bill Meyers, George Nassner, John Price, Clarence Rowell, Darlene Waters, John Williams and Anita Williar.

Pastor Armstrong opened the meeting with a prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The minutes and financial report from our last Council meeting on December 3, 1996 were accepted as written.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A request was received from Cathy High to hold a dance on February 15, 1997 (Saturday) for cub scouts and parents from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. It was motioned to approve this dance by Darlene Waters and seconded by Olga deBloom to approve this event. All council members agreed.

A thank you card was received by the family of Al Hofman thanking the Council and members of the church for their expression of sympathy.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Property:

It was reported by members of the Property Committee, Harvey Jacob and John Price that one small leak was repaired to the boiler, but now another has occurred. The Committee is hoping to keep patching these leaks to take us through the winter.

John Price reported that he was unhappy with the cleaning of the church. It has been noted that the cleaning crew had not shown up for two days the week of December 31, 1996. It was suggested by John Price to have the cleaners to clock in with the office and also clock out. Their times should be from 9:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Clarence Rowell feels we should be flexible with the hours. It was suggested that we pay them for the hours worked and not for the full day. John Price will discuss the working hours with the cleaners to see what meets their needs. It is a possibility that training may be required by the cleaners on the operation of equipment such as the floor buffer. John Price wanted to know if

we wanted to continue with the cleaning crew or hire an individual as a full time maintenance employee. It was agreed by all Council members to have John Price speak with the cleaning crew to see what could be worked out.

The cleaning crew will no longer be responsible for snow removal. This responsibility has now been taken over by the Boy Scouts.

MEMBERSHIP:

On January 19, 1997 three individuals from the family of Edgar Livingston will be baptized.

ALTER:

FELLOWSHIP:

The Sour Beef and Dumpling dinner will be held on April 9, 1997 for one day only.

CALENDAR:

- January 12, 1997 - Millie Slechta Day - 10:30 a.m. service with cake & coffee after church service. Women's Association of the church will handle.
- Feb. 12-March 19 - Lenten Service. Coffee & donuts after service.
- February 15, 1997- Cathy High will sponsor cub scout parent dance from 7:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.
- February 16, 1997- Scout Sunday during 10:30 a.m. service.
- April 9, 1997 - Sour Been Dinner - one day only.
- May 7, 1997 - Tentative date for Mother/Daughter Banquet. This will be confirmed at later date.

USHERING:

Pastor Armstrong made motion of the young people in the church who have been participating in this portion of the service. It's great seeing the youth involved.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION:

Chinese Martial Art Program registration starts next week. It was stated by Pastor Armstrong that if an injury does occur, the church can be held responsible for the injury even if a permission slip is received by the parents/individual. Once this program is started, a demonstration will be held for the Council members. Chinese boxing registration dates and times will be advertised in the East Baltimore Guide. Darlene Waters will inform a friend of hers who will announce this program on the Polish radio station WJRO.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS:

John Price asked if the By-Laws were "cut in stone." Any questions pertaining to the By-Laws will be brought up at the congregation meeting scheduled for January 26, 1997 after 10:30 a.m. service.

Olga deBloom specified the only changes in the By-Laws were he/she.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. P.A.C.T. Report: Harvey Jacobs wanted to know if the P.A.C.T. classes were full. Pastor Armstrong reported that they were.
2. Clock and Bell Tower: Harvey Jacobs stated that the dedication is on hold until April/May because of weather situations.
3. Conkling Club Gift: The amount of \$11,000 was received from the Conkling Club. Someone will check with George Hammerbach to see if thanks will be needed officially.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Fred Long will be honored for his service to the Sunday School. Clarence Rowell will be working on something for this occasion.
2. February 16, 1997 will be Scout Sunday. Cathy High has been contacted with this information.
3. John Price stated that he thought that a donation was made to the Church to purchase a new Christmas tree for the church. No Council member knew of any donation. John Strong will be contacted for additional information.
4. Calvin Gundlach brought several matters to the attention of the Council members:
 - The church has been getting to hot. Would it be possible to cut down on the heat? If a complaint is received, one of the ushers will be able to turn the heat down.

- A future request. When the choir loft gets too hot, would it be possible to get a fan? The Property Committee will look into the situation.
 - It was noted that when a choir member is late for rehearsal, you are unable to hear the bell. Usually the person needs to bang on the door to be heard. Darlene Waters stated she will donate a bell for the choir room on the 3rd floor. John Price was asked to install the bell when received.
 - Steps from the balcony are slippery. Individuals have been slipping. Recommended that strips be installed on the steps to avoid any misfortune.
 - Cradle Roll. Who was responsible for the cradle roll? Nobody has this responsibility. It was suggested that Lori Pijanowski be asked to take on this duty.
5. Harvey Jacob brought up the issue of the health insurance that church took care of when Millie Slechta was employed. Now that Millie has retired, the church is no longer responsible for paying the health insurance. Harvey stated that he will talk to Millie to see if she wanted to continue the policy.
6. Darlene Waters brought up the fact that there is no interest given on the money that comes into the church. A concern was also raised that all money from church services received sits in the church for one week before it is actually deposited into the bank. Darlene requested that all money be counted after church service and deposited in the night deposit box at the bank after church. It was approved by the Council to deposit the money after church service as long as individuals were willing to stay and count the money.

Darlene Waters wanted to know how many individuals knew the safe combination. Now that new members are on the Council, combination should be changed. John Price will contact a locksmith to come in and change the combination on the safe. The only individuals who should know the combination are the President, Treasurer and Financial Secretary of the Council.

Darlene Waters suggested we hold a raffle for the boiler fund. This suggestion will be thought about.

7. George Finnerty made a statement in reference to his visits to shut-ins. George stated that he does not visit critical individuals, this is left up to the Pastor. George delivers bulletins and has brief discussions with those individuals. We are lucky to have George, his dedication has greatly been appreciated.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

Pastor Armstrong stated that the Christmas season was under 4% in attendance compared to 1995 Christmas season. Pastor will study this problem and try to determine why the drop.

Pastor Armstrong has requested individuals to read the scripture during the Lenten Service. Any individuals interested, please see Pastor.

Pastor Armstrong informed the Church Council that Pastor John Spencer from Canton Baptist Church will be leaving. Pastor Armstrong will attend a meeting on January 9, 1997 with the Search Group in reference to Pastor Spencer leaving.

The Council meeting closed with the saying of the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.