

UNITED EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 9, 1997

The regular meeting of Church Council of the United Evangelical Church was held on Tuesday, September 9, 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, Anita Williar and Pastor Armstrong.

Pastor Armstrong opened the meeting with a prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The minutes were approved as corrected. The financial report from our last Council meeting on September 9, 1997 were approved. Darlene Waters motioned and seconded by Olga debloom the financial report as stands.

No report was given as to the current status of the Church funds. According to the financial report, there is a balance of \$19,477.94 due on the boiler loan.

Harvey Jacob wants to remind those who purchase items, please bring in receipts stating what was purchased on them.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Thank you cards were received from the families of Anna Price and the Bushman Family.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Property:

It has been reported by John Price - the boiler project is finished. The final inspection took place on September 8, 1997; it was found that there was not enough pressure in the lines - reason: rag left in lines. The boiler room has been "dressed up" for the celebration on September 21, 1997.

Bill Meyers has started painting the clock. Two sides were completed.

John Price informed us that the cleaning contractor will have some changes made at the end of September. They will be cut down to two days a week. John wants to do the floor himself along with some other men to help. It is anticipated that the Church will be saving approximately \$5,000 if we do the flooring ourselves.

Darlene Waters informed the Council that the Dance Class donated \$1,000 to the Church. Office staff have purchased new furniture

which cost \$900 if the Council approves. All members were in agreement.

Membership:

Nothing new on membership. Pastor announced that there will be a baptism of a child on September 14, 1997.

Alter:

No problems.

Fellowship:

No problems. John Price will get the lunch meats for the Anniversary Celebration of the Church.

Spiritual:

It has been stated that there is a problem recruiting confirmands. There are two potential members. It was mentioned that we need to find a way to get the kids involved within the Church. Olga mentioned that we needed to loosen up on the dress code. It was finally decided, no matter what the kids are wearing - be thankful they are here to help serve in the Church!

Music:

The choir will start singing again in September.

Calendar:

September 24, 1997 - Ask A Pastor - trial basis for 3 weeks.
October 22-23, 1997 - Church Sour Beef & Dumpling Dinner
November 5, 1997 - Bingo Party - All Women's Organizations

Ushering:

No comment.

Christian Education:

George Nassner announced that the Chinese Boxing will continue.

OLD BUSINESS:

P.A.C.T. report - needs to submit an operating report for the coming year. It will be requested that an operating report be submitted as a monthly operating statement.

NEW BUSINESS:

- (1) 124 Anniversary - Sermon will be eliminated - will be filled in with songs.
- (2) W.I.C. needs a new location. Funded by State and Federal Government. Only location will be on top floor of the Christian Education Building. Church will need elevator. Pastor Armstrong thinks it's not a program for our Church.
- (3) Dr. Meyerson wants to do something for community. All volunteer services. Dr. Meyerson will be dealing with children for coordination, weights, etc. It will be requested that Dr. Meyerson attend a Council meeting for further questions/answers.
- (4) We no have a new piano teacher. The teacher wants the pupils to use the pianos located in the Church. It was recommended that the parents be present during that time.
- (5) Pastor Armstrong has requested vacation time from October 9 - 17, 1997. All Council members were in favor.
- (6) October 5, 1997 - Blessing of the Animals at O'Donnell Square at 2:00 p.m.
- (7) Seminary Students - Some members of the Council found problems with previous students. Pastor reminded us their only students - they are not always perfect. It was motioned by Darlene Waters and seconded by Bill Meyers to have the students again this fall. All Council members were in agreement. After a discussion, it was decided that race seems to be the problem. Council members want to be able to retract students if it doesn't work out. We need to learn how to "teach" students when problems occur.
- (8) If the Church wishes to continue with their dinners, we will need an individual who will be certified in this area. Harvey moved for Olga to take the 16 hour training course for certification. Darlene motioned - Baptist seconded. John Williams offered to pay for the course. Thanks John!
- (9) Bill Meyers wants to work on artificial lighting for the Church windows. All Council members thought it was a good idea. Bill will look into it.
- (10) Calvin Gundlach has reserved Pat Kelly to preach the second Sunday in June, 1998.
- (11) It was recommended that the Church purchase a Christmas tree and decorations for Christmas. We all agreed that John Strong and Art Jones should be in charge of purchasing it.

PASTOR'S REPORT:

We all need to keep an eye on the sick people of the Church. Pastor Armstrong wanted to know if the Church would like to be involved in a food drive. We will be asking the congregation for donations to the food drive.

Clarence Rowell moved to adjourn, Bill Meyers and Johns Williams seconded the motion.

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.