

UNITED EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 1997

An emergency meeting of the Church Council was held on Tuesday, November 18, 1997.

Those present were: Olga deBloom, George Finnerty, Calvin Gundlach, Baptist Hoffman, Harvey Jacob, Bill Meyers, George Nassner, John Price, Clarence Rowell, Darlene Waters, Anita Williar and Pastor Armstrong.

Pastor Armstrong opened this meeting with a prayer.

The reason for this emergency meeting was to discuss the decision made by the Council in reference to Tinsel Day Sunday. The following is the problem at hand:

Children from Martin Luther King, Jr. Church participating in United's Tinsel Day Festivities.

Each Council member was to make a statement. Below are brief statements which were made:

Darlene Waters and John Price stated Jim Tallaghsen will not serve dinner for Tinsel day.

John Price - two years ago, church members were the only persons who were to attend celebration of Tinsel day. It was felt that only those who were members of United were to participate in Tinsel Day celebrations. Outsiders were not to be included. The proposal of Martin Luther King's youth attending this event shouldn't come up with Joyce Barton attending the Council meeting.

Darlene Waters - outsiders were stopped from attending. Neighborhood children were not welcomed. Neighborhood supports Sour Beef Dinners.

Olga deBloom - who will be responsible for the children, young ones 6-7 years old?

George Nassner - felt that space is limited-why not schedule another Sunday. If we cancel - we will look racist.

Harvey Jacob - who wasn't it mentioned at the Council meeting? Because of racial differences?

Clarence Rowell - extended invitation for another church to participate - 15-20 people; won't run out of food - use gym for overflow if we have too.

Bill Meyers - feels that race would be the problem to some. But feels that it will be no problem with additional participants. Will get additional help from others.

Anita Williar - response to serving - children can help with tea, coffee, bread, etc. - does not have to serve hot meal.

Pastor Armstrong - We have extended invitation to another church to participate.

George Finnerty - Some in church more lenient-Church should be advised of invitation. Express only one time offer. Should honor invitation to Joyce. We feel that it is a step forward.

Several Council members have offered to help with preparation of meal. Those interested are George Nassner, Bill Meyers, George Finnerty, Anita Williar & family.

Clarence Rowell feels everyone agrees to go along with program. Clarence has offered to pick up food. Olga has written idea of how much to get of food. Will have to adjust settings.

We will order 300 tickets for celebration.

John Price had problems with outsiders attending Council meetings. No other concerns. Will be brought up on agenda at next Council meeting.

Committee was formed for Tinsel Day Celebration:

- Olga deBloom - Chairperson - cook
- Priscilla & Marty - servers
- Baptist - cooking - helping
- Bill, George, and Anita - children chaperons - setting up
- Clarence - pick up food
- George Finnerty - Olga's helpers
- Harvey - where ever needed
- Darlene - order tickets - raffle
- Calvin - music

Meeting was adjourned with the saying of the Lord's Prayer.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.