

UNITED EVANGELICAL UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 1998

The regular meeting of Church Council of the United Evangelical Church was held on Wednesday, November 11, 1998.

Those present were: George Finnerty; Calvin Gundlach; Baptist Hoffmann; Harvey Jacob; George Nassner; John Price; Clarence Rowell; Darlene Waters; Elizabeth Weitzel; Anita Williar and Pastor Armstrong.

Guest Speaker: Concetta - P.A.C.T.

Pastor Armstrong opened with a word of prayer.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Minutes were approved as read. Thanks to the Sour Beef Dinner, the Church is only \$566.00 in whole. Currently there is \$27,000 in the checking account. It was recommended to move \$15,000 to the Hopkins account.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Eden Seminary acknowledged the donation of \$150.

Two letters were received from Lancaster Seminary as Thank You.

A copy of the letter was received from Ed Meyers to Martin's thanking them for the wonderful job done during the celebration of the 125th Anniversary.

Letter received from Jo Siders in reference to a discount of 10% (if mentioned in Church Bulletin) if individuals were to have tombstones cleaned by their company.

COMMITTEE REPORT:

Property:

John received estimates to repair the walls from contractor. Cost would be over six digits. John stated he has contacted various Church associations asking for assistance. This information will be presented at the Church Congregational meeting on November 29, 1998.

Membership:

The Church will be receiving new members on December 20, 1998. There are some individuals interested in joining the Church.

Alter:

George Finnerty reported for Olga that she ordered 40 Christmas flowers from Essex Florist for the Church.

Fellowship:

George Finnerty will be coming off the Church Council. John Williams has agreed to run.

Spiritual:

Pastor reported that there is 3 confirmands for the Confirmation class. Pastor would like to see these individuals become more involved in the worship services.

Music:

Everything is O.K.

Calendar:

November 22, 1998 - 2:00 p.m. approved for a Baptism party which has taken place at St. Bridgets' Church.

November 29, 1998 - Between services - Baptism of Norma Bauersfelt grandchild.

December 13, 1998 - Tinsel Day Sunday

Margaret Meyrick requested the use of Friendship Hall for a baby shower. More information is needed as to the date of this request.

January 24, 1999 - Annual Congregational Meeting

Ushering:

Everything is O.K.

Christian Education:

George Nassner presented: Church needs to come up with a purpose as to why we exist. A discussion was held on the Church's Purpose.

John Price asked Pastor Armstrong what his intentions were as far as retirement. Pastor stated he intended staying for the full ten years. Pastor is currently in this ninth year.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

John Price brought it to Pastor's attention that when John says "no" - individuals go to Pastor - Pastor states it will be brought up at a Council meeting.

Concetta reported the following:

P.A.C.T. received a thank you note from the Ladies Aid for helping with the desserts at the Sour Beef Dinner. Concetta states there are a lot of church individuals who have participated in the P.A.C.T. program. She feels that P.A.C.T. is on target for paying the Church back by next year. Hopefully, it could be paid this year. Several things were mentioned as reasons for not being able to pay back sooner. Fund raisers will be done to help pay the \$1,500 back to the Church. It was considered charging more money to the parents, but feels that attendance will fall because families can't afford increase.

The sand table is no longer being used. It was stated by Concetta that she would feel better if a member of the Council would meet with individuals from P.A.C.T. to discuss issues/problems that may be of importance. This would help alleviate problems before things get out of hand.

John Price stated that the P.A.C.T. program is a very organized program. All parents do work together with the children.

Harvey Jacob thinks it's a good program. Harvey stated that the first few years of a family is an important time.

John Price wanted to read the agreement between P.A.C.T. and the Church to see what is all involved. Harvey feels if \$1,500 is paid back on time - fine - if not, program is a worthwhile program. John Price didn't agree to the statement.

A discussion was held on the proposed 1999 Budget.

We were able to save \$3,383 in the Church budget for 1999. Clarence stated that emergencies do occur. Harvey wanted to discuss the expenditure of the School Building at the Congregational Meeting. Also, what will happen when Pastor retires?

Clarence was looking at the fuel oil for the parsonage. Will there be sufficient money to cover? Winter of 1998/1999 may be bad. We may want to increase the amount.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Closed with saying of Lord's Prayer.