

January 28, 1981

The annual Congregational meeting of United Evangelical Church was held on Wednesday, January 28, 1981 at 8:00 p.m. in Friendship Hall. In the absence of Mr. George Tuerk, president the meeting was presided over by Mr. J. Edwin Myers, vice-president. Mr. Tuerk is at home recuperating from a broken leg.

Pastor Hengen opened the meeting with a prayer asking that the Holy Spirit bind us together in unity.

Minutes from the previous meeting were read. Not hearing any corrections they were approved as read.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1980

Financial booklet for 1980 distributed in church January 25, 1981. Booklets were also distributed at the congregational meeting.

Mr. Myers informed us we had a very good Advent collection to help reduce expenses.

Mr. Ernest Jones motioned we approved the financial report of the church as presented. Seconded by Mr. Willoughby Myrick. Motion carried.

Mr. Myrick informed Mr. Myers the report of activities turned in by the Choir ~~did not~~ appear in book with financial statement of the Choir. Mr. Myers will look into the matter.

PASTOR'S REPORT-item #15- Pastor Hengen stated we exceeded our income over 1979, but did not match budget for 1980 which was hit by inflation. Exceeded by \$5,000.00 over 1979 budget.

Mr. Myers stated financial books of the church were examined and found to be in order. All transactions accountable. Also, church attendance dropped 8%; offering same as last year.

Mr. Sam Jones inquired about church school attendance. Mr. Myers said a little over 100 children attending. Attendance dropped 10% past several weeks. Average attendance now in 50's.

LADIES' AID REPORT - no remarks.

SEWING GROUP REPORT - Mrs. Fader commended the Sewing Group for the fine work they are doing.

YOUNG WOMEN'S GUILD REPORT- Mrs. Fader, president of the Guild, said she was proud of their record of giving/doing for the church and others. She looks forward to another successful year.

YOUTH GROUP - Mr. Myers stated this group gave a percentage of the profit, \$205.00, to the church from their Christmas show.

YOUTH CHOIR - no remarks

SENIOR CHOIR REPORT - Mr. Myrick, representing the Senior Choir, gave to Mr. J. Edwin Myers, vice-president a check \$300.00 toward the boiler fund of the church.

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS REPORT - Mrs. Zinn said they are eating together at their Sunday meetings. Progressing well.

TRAVEL GROUP REPORT - Mrs. Craig, tour director, said they are going to Canada this year.

YOUNG ADULTS REPORT - no remarks.

CANTON FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE, - Meetings held every Monday with good attendance. Have two dances a year. Must be 55 years or older to join.

CONWAY DIET REPORT - no remarks.

GIRLS SCOUTS REPORT - no remarks.

BROWNIESREPORT - no remarks.

BOY SCOUTS REPORT - Mr. Myers thanked all for their gifts of money to purchase new tents. Mr. Sanders expressed his appreciation in the booklet. Scouts are self sustaining. Mrs. Sanders has two bake sales a year - profit approximately \$300.00. Mr. Sanders doing an excellent job. Cub Scouts will celebrate 50th anniversary next month. Blue and Gold dinner February 23, 1981, public invited. Information to appear in church bulletin regarding Scout bake sales.

Mrs. McGeorge questioned interest rate on saving certificates. Mr. Myers explained he thought best to leave certificates as they are, as money is always available if needed.

Mr. Billy Hoffman asked why Guild report did not appear in booklet distributed in church. Mr. Myers explained report could not be readied in time for publication. The financial report of the Guild was included in booklet distributed at congregational meeting.

Mr. Hoffman further stated financial booklet was good, but, cost too much money, approximately \$70.00 to print. Mr. Myers explained it would take no less than two hours to orally present all statements at a congregational meeting; also, the printed booklet given to members, gives them time to study the reports before meeting.

Mrs. McGeorge asked that congregational meeting be held at an earlier time or on a Sunday after second church service. Mr. Myers to take up matter at next Council meeting.

Mr. Oberlander motioned we accept booklet as presented, seconded by Mr. Ernest Jones. Motion approved.

REPAIRS TO BOILER

Mr. Sauer explained Mr. White finished repair to boiler then it sprung a leak. Estimated added repairs would cost \$1,500.00 to \$3,500.00.

Mr. Sanbow called in on job. Estimated cost not to exceed \$4,000.00. Mr. Sanbow doing repair job and now awaiting on brickmen.

Prior to hiring Mr. Stanbow, a water pipe bursted in church school building (2 or 3rd floor). Repairs have been made with valves installed to cut off water to church school.

Mr. Sauer stated safety valve is weak and will have to be replaced. After all repairs have been made Mr. Gross will connect oil burner. Expect heat in church school building by second week in February.

Mr. Myers looked into changing oil burner to gas but it is too expensive.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Myrick asked the question "Is congregation enjoying instrumentalists when they play in church?" "Should they continue or discontinue?"

Mr. Strong said people objected to loudness.

Mr. Sauer motioned money in budget for special music be used for instrumentalists. Any cost over that amount to be paid by the Choir. Seconded by Mr. Myrick. Motion carried - 22 yes; 4 no.

Mrs. Craig asked if anything has been done regarding church school building regarding discussion at November congregational meeting. Mr. Myers said council is awaiting the return of Mr. Tuerk.

Mrs. McGeorge asked how much more is needed for boiler fund. Mr. Strong advised boiler fund collected \$3,909.75 and approximately \$4,000.00 more is needed.

Mr. Tuerk has discussed with Mr. Single the boiler repair problems in the event Mr. White sues for remainder of money due him. Cost of damage from broken water pipe to be deducted from Mr. White's bill.

Mr. Mack wanted to know what caused leak in boiler. Mr. Sauer replied "old age." The shell has been tested and is useable.

Mr. Myrick motioned to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Ernest Jones.

Pastor Hengen closed the meeting with a prayer followed by all joining in The Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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