

January 8, 1985

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council of United Evangelical Church was held on Tuesday, January 8, 1985 at 8:00 P.M. President, Mr. George Tuerk presided.

All Council members were present except Ms. Ruth Beckwith and Mr. Paul Bauerfeld.

Pastor Fair opened the meeting with a prayer.

The secretary's minutes were read and approved.

Financial Report:

The financial report was reviewed. Mr. Parker questioned a payment of \$3,000 for insurance on the church. This payment should have been made in 1985. Mrs. Fader explained that it had been paid early in error. Ms. Beckwith had picked up the mistake to late to postpone the payment. Motion was made by Mr. Voelker and seconded by Mrs. Fader to accept the financial report.

Mr. Parker stated that auditing of the 1984 books will be January 24, 1985 with Mr. J. Edwin Myers.

Council Committees:

List of committees for 1985 was drawn up by Mr. Tuerk. This was accepted with the following changes:

1. Mr. Voelker, as Vice-President of the council should have his name added to the property committee.
2. Since Mr. Parker is so busy with banking responsibilities at the beginning of the 10:30 service, it was suggested that he not have the added responsibility of Chairman of the 10:30 ushering committee. Mr. Voelker will assume this responsibility and Mr. Parker will assist him as time allows.

Mr. Tuerk suggested that members of the council who are also in the choir may assist in collection of offering when necessary. Pastor Fair asked if non-council persons can help. Mr. Tuerk says they often do.

Pastor Shaeffer:

Mr. Tuerk asked the council for thoughts on how to present Pastor Shaeffer with the gift of a \$2500.00 check which the church wishes to give him. The Pastor has been admitted to The Johns Hopkins Hospital to have a procedure for a blocked artery. He will not be able to receive the gift personally because of his health. After some discussion, Mr. Parker made a motion to send the gift by mail. Mr. Voelker seconded the motion and this was accepted by the council.

Property Committee:

All the furniture from the basement of the parsonage has now been sold except for 2 chairs. We received \$175 for the sofa and \$75 for a chair.

The \$10,000 item in the budget to establish some policy for Church School Building was discussed. One suggestion is to change the space so it can be leased. Physical changes will only be made if income can be produced. Mr. Voelker will check with Sacred Heart to see what they are planning for their empty school building. Perhaps we can gain from their knowledge. Some of the suggestions made by the council were:

1. Mrs. Canoles suggested senior citizen apartments. Mr. Voelker says if the city gets involved financially, we would become a tax base.

2. Pastor Fair would like a Christian Day School to be a consideration. Several other churches in the area have begun this type of operation.

3. Mrs. Jenkins suggested a Day Care Center, which is also needed in the area.

4. Mrs. Fader said we need something that would occupy the building six days a week and leave it free for use as our church school on Sundays.

Mr. Tuerk wants to form a committee of council members and congregational members to look into the possibilities, along with suggestions of consultants who are specialists in this area. No changes will be made without Church School workers having some input and no changes can be made without consent of the congregation.

Mr. Tuerk said not heating the building to save on fuel costs had not been a good idea and had lead to deterioration of the building. Mr. Parker says we need to check out the entire heating system to be sure we can provide reliable heat to any group who may be interested in using the building. Mr. Tuerk will ask a report from the property committee.

Parsonage Painting:

Mr. Parker says there is a problem with new paint in the parsonage. Paint is rubbing off in all areas except the bathroom. The bedroom is not included in this problem, since it is a different kind of paint and is satisfactory. Paint was checked by Sales Representative from Athey and Mr. Fisher, the contractor. The Sales Representative contends that the paint was designed to cover in one coat and has a lot of pigment, which decreases other additives and causes pigment to wash off. He said wrong paint was chosen. He will

talk to the chemist at Athey, but thinks the walls have to be primed and repainted. Some of this brand of paint from a different lot was used in the office, and no problem has been noted.

Mr. Parker will follow-up with Mr. Fisher. Mr. Voelker says Ahtey paint is usually a good product. This problem sounds like a bad batch of paint. The serial numbers should be taken off the left over cans so the company can check it out. If the paint was not properly made, the company should provide the 38 gallons needed to do the job. If painting must be done over, Pastor and Mrs. Fair would like to chose the colors.

Mrs. Canoles said thank you for the paint job in the choir room. They have noticed no problem, but she would check for paint adherence.

Parsonage Carpet:

Mrs. Gray has obtained a price of approximately \$1200.00 for carpet. Other estimates were between \$2700-\$2800. Weight of carpet between two estimates should be checked. Carpet men need to come in for precise measurements in order to firm up price. We will hold off on actual installation until paint problem is settled.

Hand rails are still to be installed in the parsonage. Smoke detectors are in place and working.

Mrs. Fader made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Canoles that smoke detectors be installed in the church and church school buildings. This motion was approved.

Valves for the boiler have been purchased and should be installed at the end of the heating season. The other 24 values have been replaced.

Calendar Committee

All calendar dates were approved as requested.

These included: Boy Scout Sunday Feb. 10, 1985

Boy Scout Blue and Gold Dinner Feb. 25, 1985

(They would have to have access to the hall the evening of Feb. 24 to set up tables)

Wed. March 6 for Church School bake sale

Pastor's Report:

Statistics: No Baptisms	1 Choir Meeting
No Weddings	2 Personal Counseling Sessions
10 funerals	13 Church Services
10 Church Meetings	35 Home & Hospital visits
1 Ladies Aide Meeting	1 Pre-Baptism Session
	3 Pre-Marriage Sessions

Installation Service:

Plans are progressing. Participants are in process of being contacted. Invitations will be handled by the Association, since they are installing the Pastor. We are responsible for invitations to area Churches. Also, a letter or invitation should go to each member of the church. Mrs. Sleckta will be instructed to do this. Bulletin cover will be a picture of the Pastor. Reception will be planned for 250 people. Motion was made by Mrs. Fader and seconded by Mrs. Canoles to accept these arrangements. Motion approved.

Pastor is considering having Communion Service at the Installation. The Christmas Eve Service seemed to be well received. There were a few negative responses, but most comments were favorable. This method of communing would be appropriate during the Installation Service.

Confirmation classes have begun. Instead of an oral exam, written exam is to be used. Object is to increase general knowledge of the confirmants. Mr. Voelker asked if each child will be interviewed. Pastor hopes that two years of study will heighten interest so that individual interviews are not necessary. Heat will be needed in the Church School building on Thursday nights since classes will be held there from 7:30 until 9:30 P.M.

First group will probably be confirmed on Pentacost Sunday, but perhaps later. The Pastor wants to be sure the class is ready. Mr. Voelker suggested that this be mentioned to the Congregation prior to actual formal announcement to avoid upsetting some people, since our tradition has been to confirm at Easter time.

The Pastor feels strongly about not having a Communion Service on Good Friday, since he feels it is inappropriate. Because we have traditionally had a Communion Service on Good Friday, he wanted to be honest with us about his feelings, but will abide by our decision. Mr. Voelker pointed out that attendance at Good Friday services has been down generally each year since 1973. Thursday night services have also been down, but not as sharply. Hopefully these trends will reverse, as has happened at Christmas. Mr. Tuerk suggested discussing this at the next congregational meeting and base our decision on the response of the Congregation. The Pastor would like sufficient bread and wine on the Alter for consecration on Thursday night so if Communion is given on Friday consecration is already complete.

Pastor Fair also suggests that we have Communion on Ash Wednesday, and he would also like to distribute ashes. The ashes would be obtained by burning palm from Palm Sunday. Mrs. Fader and Mrs. Jenkins both have some palm available.

Mr. Voelker asked what the theme would be this year for the Lenten services. The Pastor is thinking of using the Lord's Prayer as the basis of seven sermons.

It was also noted that the Pastor uses wood during the Tenebrae service, instead of crashing cymbals.

Mrs. Fader suggested that we have Communion at the rail on Easter, rather than the method used at Christmas Eve Service.

New Business

Pastor Fair is interested in organizing a new position in the church which would be a Lay position, such as a Deacon. This person or persons would participate in visitations and other such aids to the Pastor. They would receive training in worship and ministering as opposed to administrative training as in a junior council. It would be for people of any age who are interested in a more formal position in the church. It could be a one year term and not necessarily be only one person at a time.

Mr. Tuerk's one objection was one person serving. The Pastor hopes this would not be the case and that a broad spectrum of people could be included in such a position.

It was suggested that this idea be gradually worked out in an informal manner to see how much interest there might be, before the Council makes any official decisions.

Request for transfer of membership has been received by Mrs. Clare Hengen, and was approved by the Council.

The Pastor noted that he is attempting to involve the Acolytes in more activity during the church services. Hopefully this will help to keep them in church during the whole service and cut down on the social activity going on in the office. Confirmants are to be encouraged to participate in this activity also.

A adult membership group was started by Pastor Fair on 1/13/85 on Sundays from 9:15 - 10:00. This group is also open to anyone who may want to participate just for general interest.

Mr. Tuerk reminds us that Pastor Fair is a member of all committees. Also, all new council members are reminded not to "hide there lights" under a bushel.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.