

March 5, 1985

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council of United Evangelical Church was held on Tuesday, March 5, 1985 at 8:00 P.M. President, Mr. George Tuerk presided.

All Council members were present except Ms. Ruth Beckwith.

Pastor Fair opened the meeting with a prayer.

The secretary's minutes and the financial report were read and approved.

Property Committee

Oil tank - Mr. Gross suggested we really should notify Coast Guard in case oil gets into sewer. Instead of notifying everyone else suggested by Mr. Single, we should keep checking levels until heating season is over. Then we can have the oil man check to see if there is actually a leak. A pressure test should not cause the tank to leak, unless there is already a problem. This test would cost about \$500.00. Mr. Gross is no longer working in the oil business and his advice can be considered unbiased.

If there is a leak it is apparently in the top half of the tank, since no leakage has been determined when the tank is kept half full. Millie is keeping a record of use of oil not only for our records, but also for authorities if we have any seepage into the city systems. Mr. Voelker suggested also keeping a record of outside temperatures.

After the heating season, there is a method by which the tank could be cleaned and lined with plastic. Mr. Gross suggested staying with Crystal Oil, since they have been so helpful to us.

An estimate has been obtained for conversion to gas from Harry Sparks Co, Inc. in the amount of \$9300.00. Mr. Parker suggested we hold off on any firm decisions until we have had an opportunity to look at the heating plant for the whole complex, including the Church School.

Variac dimmer in the Church has been sparking and the lights are blinking. Milton Electric Co. came on 3/5/85 to check problem. Repairman coming on 3/6/85. There is another dimmer in the choir room which has been there for some time. Hopefully dimmer will be repaired in time for the Tannenbrae service. Authorization of up to \$750.00 to repair dimmer. Motion made by Mr. Voelker and seconded by Mrs. Fader, approved by council.

Pastor has received a request to consider a contribution to go toward new carpeting and kneeling pads at the alter from Mary K. Thomas. We should get a price before the next meeting. Millie will write Ms. Thomas a letter to acknowledge her offer.

The ladies of the church have volunteered to purchase and have installed a bulletin board for the outside of the building which will be surface mounted to announce dinners. Mrs. Canoles motioned to accept the offer and Mrs. Gray seconded. Council approved motion.

Parsonage repainting has been completed and carpet can now be installed.

Charlie Kover has requested a meeting to go over the Church insurance. This will be set up as soon as possible.

Mr. Voelker would like a fire extinguisher in the narthex of the church and also one on the alter. Some small ones are available and will be put out where needed. Also, the pressure in the extinguisher at the Parsonage needs to be checked.

The choir room is leaking again. Roof was suppose to be repaired before being painted. Call Dom Roofers and have it checked again.

Add in yellow pages is up for renewal. This will be included again this year.

Globe is needed for hallway light in the parsonage. Pastor will buy it and be reimbursed from Petty Cash. Also, water lines are leaking in the parsonage and several door knobs need replacing. Jim will take care of these repairs.

A committee has been appointed regarding use of Church School Building. This committee will include Mr. Sam Jones, Mr. William Single, Mr. Paul Bauersfeld, and any council member who would like to be included. Building must be brought in line with present codes, such as removing all asbestos, if we are to continue using it. Another possibility is to sell the building and buy smaller quarters.

Church was vandalized. The Eternal Light was pulled down and the candle removed. Dillon Street door was found open. This has been reported to the insurance company and to the police.

It was suggested that we have a meeting with all groups using the building to let them know the problems we are having with security. Also recover keys from everyone who no longer needs them. Mr. Voelker suggested throwing the main electric switch off when the building is not going to be in use. We should consider getting a price on changing locks, but this is done periodically, and only seems to help for a short time. Also, mention problem during Moments of Concern so the congregation can be made aware of the situation.

Calendar Committee

All calendar dates were approved as requested.

These included: Brownies Mother and Daughter Banquet
May 28 from 6-8 P.M.

Canton Happening - July 1 - 12 (closed on
July 4th)

Luncheon and Games sponsored by the Guild
on September 12.

Mystery Bus Trip - October 16

Christmas Bazaar - November 8 and 9

Pastor's Report:

Statistics: No Baptisms	1 Choir Meeting
No Weddings	4 Personal Counseling Sessions
2 funerals	12 Church Services
6 Church Meetings	35 Home & Hospital visits
1 Ladies Aid Meeting	1 Pre-Baptism Session
	4 Pre-Marriage Sessions

Canton Happening will be held at St. Bridgett's this year.
Plans are progressing in picking curriculum.

Confirmation classes are progressing. Second year class
probably will be ready by Pentacost. Four in Second year and twelve
in First Year.

Pastor would like to attend Institute on Ministry to the
Sick, being held at The Johns Hopkins Hospital in Turner Auditorium on
April 29-30 and May 1. The cost will be \$50.00. Mr. Voelker made a
motion to provide funds, seconded by Mr. Carrigan and approved by the
council.

Central Atlantic Conference is planning a youth program for
Grades 9-12 which will include workshops and seminars. Information
will be posted to see if there is any interest.

Two membership transfers were approved. Ms. Loretia
Latham, to Westminster and Ms. Verna Ward to Stewardstown.

Spiritual Committee:

Christian Education Committee meeting on March 6, 1985.

Fellowship Committee:

Food remaining from the installation was distributed to
workers.

Confirmation reunion meeting is coming up. We will try
holding it on Palm Sunday this year.

Pastor Shaeffer sends his greetings and will try to attend
some Lenten Services.

New Business:

Left over furniture in the choir room to be disposed of in flea market.

Hymnals are in poor shape. A decision needs to be made regarding replacement.

Smoking in the Church is becoming a problem. Signs should be posted in rest rooms requesting no smoking.