

November 1, 1985

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council of United Evangelical Church was held on Tuesday, November 5, 1985 at 8:15 P.M. President, Mr. George Tuerk presided.

All Council members were present except Mrs. Gertrude Everett, Mr. Charles Carrigan, Mrs. Nancy Parker-Gray, Ms. Ruth Beckwith and Mrs. Delores Canoles.

Pastor Fair opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

Dr. Thomas R. Hamilton attended our meeting. He informed us that plans are under way for the Consistorial Banquet and asked if we would consider being the host church this year. There would be approximately 125 people and February 16 is a possible date. Motion was made by Mr. Parker and seconded by Mr. Carrigan to have the dinner here, subject to the approval of our kitchen workers.

Dr. Hamilton also said he was sorry we were not represented at the annual Fall meeting of the association. He feels United is not carrying its responsibility on the association level. He also challenges us to increase our benevolent giving. Since this is one of the leading churches, he would like us to be a leader in giving.

He also urged this council to increase the Pastor's salary. He feels we are fortunate to have Pastor Fair. Mr. Tuerk pointed out that we had very little help from the synod when we needed it. He feels the synod should not act only as a labor organization for their ministers. Dr. Hamilton feels the Association Conference Minister should visit each church at least once a year and is sorry our church was bypassed when it needed help. Pastor Fair said Dr. Hamilton has been well received in our church and with more dialog, hopefully the bad feelings will be put behind us.

Mr. Bauersfeld said this is a generous congregation and we share when we feel we can. As our funds increase we will be able to do more.

Mr. Parker and Mr. Voelker asked Dr. Hamilton why so many younger Pastors seem to have a difficult time with visitations. Dr. Hamilton believes the seminaries are putting more emphasis on congregations than on visitations, and this is one area that could be improved upon.

Mrs. Fader noted that open discussion with Dr. Hamilton is good and that he is trying to better relations with not only our church, but all the churches under his care.

Property Committee

The heat will be put on in the Church School Building.

Carpet has been completed in the church and the bills will be paid by 11/6/85.

Area between the church building and the church school needs to be repaved. This was approved by the council.

Oil burners have to be cleaned and the air conditioners removed from the Parsonage windows.

The Alter needs cleaning. An estimate is to be obtained from the janitorial service.

The city has patched the alley behind the church property.

The Choir needs new speakers for the stage in the gym, which will cost about \$300.00. Various organizations that use the auditorium will be asked to contribute. The council approved \$50.00 toward the purchase of the speakers.

Calandar Committee

The Congretational meeting will be held on Sunday November 24 after the late service.

Thanksgiving Service will be held at 10:00 A.M.

Christmas Eve Service will be held at 7:30 with communion.

Finance Committee

Liberty Savings and Loan still not approved for Federal Insurance. We have to decide if we want to begin pulling our money out at \$1000.00 per month with a considerable penalty for early withdrawal, or wait it out. Mr. Parker will get as much information as possible before the congregational meeting so we can present the facts to the congregation.

Proposed budget for 1986 was discussed. Mr. Voelker made a motion to accept the proposal, seconded by Mrs. Fader, approved by the council.

Nominating Committee

Possible candidates to run for the council are: Calvin Gundlach, Norman Parker, Sam Jones and John Strong. Terms which are about to expire are: Ms. Ruth Beckwith, Mrs. Grace Fader, Mrs. Nancy Parker-Gray, Mr. William Voelker and Mr. Louis Parker.

Pastor's Report:

Statistics: 1 Baptisms	0 Church Consultation
0 Weddings	10 Personal Counseling Sessions
2 funerals	8 Church Services, led
0 Church Meetings	19 Home & Hospital visits
0 Pre-Baptism Sessions	0 Pre-Marriage Sessions
3 Pending Baptisms	5 Pending Marriages
1 Guild Meeting	1 Church Council meeting
0 Choir rehearsals	3 Youth Events
1 Ladies Aide Meeting	1 Church School Meeting
9 Confirmation Classes	4 Bible Study Classes
2 Asso. & Minis. Meet.	3 Sour Beef Supper Meetings

Four new members were received this month for a total of 12 new members so far this year. My pastoral reports were revised as was my personal file system. Goals for visitation were set and for this month were met.

Membership Committee

Requests for letters of transfer were approved.

Fellowship Committee

Mrs. Fader went over the proceeds from the Sour Beef and Oyster Supper. Profit on the supper was \$5,377.72. Profit on the raffle was \$3,761.00 for a total of \$9,138.72. Approximate 1300 meals were sold. Congratulations and thanks to all who helped.

Cost of Poinsettias will be \$5.00 this year, from O'Donnell Florist. Two rolls of gold foil can also be purchased at the wholesale price.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted;