

October 7, 1986

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council of United Evangelical Church was held on Tuesday, October 7, 1986 at 8:00 P.M. President, Mr. George Tuerk presided.

All Council members were in attendance except Mr. William Voelker and Mrs. Gertrude Everett.

Pastor Fair opened the meeting with a prayer.

The financial report and minutes were approved as presented.

#### Property Committee

Estimate on Parsonage work still has not been obtained.

Electric receptacle is needed on the outside of the bingo machine cabinet - Approved.

Cupboard doors near the stage have been broken. They will be disposed of by bulk trash.

Mrs. Jenkins discussed the condition of the Church School Building. Trash is not picked up, bathrooms need to be cleaned, furniture and window sills are dusty, stairs, halls and floors are dirty and peeling paint is left where it falls. It was suggested that if the work is too much for the present custodian, perhaps extra help needs to be hired. Mr. Parker will obtain an estimate for cleaning from the janitorial service currently under contract tomorrow, Wednesday October 8.

#### Church School Building Committee

Mr. Kaufman wants a chart of the neighborhood (3 square blocks) Mr. Bauersfeld is compiling the information. The approximate cost of converting the two top floors to offices would be \$250,000.00.

#### Fellowship Committee

Anniversary luncheon was a success and well attended.

Sour Beef Supper - As always, help is needed. Mrs. Fader suggested that it may be necessary to begin paying for some help, particularly for some of the heavy work. Several people who have always been so generous with their assistance have taken steady jobs and will not be available this year. The dinner will be advertized in the neighborhood paper, on radio and on TV. Father Leary, Mr. Grady and Mr. Cooper will be sent complimentary tickets for the help they have given us this year with the bells, dimmer switch and airway.

#### Finance Committee

Mr. Parker noted that the Raffle has been very helpful at our end of summer "lean time of year".

### Nominating Committee

Mr. Tuerk reminded us that the entire council should consider themselves on the nominating committee. Current council members who must run again this year are Mr. Charles Carrigan, Mrs. Delores Canoles, Mr. Gertrude Everett and Mrs. Patricia Jenkins. Current members who do not need to run this year are Mrs. Grace Fader, Mrs. Florence Gundlach, Mr. Paul Bauersfeld, Mr. Calvin Gundlach, Mr. Louis Parker and Mr. William Voelker.

Names of new nominees so far include Mrs. Sharon Daniloski, Mr. James Tallagsen, and Mr. John Lenning.

### Calandar Committee

The Guild has rescheduled its Bingo on November 11 due to the Eastern Star Dinner to be held the same day. The Bingo will be held on November 13 instead. Profits will be donated to the Mini-Bus fund.

### Music Committee

Mr and Mrs. Martin have contributed <sup>\$ 275.00</sup> ~~\$475.00~~ for an attachment to enhance the sound of the organ. The total cost is approximately \$750.00. Mr. Carrigan motioned that the Church pay the balance, seconded by Mr. Gundlach, approved by the Council.

The Children's Choir has about 15 children. They will be singing in church on Sunday October 26 and also on Thanksgiving.

### Mini-Bus

A suggestion was made to look into the possibility of a short-term lease of a bus to give us an indication of how the system will work.

A time should be arranged to go to Gaithersbury Bus Company to enquire about used buses.

### Scout Troop

Part of the Scouts have left to begin a new troop. This was not due to any problem with the church, but rather an internal problem within the troop, due to a personality conflict between the Scout Master and some of the members.

## Pastor's Report

Statistics: 1 Baptism	3 Asso. & Ministerial Meetings
3 Pending Baptisms	0 Ecumenical Meeting
0 Weddings	8 Church Services, led
5 Pending Marriages	1 Boy Scout Meeting
0 Pre-Marriage Sessions	1 Ladies Aide Meeting
32 Member Calls Sched.	0 Senior Citizens Meeting
34 Member Calls Comp.	0 Mini-Bus Meeting
6 Return Calls Comp.	1 Guild Meeting
3 Non-Member Calls	1 Community Meeting
47 Telephone Contacts	1 Church Council meeting
12 Pastoral Care Contacts	1 Youth Events
11 Hospital Visits	1 Church School Meeting
6 Funerals	4 Bible Study Classes
6 Confirmation Classes	65 Hours Admin. and Prep. time
0 Choir rehearsals	0 Sewing Circle Meeting
0 Asso. Services	0 Membership Class

The increased visitation shows a shift in direction and priority toward increased evangelism. As a partial result, attendance is up a bit and a new members class has been formed. I have followed the guidelines set at the last council meeting, which was 8 visitations per week or 32 per month. This seems to work very well for all concerned.

Many people have been contacted by phone as well as in person. Visitations are going very well. Many people responded with remarks regarding cold response received when they attend church services here. Although Council members greet each person who comes in, the congregation in general needs to be more aware of new faces.

Mrs. Gundlach suggested communion be offered to shut-ins on a revolving basis rather than try to serve all shut-ins at Easter and Christmas, which is a very busy time. Mr. Tuerk feels this should be left to the discretion of the Pastor.

The Pastor's sermons are taking a different direction since his speech classes this summer. The point is to get the attention of the congregation early and keep in mind the purpose of the sermon.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30.

Respectfully submitted