

The semi-annual Congregational meeting of the United Evangelical Church was called to order on Sunday November 30, 1986 at 11:45 A.M., President Mr. George Tuerk presiding.

The secretary read the minutes from the previous Congregational meeting. They were approved as read.

New Business

Election of Council Members:

Those running for Council are:

Ms. Susan Rowell
Mr. James Tallagsen
Mrs. Sharon Daniloski
Mrs. Gertrude Everett
Mr. Charles Carrigan
Mr. George Carrigan

Since we need six new members, and we only have six candidates, ballots not needed. Motion was made by Mrs. Catherine Myers and seconded by Mrs. Carol Borkman to accept all candidates to the Council. Motion approved.

Budget for 1987 reviewed by Mr. Parker.

United Chesapeake Center - Mr. Single asked about the status of our donation. The proposed retirement center near Goldenring has had some difficulties due to a zoning problem. If progress doesn't show some forward movement, we may withhold our contribution for 1987.

Mr. Single asked why janitorial service has been changed from a contract item to a salary item. Mr. Parker explained that the Janitor requested to be put back on salary. Mr. Single feels weekly salary would cost too much in Social Security and insurance payments. Mr. Tuerk said it was arranged between Mr. and Mrs. Slechta. Mrs. Rowell feels the increased salary for the Janitor is fair if he can begin expanding his services to include some regular Church School Building cleaning. Mrs. Fair suggested a break-down of duties in cleaning so each person knows what his job is. Mr. Sam Jones feels the janitor situation is out-of-hand. In a 40 hour week, there should be some time for regular Church School cleaning. Mr. Parker agreed with Mr. Jones. Mr. Tuerk says basically we have tried to work with Mr. and Mrs. Slechta. The fact that Mr. Slechta is asked to run many errands and do some repairs was brought up. Mr. Jones suggested that if we need errands run, perhaps we need two people. Mrs. Parker mentioned that volunteers are used in many churches, but ours seems to need to pay for everything. She suggested more volunteer groups. Mr. Parker pointed out that Mr. Slechta had already been put on salary. It is questionable as to whether the congregation should change back to contract without giving Mr. Slechta a chance to follow a new schedule to see if he can do more cleaning. Mr. Voelker motioned to put the janitor back under the contract clause, seconded by Mr. Single, motion denied. Mr. Parker motioned to wait 3 months to see the results of the new schedule, seconded by Mr. Tallagsen. Motion approved.

Mrs. Fader suggested she would work with a group of volunteers to clean the Church School. She suggested one day a week from 9 am to 2 pm, with the Church supplying lunch for the workers. A notice asking for volunteers will be put in the bulletin.

One item which does not appear on the budget concerns honoraria. For some time these have been turned over to the Church. Since this practice was started, there has been much discussion regarding this disposition of honoraria. People who are giving these gifts to the Pastor have not agreed with this policy. Council has voted that as of 1/1/87 the Pastor should again retain any honoraria contributed to him.

Mr. Myers motioned to accept the budget as presented, seconded by Ms. Dorothy McGeorge. Motion approved.

The Mini-Bus account is now over \$14,000 in a special account. There was much discussion concerning what other Churches have done with their buses and how we should run our system. There seem to be two schools of thought. One group was under the impression that this transportation was basically being made available to bring people to Church and Church School, in which case we may not need a bus at all, but could use some sort of taxi contract to achieve our purpose. The second group felt the purchase of a bus would enable the different groups of the Church to have transportation during the week for their trips, as well as provide transportation on Sundays for Church services. For now, it was decided to lease a bus to see how many people will use this service. Mr. Voelker asked the Congregation for permission to use Mini-Bus money for best possible method. Mrs. Rowell made a motion for experimenting for the best possible way to transport people to Church, seconded by Mrs. Jones, approved by the Congregation with 2 nays.

Mrs. Fader reported on the Sour Beef and Oyster Supper. The total income including all tables was \$9782.25. After expenses, the profit was \$4867.07.

Mr. Voelker made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Myers and the meeting was adjourned at 1:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,