

March 3, 1987

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council of the United Evangelical Church was held on Tuesday, March 3, 1987 at 8:00 p.m. President, Mr. William Voelker, presiding.

All council members, with the exception of Mrs. Gertrude Everett and Mr. George Carrigan, were present.

Pastor Stephen Fair opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes and financial reports were approved as read and corrected.

#### PROPERTY COMMITTEE

The new vacuum cleaner is broken already. We will try to get our money back. Mrs. Fader told the council that it is necessary to get the city to finish up the clean up in the parsonage from when the sewage system broke. The parsonage also needs to be painted. Mr. Parker suggested that the Pastor give us a list of what is wrong.

We paid \$75 for a new gear in the bell. It is impossible to use the second bell because it would cause structural damage in the foundation of the steeple.

The exterminator was working without a license. Inspector Jordan of the Maryland State Department of Agriculture and Insecticide (?) contacted Pastor Fair about cancelled checks needed for that department's case against the exterminator. It may be necessary for Pastor Fair to testify.

Mr. Bauersfeld suggested that we look into selling the excess Church School furniture.

Church School Utilization-The city is no longer interested in the building for its public school. However, Mr. Bauersfeld said that the Fellowship of City Lights, a home for neglected and abused children. This would be live in housing for the children.

Mr. Parker reported that a new mixer is needed for mixing the dumplings. Mrs. Fader will try a trial batch of dumplings after the bake sales are finished.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Six new members joined the church on Sunday, March 1. In general, attendance is on the upswing.

#### ALTER

The lights have been taken care of. The brass fixtures and the chains still need to be taken care of.

#### FELLOWSHIP

Plans need to be made for the Confirmation Reunion to be held on May 3. On May 2, Jim Sclecta will have to come in and clean up from the choir show.

## MUSIC

Rob Gundlach and Dolores Canoles will both be away on June 21. Mr. Gundlach will attempt to line up an organist for that day.

## NEW BUSINESS

There has been a problem with children running through the church during the services. It was suggested that we go to the parents about behavior problems and also put a note in the bulletin. Also discussed was the possibility of banning the balcony to unaccompanied children.

Millie Schlecta is inquiring about the purchase of a copying machine. If a machine is purchased, it should be available for all groups, but only Millie should operate the machine.

The order has been put in for next year's envelopes. We get a discount for early ordering.

Letters have been sent out to past council members thanking them for past service.

A motion was made by Sharon Daniloski, seconded by Charles Carrigan, to allow cash prizes to be awarded in the November Bingo game only. This is an experiment to see if it works. The cash awards will not exceed \$3-5. The motion was approved by an 8-2 vote.

A letter of transfer was sent to the St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Bel Air, MD for Mr. Roland Wett.

Approved conferences for the pastor are a one day program at St. Mary's Seminary, which deals with a interreligious task force in Latin America, and the Professional Society of Ministers of the UCC-the Convection of the Mercesburg Society. The first conference is \$12, the second will be about \$150.

A workshop on Youth Fellowship will be held on April 24 at the Second Presbyterian Church. The cost is \$39 a person. The youth group will be sending three people. Mr. Bauersfeld suggested that the Church School might help in paying for part of this. A motion was made by Mrs. Fader and seconded by Mr. Parker for the church to make up the difference. This motion was approved unanimously.

## PASTOR'S REPORT

22 home calls scheduled	6 regular worship service
17 member home calls comp	2 communion services
5 non member calls	73 hours admin time
10 pastoral care contacts	1 council meeting
5 other contacts	1 ladies aid meeting
8 hospital calls	1 young women's guild
5 funerals	8 confirmation
2 baptisms	4 bible study meetings
5 weddings pending	1 association meeting
3 boy scout meetings	1 association servs.
1 ministrium	1 community meeting
1 ecumenical meeting	1 youth fellowship

No picture taking is allowed during the service. It will be allowed during weddings, ie. video taping, as long as there is no flash.

This has been a busy month. A large part of the month went to the five funerals that were held this month. Visitations are still going well, in spite of the bad weather and the funerals. The new membership class has concluded, and will result in six new members.

There was a great response to the appeal for emergency food. Our pantry is pretty well stocked now.

Plans are underway for Lent. Ash Wednesday preparations are almost complete.

The meeting adjourned at 10:20.

Respectfully submitted,