

The September meeting of the Church Council was held on September 7, 1954. Those in attendance were A. Witzke, W. Bark, Jr., E. Jones, H. Jenkins, H. Smit, J. Will, F. Gross, F. Long, G. Hoffmann, and A. Fader. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. The reading of the minutes for the month of June were read and approved. The Financial Secretary submitted his monthly report (this report was for June, July and August) to the Council Board and it was read, approved, and accepted and a copy is herewith contained in these minutes.

Mr. Fred Gross, President of the Church Council commented briefly about the graduation exercises held by Fort View Junior High School in our Church on June 17, 1954. He said the program was very well attended and the affair itself was conducted in a sincere and reverent manner. The dinner held in our hall by the Jobs Daughter Bethel #3 was also a well conducted affair and the girls belonging to that organization were commended on their excellent conduct and the type of program presented.

A motion was made by Mr. Albert Fader and seconded by Mr. George Hoffmann that the Church purchase from the Evangelical & Reformed Church, Dept. of United Promotion folders for our Sunday Service Program at 70¢ per hundred. These folders are to be used at each Sunday Service throughout the year. The folders themselves will each Sunday present some form of message regarding the Church Year or some religious thought for that Sunday. The Church Council voted to buy the folders for one year.

Auditing Committee: No report.

Envelope Committee: Envelopes for the weekly offering have been received for the coming year. Mr. Ernest Jones made the request that more of the Council Board assist him in opening and marking and counting the offering each Sunday. The Council Board promised to assist more in the future.

Charity Committee: Three calls received by Rev. Lehmann. Mrs. Lehmann helped a young couple in the pastor's absence.

Music Committee: The committee reported that personal visit have been made to certain Choir members in order to get them to return to the choir. Some old members have returned and more are expected back in the near future.

Our new Music Director and Organist is doing an excellent job since he has taken over by Choir and Organ. Mr. Donald Schrader is to be paid \$900.00 per year. He is allowed a month's vacation with pay and the church will pay for a substitute Organist for the month of his vacation. All other Sundays or other Religious Days in which Mr. Schrader does not serve in his capacity as Organist and Choir Director he will see to his absence in providing an Organist for the Church and he will also be expected to pay for the substitute he provides.

Mr. George Hoffmann and Mr. Albert Witzke proposed that Mr. Donald Schrader be paid for the vacation he did not take. This amount be to \$75.00. It was voted that such payment be made and the motion was carried by the entire Council Board.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee reported that they will draw \$2,500.00 from the Baltimore Federal Savings and Loan Association and deposit the said sum in some other bank as a new depository for the Building Fund. This is a safety measure which was recommended by the Church Council and the Auditing Committee so that all funds of the Church are kept insured for the Insurable Sum of \$10,000.

Canvas Committee: A report was submitted by Mr. Donald J. Ely regarding the visiting he made during his short stay with the Church this summer. A copy is herewith contained in these minutes.

Calander Committee: The Church Council approved the following dates.

Saturday September 18th. for the Kiwanis Club of Highlandtown.

Friday, September 24th for the Highlandtown Little Leagues.

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Fellowship Committee: No report.

Property Committee: The windows of the Sunday School Hall have been painted as per the contract let to E. Weidel.

The job of installing the special locks on the inside doors of the Sunday School Hall has been started by Mr. Louis E. Mueller.

The Sanitary Dispensers have been installed in the Ladies Room of the Fellowship Hall.

President Fred Gross and Fred Long will undertake to obtain information for a sign to be used on the outside of the Sunday School Hall for the purpose of announcing special events of the Church and Sunday School.

Religious Education: The Sunday School attendance has averaged about 50% during the summer. The Quarterly meeting of the Sunday School will be held next Tuesday.

Rally Day will be held on Sunday, September 26, 1954. The theme this year will be Seeing Christ thru the Symbols of the Apostles. Confirmation has started. The boys meet on Tuesday and the girls on Thursday afternoon of each week, at 4:30 o'clock.

The Vacation Bible School had about a 90% attendance.

Picnic Committee: A report will be made after the representative from the Church sees the Superintendent of the Sunday School, Paul Bauersfeld.

New Business: The Oyster Supper will be held on November 9th and 10th. this year. Mr. Fred Long has been appointed Chairman of the Oyster Supper Committee. There will be a Congregational Meeting Tuesday, September 21, 1954 at 8 o'clock in the Fellowship Hall. The Building Committee will meet on Monday, September 20, 1954 at 8 o'clock.

Respectfully submitted,

William Bark Jr.

(William Bark, Jr. - Recording Sec'y.)