

The January meeting of the Church Council was held on January 4, 1955 at the home of the Church Council President, Fred. Gross. The members of the Council Board wish to express there sincere appreciation to Mr. & Mrs. Fred Gross for their generous hospitality at this meeting.

Those in attendence were F. Hutchison, W. Bark, Jr., E. Jones, W. Ermer, H. Smit, J. Will, G. Hammerbacher, 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 December were read and approved, and accepted. The reading of the Financial Report for the month of December was read and approved and a copy is herewith included with these minutes.

Auditing Committee: The books were audited by this committee and found to be in proper form and correct in detail.

Envelope Committee: This committee reported that there are about 165 packages of envelopes to be mailed out by Mrs. Amhrein.

Charity Committee: The report of this committee stated that about twenty baskets of food were given to deserving families during the Chirstmas holidays. This committee would like more help around Thanksgiving and Christmas time. It was suggested that the Ladies Aid and the Ladies Guild help during the above holidays.

Music Committee: This committee reported excellent progress during the Christmas Holidays as to the work done by the Church Choirs. Favorable comments have been heard throughout the congregation.

Canvas Committee: No Report.

Finance Committee: The Savings Account for the Building Fund is to be opened at the Eutaw Savings Banks in the near future.

Calander Committee: This committee reported that the Young Men's Club of the Church would like to hold a meeting on January 19th. The Banquet to be held January 26th 1955. Approval of the above dates were given to this organization by the Church Council. A request by the Fortview Junior High School to use the Church Proper for their graduation exercises was sought by Mr. Gross. Mr. Geo. Hoffmann made a motion the request be granted, the motion was seconded by A. Fader, Sr. and passed by the Church Council as a body.

Property Committee: Mr. Fred Gross is to call the Gas & Electric Company to check the water heater in the boiler room. The new seats for the laboratories are to be installed before the Father and Son Banquet. Mr. E. Louis Mueller is to give estimates on repairing the stage in the Sunday School Auditorium. The general discussion of the vaccum cleaner in the Church and the condition of the Vaccum Cleaner lead the Church Council to give Mr. Fred Gross permission to look into the matter of the purchase of a new Commercial Vaccum Cleaner. The motion was made by H. Smit and seconded by Geo. Hoffmann. The Church Council gave its permission to it's President to purchase a new vaccum cleaner. The property committee reported that the electrical switches in the Sunday School Hall are in need of repair. The door bell button at the Parsonage is also need in repair. These matters to be corrected before the next Council meeting.

Religious Education: The Christmas Program was well presented but the attendance was poor. The Sunday School Attendance is going ahead. The Youth Fellowship Program is steadily improving as to attendance and as to the type of program presented. The first orchestra dance of the Youth Fellowship will be held January 29th in the Sunday School Auditorium.

Interorganization Committee: No report at this time.

Oyster Supper Committee: This report given by the Chairman Mr. Fred Long is hereby incorporated into these minutes as if they were formally quoted by him.

New Members admitted into the Church are as follows: (~~envelope members~~)

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Jones - 2919 Fait Avenue
Mr. Donald Schnader - 2920 Shirley Avenue
Mr. Oscar Clark - 6773 Woodlea Road
Mrs. Margaret Benser - 411 Folcroft Street
Miss Elizabeth Weitzel - 902 S. Clinton Street
Mr. John McEvoy - 3727 Foster Avenue
Mrs. Mae Kellner - 603 S. Macon Street
Mrs. Anna J. Mehle - 7601 Avondale Avenue
Mrs. Norma Bauersfeld - 347 Gusryan Street
Mr. Sam Jones, Jr. - 6906 Conley Street
Mrs. Fred Haas - 816 S. Clinton Street

Mrs. Amhrein reported the following:
934 regular weekly envelope members
52 quarterly dues envelope members
986 total envelope memberships.

Mr. George Hoffman made the motion the new members be accepted. Seconded by A. Fader, Sr. Motion passed by Council Board.

Mrs. Elma Amhrein stated there was a need for more general correspondence envelopes. The cost will be \$93.30 for five thousand. Mr. W. Ermer made the motion that these envelopes be purchased. Seconded by Mr. F. Long. Passed by Council Board by unanimous vote.

New Business: The contract submitted ty the Frederick A. Moehle associates was read in detailed and discussed by the Council Board. There are several points of interest which the Council Board will discuss with the Building Committee and Mr. Frederick A. Moehle the architect for the Frederick A. Moehle Associates at the next Building Committee meeting. The point of partial payment to Mr. Moehle will also be discussed at the next Building Committee meeting. There being no furthur business before the Council Board at this time a motion was made by F. Hutchison and seconded by E. Jones that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

William Bark Jr.

(William Bark, Jr. Recording Secretary)