

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Council was held on December 2, 1953 with Mr. Mueller presiding. The following members were present Messers. A. Hofmann, A. witzke, W. Bark, E. Jones, H. Jenkins, H. Smit, J. Will, G. Hammerbacher, F. Gross, r. Long, G. Hofmann and A. Fader. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. The minutes of the previous meeting and the Financial Secretary report were read and approved.

#### Committees

Auditing----- The books were audited and found to be in order.

Envelopes-----The envelopes for 1954 will be ready to be given out Sunday.

Charity----- Seven baskets were given out at Thanksgiving. \$ 42.40 was spent.  
\$ 20.00 was taken out of the charity fund and \$ 22.40 was donated by the Sunday school.

Music-----The Pastor and choir were on television. The church books are being repaired.

Canvas-----Reported progress.

Finance-----Reported progress.

Fellowship-----Reported progress.

Calender-----Dec. 23 Requested by the Sunday school for a Christmas play.  
Dec. 28 Requested by the Eastern Star for rehearsal. A motion was made by Mr. Will and seconded by Mr. Bark that this date be granted. It was so carried.

The following dates were requested for Bake Sales by these organizations.

March 5 Ladies Aid.

March 12 Junior Dept. of the Sunday school.

March 19 Young Womens Guild

March 26 Boy Scouts

A motion was made by Mr. Jones and seconded by Mr. Witzke that these dates be granted. It was so carried.

Property-----Reported progress.

#### Religious

Education-----Attendance in Sunday school 68%. Christmas banks given out.

Oyster-----Reported progress.

Picnic-----Reported a loss of \$ 39.16. This will be paid by the Sunday school and church.

Communications-----Letter received from The Potomac Synod requesting \$-308.00 for membership. This will be checked.

New members-----

Wilfred Maier	6018 Eastern Ave.
Millicent Gray	715 S. Potomac St.
Joyce Matthews	427 N. Highland Ave.
John Matthews	427 N. Highland Ave.
David Harmening	100 S. Curley St.
George Eberhardt, Jr.	41 Portship Road
Emma J. Anzer	1226 N. Potomac St.

A motion was made by Mr. H. Smit and seconded by Mr. Will that we accepted these new members. It was so carried.

Old Business-----A motion was made by Mr. A. Hofmann and seconded by Mr. Will that we raise the church secretary salary from \$16.50 to \$20.00 a week. It was so carried.

Christmas tree has been ordered. Decorations will be put up in church.

The Council thanked George and Clarence Hoffman for donating the Church Calendars.

New Business----- Election of Officers of the Church Council.

Mr. Fred Gross was nominated for President by Mr. F. Long and seconded by Mr. J. Will. Nominations were closed by Mr. H. Smit. Mr. Gross was elected.

Mr. A. Fader was nominated for Vice- President by Mr. E. Jones and seconded by Mr. J. Will. Nominations were closed by Mr. G. Hoffmann. Mr. Fader was elected.

Mr. E. Jones was nominated for Financial Secretary by Mr. J. Will and seconded by Mr. G. Hammerbacher. Nominations were closed by Mr. W. Bark. Mr. Jones was elected.

Mr. J Will was nominated for Tressury by Mr. G. Hammerbacher and seconded by Mr. F. Gross. Nominations were closed by Mr.G. Hoffmann. Mr. Will was elected.

Mr. W. Bark was nominated for Recording Secretary by Mr. G. Hammerbacher and seconded by Mr. F. Long. Nominations were closed by Mr. G. Hoffmann. Mr. Bark was elected.

A motion was made by Mr. Bark and seconded by Mr. G. Hoffmann that we give Mr. Mueller and Mr. A. Hofmannn a raising vote of thanks for the fine work they did while they were on the Council. It was so carried.

The Council is invited to attend the Ladies Aid Christmas party on Dec. 3.

Tuesday Dec. 8 will be congregatio n meeting. Refreshments will be served.

A motion was made by Mr. Will that themeeeting be adjourned. Meeting was closed with a prayer.

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