

The Spring Congregational Meeting was held on March 9, 1954.

The Congregation approved the Painting of the Parsonage for the amount of \$500.00. The motion was made by Albert A. Hofmann and seconded by Edward Myers.

The Congregation passed this motion by an overwhelming majority vote.

The Congregation approved the removal of the Partition between the Living Room and Dining room of the Parsonage for the amount of approximately \$150.00

The Question of the building of a new church or the remodeling of the old church was then brought before the Congregation. Some figures quoted by Edw. Eyring, architect of the E. Eyring & Sons Company were as follows:

Cost to build a new church would be about \$150,000.00

Cost to add a steeple to the new church would be about \$25,000.00

The Church Council sought permission to hire an architect to draft some plans for the new church.

The pastor (Rev. Lehmann) suggested that there be formed a Building Committee.

Mr. Ed. Myers suggested that the Building Committee be formed from the entire Congregation.

The Congregation deliberated on the location of the new church and it was decided to build the new church on the site of the present old structure where the church now stands.

The motion was made by John Will, Jr. and seconded by Mrs. Schwartz that this plan be adopted. The Congregation agreed upon this proposal and the site of the new church is to be the same as the present site of the old church.

Rev. Lehmann suggested that we consult with the Council of Churches regarding an architect. He stated that the Council of Churches will lend aid to all churches who are in the future planning to build a new church or remodel their old church.

Mr. Fred Gross and Mr. Albert Fader, Sr. are to meet with the F. L. W. Moehle and Associates who are engineers and architects on Saturday, March 6, 1954, to see if it is plausible to remodel our old church or to build a new church.

A motion was made by Mr. Ed. Myers and seconded by Mr. John Bond that a Special Congregational Meeting be held when more information is obtained by the Council Board.

This motion was passed by the entire Congregation.

The regular monthly meeting of the Church Board for the month of March was held on Tuesday, March 2, 1954. Those present were F. Hutchinson, A. Witzke, W. Bark, Jr., E. Jones, H. Jenkins, 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.

Auditing Committee

The Finance Committee is to investigate Savings Banks and Other Savings Institutions regarding the opening of a new depository for the Building Fund of the Church. Report to be submitted at the next meeting.

Charity Committee

The Charity Committee is presently helping a needy family of the Church in Essex, Maryland.

New envelope members for February are:

Mrs. Wm. Wichman - 342 Imla Street - Baltimore 24, Md.
Mr. Herman Zessin - 3111 Dillon Street - Baltimore 24, Maryland

Renewal of envelopes from years back.

Mr. C. McCulloh - 3826 Hudson Street - Baltimore 24, Md.
Mrs. M. McCulloh - 3826 Hudson Street - Baltimore 24, Md.

George Hammerbacher proposed that the Initial Offering to defray the cost of the yearly envelopes be raised from 115¢ to 25¢. Motion seconded by H. Smit. Passed by affirmative of the Council Board.

At the same time it was proposed that the Quarterly Dues envelopes be raised from \$1.00 to \$2.00 each quarter. Motion was made by A. Fader and seconded by A. Witzke. The motion was carried by the entire Council Board. The Council Board at the same time gave the envelope committee the go ahead signal to purchase our yearly envelopes for the year 1955.

Music Committee

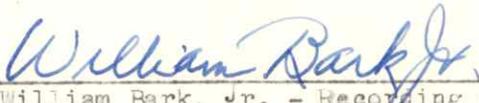
The Music Committee reported that the Church Choir is to sing at Bonnie Blink on March 14, 1954 upon invitation from the Highland Lodge.

Religious Education

The Sunday School attendance is holding up very well.

There being no further business at hand the Council Board adjourned its meeting upon a motion of F. Hutchinson, and seconded by George Hammerbacher. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted


(William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary)