

The June Meeting of the Church Council was held on June 1, 1954.

Those in attendance were A. Witzke, W. Bark, Jr., E. Jones, H. Jenkins, H. Smit, J. Will, G. Hammerbacher, F. Gross, F. Long, and A. Fader. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. The reading of the minutes for the month of May were read and approved. The Financial Secretary submitted his monthly report to the Council Board and it was read, approved, and accepted, and a copy is herewith contained in these minutes.

Music Committee - The resignation of Mr. Herbert E. Fankhanel (Minister of Music) was read and acted upon by the Council Board. It was decided that the resignation become effective as of July 31, 1954. A letter from the Council Board to Mr. Fankhanel accepting his resignation was written by the Recording Secretary and mailed to Mr. Fankhanel on June 10, 1954.

Mr. Fred Gross, President of the Church Council has received a request from the Department of Education (Fortview Junior High School) located at Highland Avenue & Hudson Street for permission to use our Church Proper for graduation exercises on June 17, 1954. This is the first time in the history of the church that such a request has ever been made to use the Church itself for other than a Church Service. After much discussion it was decided by the Church Council that such an event as a graduation exercise was for the benefit of the community as a whole, and that such an event would not lower the dignity of the Church if properly conducted. Therefore the request was granted and history was made. The motion was made by John J. Will and seconded by Ernest Jones, and passed by the Church Council as a body.

Mr. Fred Gross, President of the Church Council also received a request from Job's Daughters - Bethel #3 for permission to use the Sunday School Fellowship Hall for a dinner for its retiring President. This request was not acted upon by the Church Council until more information was secured by Mr. Fred Gross.

The meeting of the Council of Churches of Maryland and Delaware to be held on Tuesday June 8, 1954. George Hammerbacher or A. Witzke would try to attend.

The Council Board approved the request made by Rev. Lehmann that Mrs. Bertha Ermer to send to represent the church at the meeting of the Potomac Synod to be held June 9th thru June 11th, 1954.

Auditing Committee - There was a partial audit made by this committee of the books of the Church. Those book examined were in good order and correct.

Envelope Committee - No report.

Charity Committee - There was one family in need, this was taken care of by the charity committee.

Finance Committee - A Savings Account was opened at the Union Trust Company for the purpose of depositing church funds. This was necessary to keep all accounts of the Building Fund of the church insured to the minimum of \$10,000.00.

Music Committee - A proposal of \$800.00 per year was offered to Mr. Donald Schrader as organist and choir director. This proposal was submitted to the Church Council by the Music Committee and after much discussion was accepted. Motion made by H. Smit and seconded by A. Witzke. Passed by Council Board as entirety. This proposal to be submitted to Mr. Schrader by George Hammerbacher, H. Smit & A. Witzke.

Calander Committee - A request was made for use of Sunday School Hall for rehearsal for Strawberry Festival to be held on June 2, 1954. request granted by Church Council.

Property Committee - The painting of the parsonage has been completed. The locks for the Sunday School Hall have been received. The Sanitary dispenser for the Ladies Room in the Fellowship Hall will cost about \$27.00 to install and about \$5.00 for supplies. A motion was made by Ernest Jones and seconded by A. Witzke that the above be installed and supplied for the benefit of the ladies.

Painting Bids for Sunday School Hall Windows.

H. Rossmark	\$550.00 - two coats	\$275.00 - one coat
E. Weidel	\$300.00 for two coats of paint.	

A motion was made by George Hammerbacher and seconded by A. Fader that the bid of E. Weidel be accepted. Passed by the entire Council Board.

Religious Education- The Children's Day in Sunday School to be held first Sunday in June. The Vacation Bible School program is lining up. The Mother's Day Sunday in Sunday School had an attendance of 600 or more.

Rev. Lehmann request permission to employ a Sunday School Bible Worker to help with the Vacation Bible School and do other work for the benefit of the Church as a whole. Mr. Donald Ely was therefore employed to assist the pastor at a cost of \$5.00 per week. The motion was made by A. Fader and seconded by Ernest Jones.

Rev. Lehmann stated he has a quantity of Religious Books he would like to ship to Army Chaplins in Korea. He requested postage be paid by the Church. The Church Council thought this idea an excellent one and George Hammerbacher and Fred Long made the motions necessary to put the question before the Board. The motion was accepted and the postage is to be paid by the Church.

Rev. Lehmann announce that Bethel #3 will attend the Church Service in a body on June 20, 1954.

There being no further business before the Council Board the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

*William Bark Jr.*

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