

The October meeting of the Church Council was held on October 5, 1954. Those in attendance were A. Witzke, W. Bark, Jr., E. Jones, H. Jenkins, H. Smit, G. Hammerbacher, F. Gross, F. Long, G. Hoffmann, and A. Fader, Sr/ <sup>J. Will.</sup> The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. The reading of the minutes for the month of September 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.

The letter from The Council of Churches and Christian Education of Maryland-Delaware, Inc. was read and discussed by the Church Council. The same delegates as last year were appointed to represent our church at the Annual Assembly Meeting to be held November 4, 1954. They are Mr. Fred Long, Miss Bertha Will, Mrs. May Getz, and Mr. J. Edwin Myers.

A letter of thanks was received from the Canton Area Council, Inc for the use of the Sunday School Hall for the purpose of the sixth annual talent show sponsored by The Kiwanis Club of Highlandtown and The Canton Area Council, Inc. on September 18, 1954.

A letter of thanks was also received from The Eastern Community Council, Inc., for the use of the Sunday School Hall for the Exchange Club Little and Big League awards party.

Auditing Committee - An audit of the books of the United Evangelical Church were made by the Auditing Committee on October 5, 1954. The books were in the highest of order and all income and expenses were recorded and properly disbursed to the various funds set up for their specific purposes.

Envelope Committee - The envelopes are to be prepared for distribution as per the request of the envelope committee.

Charity Committee - No report at this time.

Music Committee: - Mr. Albert Witzke, chairman of this committee states that an endeavor is being made to arouse the interest of the young people for the choir.

Canvas Committee - Rev. Lehmann commented that some sort of canvas should be conducted this year.

Finance Committee - The funds in excess of \$10,000 in the following banks are to be transferred to another depository for safety measures as requested by the Church Council and Auditing Committee in the meeting of September 1954. (Savings Bank of Baltimore, Provident Savings Bank, Canton National Bank)

A request was made by the church Financial Secretary, Ernest Jones that the Benevolence Fund at the Equitable Trust Company be closed and incorporated in the General Fund of the Church at the Canton National Bank. A Separate accounting method will still be used for this fund, however, as this fund is very inactive and the unnecessary time consumed in banking these funds are pressing upon the Church Treasurer the Church Council has hereby given permission to the Financial Secretary, Ernest Jones to close the above account. The motion was made by Albert Fader, Sr., and seconded by George Hoffmann, and passed by the entire Church Council.

Calander Committee - The request of the Ladies Guild for the use of the Church Hall and kitchen was granted by the Church Council. The date being October 20, 1954, the regular meeting of the Ladies Guild.

Property Committee - Locks on all inner hall doors have been installed and paid for. Mr. Paul Bauersfeld has been approved the giving of two extra keys to the Sunday School Hall to Sunday School Workers. Motion by Albert Witzke and seconded by George Hammerbacher, and passed by Church Council.

The Church Council has approved the giving of inner hall keys to all person possessing outside door keys to the Sunday School Hall.

The attention of the Church Council was called to the broken windows in the lower hall. A suggestion was made that these windows be ~~used~~ covered up with metal of some type and painted the same color as the building frames. The windows/<sup>being</sup>discussed are those in the rear of the stage in the Sunday School Hall. Albert Fader and Howard Jenkins will take the problem under discussion and report back to the Church Council.

Interorganization Committee - The Council Board had under discussion the dividing or responsibility of the Oyster Supper Committee. The Council Board decided that all workers at the coming Oyster Supper shall have the same servings as paying customers. Mr. Fred Gross and Mr. Fred Long are to attend the Ladies Aid meeting on Wednesday, October 6, 1954.

Religious Education - The Sunday School attendance is now picking up after the summer vacations. There were fifteen new scholars admitted on Sunday.

The last Sunday in November new member will be taken into the church.

Picnic Committee - The Picnic Committee of the Sunday School has submitted it's report and the same is contained in these minutes.

The United Evangelical Sunday School by it's Superintendent Paul E. Bauersfeld submitted to the Church Council the idea of a free picnic for all Sunday School members. The Church Council after much discussion undertook to write one-half of the expense of the Sunday School Picnic for the year 1955. A letter to the Superintendent of the Sunday School is hereby contained in these minutes stating the decision of the Council Board. The motion was made by Albert Witzke and seconded by George Hammerbacher that such action be taken and the entire Council Board was in accord with the plan proposed by Mr. Paul Bauersfeld, Superintendent of the United Evangelical Sunday School.

New Business- Mr. William Maher proposed to the Church Council the idea of a Teen-Age Club for members and friends of the United Evangelical Sunday School and the United Evangelical Church. The idea being for the youth of the church and Sunday school ages of fourteen years to twenty years to have a Teen Age Club to meeting on Saturday nights from 8 P. M. to 11 P. M. Mr. Maher stated that there would be adult supervision and that the usual music by records and refreshments would be a part of the entertainment. The Council upon motion by Albert Fader, Sr. and seconded by William Bark, Jr., decided to give this new organization a trial period to see if the Saturday Night time would be advisable in as much as the Church Hall would have to be cleaned on Saturday night for its use on Sunday for the Sunday School. The motion was carried and the trial period was given to Mr. William Maher

The Church Council voted to give the sum of \$10.00 to the Reformation Pilgrimage on Sunday, October 24, 1954. F. Long made the motion seconded by J. Will and passed by the entire Council Board.

Nominating Committee - Mr. Fred Gross, President of the Church Council appointed Mr. George Hoffmann as Chairman of this committee and Mr. William Bark, Jr. and Mr. Fred Long are to serve as assistences on this committee. This committee is to nominate members for the coming election of the Church Council to be held on the November 30, 1954. The Congregational Meeting will be also held on the same night as the election of members to the Church Council.

The First Sunday in December will be for the installation of the new Council Board members and the first meeting of the Church Council for the coming new Church Year will be held December 7, 1954.

There being no further business to come before the Council the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

William Bark Jr.  
William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary