

The December meeting of the Church Council was held on December 7, 1954. Those in attendance were 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. A motion was made by A. Fader that the Council Board welcome it's new member Mr. Wilbert Ermer. This was so done by unanimous approval of the entire Council Board. The reading of the minutes for the month of November were read and approved, and accepted and a copy is herewith contained in these minutes. Mr. J. Will made a motion which was seconded by Geo. Hoffmann that the reading of the Financial Report be dispensed with since said report was read and approved at the Congregational Meeting held on November 30, 1954. The Council Board voted approval of the above motion.

The election of new officers for the Council Board was the next business before the Board.

Mr. J. Will made a motion that the entire group of officers holding offices for the preceeding year be voted in on one ballot. President, F. Gross thought this type of balloting was against the Constitution and By-Laws of the United Evangelical Church. Mr. Will thereby withdrew his motion.

Mr. J. Will made a motion that Mr. F. Gross be nominated as President of the Church Council. This motion was seconded by A. Fader, and Geo. Hoffmann made the motion that nominations be closed. Mr. Fred Gross was elected President of the United Evangelical Church Council Board by unanimous vote of the Council Board.

Mr. F. Long made a motion that Mr. A. Fader be nominated as Vice President of the Church Council. This motion was seconded by W. Ermer, and Mr. George Hoffmann made the motion that nominations be closed. Mr. Albert Fader, Sr. was elected Vice-President of the United Evnagelical Church Council Board by unanimous vote of the Council Board.

Mr. Albert Fader made a motion that Mr. Ernest Jones be nominated as Financial Secretary of the Church Council. This motion was seconded by John Will and Mr. George Hoffman made the motion that nominations be closed. Mr. Ernest Jones was elected Financial Secretary of the United Evangelical Church Council by unanimous vote of the Council Board.

Mr. Ernest Jones made a motion that Mr. John Will, Jr. be nominated as ~~Secretary~~ Treasurer of the Church Council. This motion was seconded by F. Long and Mr. W. Ermer made the motion that nominations for this office be closed. Mr. John Will, Jr. was elected ~~Secretary~~ Treasurer of the United Evangelical Church Council Board by unanimous vote of the Council Board.

Mr. Albert Fader made a motion that Mr. William Bark, Jr. be nominated as Recording Secretary of the Church Council. This motion was seconded by Geo. Hoffmann and Mr. George Hammerbacher mad the motion that nominations for this office be closed. Mr. William Bark, Jr. was elected Recording Secretary of the United Evangelical Church Council Board by unanimous vote of the Council Board.

Auditing Committee: No report at this time.

Envelope Committee: This committee report that all the contribution envelopes were ready for distribution. The proper announcements were made by Rev. Lehmann and the said envelopes could be picked up in the Fellowship Hall starting Sunday, December 12, 1954.

Charity Committee: This committee reported that twelve baskets were given away for the Thanksgiving Holiday. This committee reported that they had received a number of request for Christmas baskets also. The cost for the Thanksgiving baskets were \$90.92.

Music Committee: Mr. Albert Fader reported that the Choir would need about ten choir hats. Each hat to cost about \$3.00 The Council Board voted that said hats be purchased.

Finance Committee: This committee discussed at length with the Council Board the merger of the Baltimore National Bank and the Fidelity Trust Company with the relationship as to the insurance protection offered by the new bank known as the Fidelity Baltimore National Bank and Trust Company. Since the merger of these two banks also has merged the Savings Accounts in these two banks of the United Evangelical Church and since the maximum protection is still \$10,000 it was decided by a motion proposed by H. Smit and seconded by A. Fader Sr., that the Council Board draw the excess over \$10,000 and deposit said excess in a new account at the Eutaw Savings Bank. The motion to open the account at the Eutaw Savings Bank met with the entire approval of the Council Board and said account is to be opened in the near future.

Calander Committee: Several changes in dates were proposed by the various organizations in the church. The United Men's Club asked for a change of date from December 22, 1954 to December 15, 1954 to hold their annual Christmas Dinner. Approval by motion of George Hoffman and seconded by Henry Smit and passed by the entire Council Board was granted this change of date to the United Mens Club. The Council Board also gave approval to the Sunday School to hold a Spaghetti Dinner on January 12, 1955. The Council Board also gave approval to the Ladies Aid Society to hold a Sauerbeef Dinner to be held on February 9th 1955.

Fellowship Committee: This committee is planning to reward the Junior Council Board in the near future for their service to the Church.

Canvas Committee: No Report.

Property Committee: Light switch in Sunday School Hall repaired. The doorbell also in working order. A report to the effect that the toilet seats in the various laboratories are in bad shape was made to the Council Board. Mr. Fred Gross promised to order new ones in the near future. The property Committee Chairman (A. Fader) is to get an estimate from E. Louis Mueller in regards to repairing the Stage in the auditorium in the Sunday School Hall.

Interorganization Committee: No report at this time.

Religious Education: The Christmas program is to be held on Wednesday December 22, 1954 in the Church proper and fellowship will follow in the Sunday School Hall. The Sunday School attendance is between 60 and 70 percent at this time. A special program of Christmas Music will be offered by the Choir during the Christmas Holidays.

New Business: Mr. Fred Gross appointed Mr. H. Smit as Chairman of the Christmas Decoration Committee.

The Church Council by motion of A. Fader and seconded by George Hoffman voted to give to the Commission on World Service the sum of \$50.00 as a Christmas denotion for the relief of the surpressed and poor of the World at large.

The total receipts from the Oyster Supper was announced by Chairman Fred Long.

The amount at this time is \$1,263.92 with \$27.00 more to be collected.

The Church Council by voted of the entire Board voted to increase the salary of Mrs Elma Amhrein \$5.00 per week. The motion was made by A. Fader Sr. and seconded by Henry Smit.

There being no further business before the Council Board at this time a motion was made by A. Fader, Sr. and seconded by Henry Smit that the meeting be adjourned.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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