

The February meeting of the Church Council was held on February 1, 1955. Those in attendance were W. Bark, E. Jones, W. Ermer, H. Smit, J. Will, F. Gross, Geo. Hoffman, and A. Fader, Sr. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. The reading of the minutes for the month of January were read and approved, and accepted. The reading of the Financial report for the month of January was read and approved and a copy is herewith included in these minutes.

Auditing Committee: No Report at this time.

Envelope Committee: Mr. Ernest Jones reported that he had received a communication from the envelope Company for our order of church envelopes for the year 1956. He stated that if we purchased our envelopes at this time we could save a reasonable portion of this expense. Mr. H. Smit made the motion that the Council Board purchase 1,000 envelopes at a cost of \$182.29. A. Fader seconded the motion. The motion was passed by the entire Council Board.

Music Committee: Since there was no member of the music committee present at the Council Board meeting Rev. Lehmann made the Music Committee report. He stated that the Church Choir is doing very well under the direction of our new Choir Master and Organist Mr. Donald Schnader. He reported that Mr. Schnader is preparing the Church Choir to present a cantata for Lent.

Canvas Committee: No report at this time.

Property Committee: Mr. Albert Fader, Chairman of this Committee reported that the door bell at the parsonage has been fixed. He stated that the Fire Extinguisher need to be filled after being used in the Sunday School Hall fire. He was given permission to have said extinguisher recharged. Mr. Fred Gross is to check into the condition of the Vacuum cleaner which the Church need so urgently. Mr. Gross also stated that the Water Heater in the basement will be repaired this week. The toilet seats have not been installed as yet. Mr. Albert Fader also reported that the Stage in the Sunday School Hall have been repaired by Mr. E. Louis Mueller at a cost of \$58.00

He sought permission of the Church Council to have this item paid. Mr. W. Bark, Jr. made a motion that this item be paid. Motion seconded by Mr. E. Jones and passed by the entire Council Board.

Mr. Albert Fader, Sr. was given permission by the Council Board to contact Mr. Herman Rossmark regarding the painting of the Sunday School Auditorium for Sunday Church Services in the event we bill a new church.

Calender Committee: The following dates were approved by the Council Board for the following organizations.

Ladies Aid Society Birthday Party - March 9, 1955.
Ladies Guild Bake Sale - 2nd Friday in Lent - March 4, 1955.
Junior Department Sunday School - Bake Sale - March 11, 1955.

Motion made by J. Will and seconded by Albert Fader that these dates be granted to the above organizations. Motion passed.

Finance Committee: There was a suggestion made by Mr. Ernest Jones that the Church Council return to the General Fund the sum of \$1,611.50 advanced by the General Fund to the Building Fund as part payment to Mr. Moehle, architect for drawing the new church plans. This suggestion was tabled for later consideration. The Church Council secretary is to get in touch with the Fidelity Baltimore National Bank regarding the Savings Accounts in this bank and to find out if the separate accounts which were in the Baltimore National Bank and the Fidelity Trust Company are still insured for \$10,000 each.

Religious Education: Rev. Lehmann reported that there is about 64% attendance in the Sunday School at this time. He also reported that his Confirmation Class is now being conducted in three groups. This third group was started for those who could not attend the Tuesday or Thursday afternoon classes and those who need students who need special attention. There was a report to the Council Board that the Youth Fellowship gatherings are not properly chaperoned.. Several suggestions were made as to ~~the~~ ^{United Teen Club} how the Youth Fellowship should be run. They were (1.) There be no smoking allowed in the Sunday School Auditorium during the Youth Fellowship gatherings. (2.) The young men who attend these affairs should wear coats and ties. (3.) The Youth Fellowship Organization have duly elected

officers to see that the organization is properly functioning. That these officers be answerable to the Council Board of the Church as to the functions and affairs of the organization and to see to it that the organization is properly chaperoned at the affairs it holds and to see that the conduct of it's members and guest are of the highest caliber. The president of the Church Council, Mr. Fred Gross turned this matter over to Mr. Albert Fader, Chairman of the Interorganization Committee for further investigation.

New Business: The Church Council took under discussion the theft of Mr. Albert Fader's topcoat. We would make no claim since the Church is covered only for the property belonging to the Church.. Investigation of a policy to cover such losses will cost \$38.00 per year in the amount of \$1,000.00

Mr. Fred Gross asked the Auditing Committee to check the insurance policies of the Church and other Church property and give a detail report to the Church Council as to the insurance program of the Church.

The question of the unclean condition of the ~~church and other~~ church property was brought before the Church Council Board. It was stated that Mrs. Osborn was giving us a good job for the money paid to her. It was suggested that other help be obtained. Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kellner were proposed for the job. The starting salary to be \$150.00 per month or \$75.00 each. Fred Gross, President of the Church Council was to see Mrs. Osborn and H. Jenkins to arranged the dispensing of their services. The Council Board wishes to thank Mr. & Mrs. Howard Jenkins for their excellent work in keeping the Church Proper in such fine shape. A motion was made by Ernest Jones and seconded by Wilber Ermer that the Council Board hire Mr. & Mrs. Edward Kellner as caretakes for the church and church property.

The following individuals asked that the Church supply them with envelopes so

that they might help toward the financing of the expenses of the church.

Mrs. Bernetta Strassner - 1105 S. Bouldin Street
Mrs. Frank Yurek - 548 S. 46th Street
Mrs. Charles H. Clapin - 317 S. Lehigh Street
Mrs. Loretta Clapin - 317 S. Lehigh Street
Mrs. Hilda Ciocca - 467 Hornel Street.

It was also stated that Mr. Kenneth Danneman a former member of our church had transferred to another church.

Rev. Lehmann stated that he had purchased Lenten Material on his own and asked the Church Council to approve the purchase and to pay for the above material. Albert Fader, Sr. made a motion that the wish of Rev. Lehmann be complied with. The motion was seconded by Ernest Jones and passed by the Council Board. There being no further business before the Council Board at this time the meeting was adjourned upon the motion of Henry Smit and seconded by William Bark, Jr. Motion passed. The meeting was closed with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann.

Respectfully submitted,

William Bark Jr.

(William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary)