

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

Property Committee: The property committee by it's chairman Albert Fader, Sr., reported the following: The hot water heater in the boiler room is repaired, the toilet seats have been installed, the new vaccum cleaner has been ordered, the cost about \$50.00. The Bottom section of the Sunday School Auditorium was painted at a cost of \$225.00. The Upper half is to cost about \$275.00. The motion was made by H. Smit and seconded by Frank Hutchinson that the about items be paid. Passed by Council Board. Mr. Fader suggested that we buy twelve re-charges for the Fire Extinguishers to be used throughout the building. Mr. Fred Gross is to call Gettig Electric Company regarding the repairing of the ceiling lights in the Auditorium.

Auditing Committee: The books of the Church have been audited and found to be correct and in fine order.

Mr. Albert Fader made the motion and seconded by George Hammerbacher that the Building Committee draw a check from funds to be withdrawn from the Fidelity Baltimore National Bank & Trust Company to reimburse the General Fund for funds advanced from this fund to the Building Committee Fund for fees of Frederick Moehle & Associates. Motion passed.

Mr. Fred Gross informed the Council Board that the Parsonage is covered by insurance.

Finance Committee: No report at this time.

Calender Committee: The following dates were approved by the Council Board after motions were made by F. Hutchinson and George Hoffman. May 27, 1955 for the annual Strawberry Festival of the Sunday School.

The Council Board also approved the used of space in the Sunday School Building to the National Brewing Company for practice sessions of its Glee Club. Due notice must however be given Rev. Lehmann before permission is given.

Charity Committee: No report at this time.

Interorganization Committee: Mr. Albert Fader has contacted the United Teen Club regarding the recommendations made by the Council Board. The Club by its officers and councilors, stated that the recommendations of the Council Board would be carried out.

Canvas Committee: No report at this time.

Fellowship Committee: No report at this time.

Music Committee: This committee to contact Donald Schnader regarding distrubances among the Junior Choir. This matter to be corrected before dissention arises.

Religious Education: Attendance in the Sunday School at 67%. The Confirmation Class is progressing well. Permission given to Rev. Lehmann to line up held for the Daily Vacation Bible Class. Motion made by A. Fader, Sr. and seconded by H. Smit. Passed by Council Board. The adult class in Confirmation to be admitted before Easter.

New Members: During the month of February there were three transfers:

Miss Marlene Talbott - 6300 Moyer Avenue  
Mrs. George Talbott 6300 Moyer Avenue  
Mrs. Minnie Haas - 31 S. Calverton Road

There were two renewal of envelopes:

Mrs. Marcella Surdell - 3407 Dillon Street  
Mrs. Elaine Kern - 3405 Dillon Street

There were two new envelope members added:

Mr. & Mrs. Victor Taylor - 2245 E. Biddle Street  
Mrs. Marie Rieth - 1120 S. Highland Avenue

Also envelopes were given to sen adult confirmands, now taking instructions: (1) Mr. Alexander Robinson - 8 N. Highland Avenue (2) Miss Gertrude Benser - 3410 Dillon Street (3) Mrs. Grace Herold 3509 Pelham Avenue (4) Mrs. Thelma Ermer - 3404 Elliott Street, (5) Miss Katherine Dembeck - 903 S. Streeper Street - (6) Mrs. Katherine Dashiell - 1104 S. Bouldin Street and (7) Mr. Joseph Regulski - 1016 S. Conkling Street.

The Council Board recommended that these individuals be given full membership in the United Evangelical Church.

The Council Board was given the following report by it's President Mr. Fred Gross. Mr. Edward Kellner has been instructed in the various phases of the work he is to do as caretaker for the Church and Sunday School Hall. Mrs. Osborn is to stay with us until April 1, 1955 to given assistance to Mr. Kellner in doing a general cleaning of the Church and Sunday School Hall.

Mr. Fred Gross stated that an estimate should be gotten for the damages caused by the fire in the men's Laboratory last month.

The question of the retirement fund of Rev. Lehmann was open for discussion.

It was reported by Rev. Lehmann that for \$288.00 <sup>per year</sup> ~~per month~~ he will receive the sum of \$900.00 for each year he lives after he has retired. It was also stated that the Council Board should check into the Social Security benefits to be received by Rev. Lehmann.

There being no further business before the Council Board the meeting was adjourned with the saying of the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*William Bark Jr.*

(William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary)