

The July meeting of the Church Council was held on July 12, 1955 at the offices Fred Gross & Sons. Those in attendance were A. Witzke, W. Bark, Jr., E. Jones, W. Ermer, H. Smit, J. Will, George Hammerbacher, F. Gross, F. Long, G. Hoffman, and A. Fader, Sr. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann. The reading of the minutes for the month of June were read, approved and accepted. The reading of the Financial Report for the month of June 1955 was read and approved and a copy is herewith included in these minutes.

Mrs. Bertha Ermer, representative of the United Evangelical Church to the Potomac Synod, gave her report to the Church Council. It was stated that the Church owed \$54.10 to the Potomac Synod as part of its unpaid contribution per member. The Synod figures on 1,100 members, the church figures on 923 members. Mrs. Ermer suggested that a special collection be taken on the fifth ~~Sunday~~ in each month of the year and this money help defray the Potomac Synod expense.

Mr. Fred Gross suggested an entire study of the Benevolence Fund in relations to the Potomac Synod apportionment be made.

**Auditing Committee:** No Report.

**Envelope Committee:** No Report.

**Calander Committee:** No Report.

**Charity Committee:** The church still has the same family on the Charity Fund. The sum of \$10.00 per week is paid to this family.

**Music Committee:** The choir will only take the month of July for it's vacation and not July and August as previously reported. A motion was made by A. Fader and seconded by J. Will that all choir robes be cleaned and pressed for the coming fall season. There will be special music presented by the choir in the fall.

**Property Committee:** Roof estimate for repair \$125.00. Repairs completed.

Mr. Albert Fader is to check with the plumber regarding the water fountains in the Sunday School Building.

The windows in the Sunday School Hall were cleaned both inside and out as per our recent contract with the Oriole Window Cleaning Company, Inc.

The Property Committee suggested that the Blinds in the Sunday School Hall be the same color throughout. The Committee to consult with Mr. Paul Bauersfeld regarding the above.

Rev. Lehmann suggested that the Announcement board regarding the services to repaired.

Fellowship Committee: No Report.

Canvas Committee: No report.

Picnic Committee: Final report to be given later in the fall.

Religious Education: Rev. Lehmann reported that there were about fifty five enrolled in the Daily Vacation Bible School. The average attendance was about 40%. Rev. Lehmann wished to thank the Young Women's Guild for there help and the refreshments provided for the youngsters at the Vacation Bible School. Rev. Lehmann reported that both the Sunday School and Church attendance has fallen off more this year during the Summer Months then at any time during the history of the Church.

Finance Committee: This committee has decided to count the Sunday Church Offerings during the Church Services each Sunday.

New Business: A letter is to go out to the Congregation regarding the delay in building the new church.

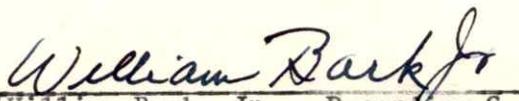
Rev. Lehmann announced that he would like to have an outdoor meeting of all heads of the departments of both the Sunday School and Church in order to purpose plans for a churchwide visitation which would take place before the World Wide Communion Service in October.

Mr. William Single attended this meeting in order to bring the Church Council information regarding the progress of the Finance Committee of the Building Committee in obtaining funds to build the new Church.

After looking over the Financial Statement of the Financial ~~Statement~~ Secretary for the month of June 1955 Mr. Single purposed that the Church Council think about putting all funds now in Savings Accounts in Commercial Bank (where the rate of interest is low) in qualified Federal Savings and Loan Associations where the rate of interest is much higher. After due consideration by the Church Council on the above matter Mr. George Hammerbacher made the motion that the Church Council go on record to withdraw funds from the Commercial Banks and transfer said funds to the qualified Federal Savings and Loan Associations if the Finance Committee of the Building Committee sanctioned such action. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilbur Ermer and passed by the Council Board. One member of the Council Board abstained from voting.

There being no further business before the Board at this time a motion was made by George Hoffman and seconded by John Will that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

  
(William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary)