

The second Congregational Meeting for the year 1955 was held on April 12th. There were fifty six members of the congregation present at this meeting. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Rev. Lehmann.

Mr. Fred Gross, President of the Church Council and Chairman of the Building Committee reported several preliminary bids from various contractors relative to the building of the new church.

An approximate bid of \$188,000.00 was received from William H. Sands, Inc.

An approximate bid of \$210,000.00 was received from E. Eyring and Sons Co.

An approximate bid of \$174,280 was received from the Williams Construction Company, Dundalk.

None of the above bids include lighting, kitchen fixtures, pews, altar, or lectern, pulpit, etc.

The approximate figures over and above building the new church are as follows:

To remove the organ from the old church and install in new church \$ 1,000.00

Furniture for the new church (pews, lecturn, altar, etc. 21,000.00

Lighting fixtures, etc. 2,950.00

Kitchen equipment 6,850.00

Total \$31,800.00

Plus architectual fees 10,200.00

Cost of new church at lowest bid 174,280.00

Total \$216,280.00

Less amount in the Building Fund at above date 118,000.00

Approximate amount to be borrowed \$ 98,280.00

If we borrowed \$100,000.00 at 4% interest rate the interest alone would be \$4,000.00 for the first year.

If we worked on a schedule of tearing the church down on or about May 1, 1955 the new church would be ready on or about May 1, 1956.

Mrs. Hanan ask a question as to the cost of the Sunday School Hall. It was stated that the Sunday School Hall and Parsonage cost about \$68,000.00. The church at that time borrowed \$24,000.00. This amount was paid off in six years.

Mrs. Beckwith made the motion which was seconded by Mrs. Hanan that the past activities and work of the Building Committee be ratified up to the present time and to give authority to the Building Committee to go ahead with it future plans.

Mr. Edward Kellner made a motion which was seconded by Albert Fader, Sr., that the money in the Building Fund accounts of the church be turned over to the Finance Committee of the Building Committee. The motion was adopted by the Congregation unanimously.

There ^{being} ~~being~~ no further business before the Congregation the meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

William Bark Jr.

(William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary)