

The December meeting of the Church Council was held on December 2, 1955. Those in attendance were William Single, Jr., Harry Bauersfeld, Jr., 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 November were read, approved and accepted. The reading of the Financial Statement for the month of November was read and approved and a copy is herewith included in these minutes.

Auditing Committee: No report at this time.

Envelope Committee: The new envelopes for the coming Church Year are ready for distribution. The envelopes not picked up in the Sunday School Hall will be mailed out after the first of the New Year.

Calender Committee: The following dates were requested by the various organizations of the Church.

The Sunday School - Wednesday, December 21, 1955 - Christmas Program.

The Ladies Aid- Wednesday, December 14, 1955 - Christmas Party.

The Boy Scouts - Tuesday, December 20, 1955 - Christmas Party.

A request was made by Public School #240 to use the Church Proper for Graduation Exercises on the following dates January 25, 1956, January 27, 1956, January 30, 1956. A motion was made by Ernest Jones and seconded by John Will, Jr. that the above dates be approved for the various Church Organizations and the dates requested above for Public School #240 be also approved. Motion carried.

Charity Committee: There were a total of fourteen baskets giving to various families during the Thanksgiving Holiday. Cost \$98.00. The same amount and the same number of baskets will be needed for Christmas.

Canvas Committee: No report at this time.

Music Committee: No report at this time.

Fellowship Committee: It was suggested and approved that the Members of the Church Council usher people into the pews when the church becomes crowded. A memo is to be placed upon the Church Program stating when latecomers to Church should be admitted to their seats.

A motion was made by George Hoffman and seconded by Wm. Bark, Jr. that the name of Charles Pumphrey be added to that of the Junior Council serving at this time. Mr. Pumphrey's name was omitted from the list of those who were kind enough to run in the recent election. The motion was carried.

Finance Committee: The Chairman of this committee requested that the President of the Church Council and he himself clip the coupons now due from the bonds at the Equitable Trust Company Safe Deposit Box.

Upon motion made by William Single, Jr. and seconded by John Will, Jr. it was agreed that the sum of \$4,236.50 owed to the General Fund by the Building Fund be cancelled. The said sum is hereby turned over to the Building Committee for the erection of the new church. Motion carried.

Building Committee: The windows in the basement (rear) are still in need of repair. It was suggested that the Oriole Window Cleaning Company be contacted regarding the repair work. The Building Committee took up the request of Mrs. Emma James regarding the wall in the Sunday School Hall. The Church Council decided that the wall shall be repaired when the Sunday School Hall is again painted. The damage done to the wall was caused by the unusual heavy rains this summer and should not happen again. The blinds shall therefore be replaced before the repairs are made.

Religious Education: Rev. Lehmann reported that the Sunday School has dropped about eighty individuals from its roll.. These individuals have not attended for some time and the Sunday School wished to bring its records to date for the coming Church Year. There will be a Special Program for Christmas Day and December 21st.

Interorganization Committee: No report at this time.

Rev. Lehmann is to write to the proper individual to continue the name of the Church on the list for an assistant pastor when the time comes for obtaining the same and proper quarters are ready for his use.

New Business: The election of new church officers for the coming year is now in order.

The name of Fred Gross was nominated for the office of President of the Church Council by John Will, Jr. and Albert Fader, Sr. George Hoffman and Wilbert Ermer moved that the nominations be closed. Mr. Fred Gross was unanimously elected. The name of Albert Fader, Sr. was nominated for Vice President of the Church Council by Wilbert Ermer and seconded by Fred Long. Mr. George Hoffman and Mr. Henry Smit moved that the nominations be closed. Mr. Albert Fader, Sr. was unanimously elected Vice-President of the Church Council. Mr. Albert Fader, Sr. made a motion that Mr. Ernest Jones be nominated as Financial Secretary of the Church Council. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilbert Ermer. Mr. George Hoffman and Mr. George Hammerbacher moved that the nominations be closed. Mr. Ernest Jones was elected Financial Secretary of the Church Council. Mr. Wilbert Ermer made a motion that Mr. John Will, Jr. be nominated as Treasurer of the Church Council. The motion was seconded by Wilbert Ermer. Mr. Albert Fader, Sr. and Mr. Henry Smit moved that the nominations for this office be closed. Mr. John Will, Jr. was unanimously voted Treasurer of the Church Council. Mr. Ernest Jones made a motion that William Bark, Jr. be nominated for the office of Recording Secretary of the Church Council. Mr. George Hammerbacher and Mr. Wilbert Ermer moved that the nominations for this office be closed. Mr. William Bark, Jr. was elected Recording Secretary of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church by unanimous vote of the Council Board. The Council Board took under consideration the changing of the Lenten Services from Friday night to Wednesday. After much discussion pro and con the matter was decided.

Mr. Wilbert Ermer made the motion that the Lenten Services be held on Wednesday Night during the Lenten Season, starting the first Wednesday in Lent. The time of the service will be 7:30 P. M. Mr. John Will seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the entire Council Board.

Mr. John Will and Mr. Henry Smit were appointed Co-Chairman to supervise the decorating of the Church for Christmas. The assistance of the Ladies Guild will be sought by the Council Board.

The date of the annual Sunday School picnic will be the 3rd Wednesday in July unless otherwise decided by the Church Council. There is much discussion on having the picnic on a Saturday.

The following new envelope members have been received into the Church.

Mrs. William Single - 722 S. Ellwood Avenue (24)  
Mrs. Wm. Crawford - 728 S. Linwood Avenue, (24)  
Mrs. Goldie Holzschuch - 811 S. Potomac Street (24)

The Council Board has given permission to Rev. Lemmann to secured the materials necessary for the Lenten Season. The Christmas announcements are to go out on a special Christmas letterhead.

There being no further business before the Council Board at this time a motion was made by A. Fader, Sr. and seconded by William Single, Jr. that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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(William Bark, Jr. - Recording Secretary)