

1910 COUNCIL MEETING NOTES

5 January [pp. 242–243] - Meeting of the CHURCH COUNCIL at which the treasurer presented his quarterly report. Pr. Koepchen greeted the newly elected council members. The chair declared the business of 1909 completed. Officers were elected and committees organized. At their last meeting, the board of trustees decided to increase the janitor's salary by \$2 per week. The Repair Committee was asked to repair the gaslight near the choir and organ. The council approved holding the Lutheran Hospital Society's general meeting at St. Luke's. The chair reported that several real estate agents were interested in the church property.

[List of Church Officers for 1910 (Elders, Council Members, Trustees), including addresses (p. 244)]

17 January [pp. 246–259] - Quarterly CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at which the secretary read the report of the treasurer, who was absent due to illness. Pr. Koepchen read his very detailed annual report [pp. 247–250], which the secretary included in the minutes. [There does not seem to be a copy of *Altes und Neues* for 1910 included in the minutes.]

Statistics from the pastor's report

- Baptized: 90
- Confirmed: 49
- Married: 52 couples
- Buried: 58
- Communed: 15 occasions, 971 communed (including 20 privately)
- Sunday School—
 - German: 359 children; 19 male and 24 female teachers
 - English: 217 children; 12 male and 13 female teachers
- 140 children and 14 teachers (8 male and 6 female) attended both Sunday School sessions.
- The Sunday School donated \$150 to Concordia College and \$85 to scholarships for students from St. Luke's.
- The Saturday School, teaching German, religion, and music, was almost full.
- 58 children would be confirmed at the Palm Sunday service.
- The Missions Society will celebrate its silver jubilee with a special appeal.
- 135 people contributed \$5,600 for all the missionary work of the church.

Following this report, elections were held for representatives of the various groups.

2 February [p. 260] - Meeting of the CHURCH COUNCIL at which Pr. Koepchen announced that Lenten services would begin on Wednesday, February 9, and that the next general assembly of the Hospital Society would meet at St. Luke's on the third Sunday in February. A special collection for Bethlehem Orphanage would be held on February 20. He also reported that Concordia College had opened, although all not all buildings were completed. The chair reported that another realtor had made an offer for the church

but it was too low. He also announced that this year's orphanage festival would be held on Decoration Day and that the steamships *Sam Sloan* and *Howard Carroll* would provide transportation. Also, the gas by the organ burned well.

2 March [pp. 261–262] - Meeting of the CHURCH COUNCIL at which Pr. Koepchen announced that the examination for this year's confirmands would be held on March 20 [Palm Sunday] during the morning service. The council then decided to cancel the Sunday School and the evening services for that day and to hold the annual reunion of previous confirmands on April 3, the Sunday after Easter. They agreed to print the hymns for Palm Sunday and Easter, because there were not enough hymnals. It was also decided that the children's Easter Festival would be held on the Sunday after Easter. The chair reported that this year's collection for Bethlehem Orphanage was \$764.42. The resignation of Edward Mahler, vice-superintendent of the Sunday School, was accepted with regret, and John Lengemann was chosen as the temporary replacement.

16 March [pp. 262–263] - Special meeting of the CHURCH COUNCIL to give Pr. Koepchen a special gift of \$300 for his 10 years of faithful service to St. Luke's. The chair hoped, in 15 years, to celebrate the pastor's silver anniversary with the entire congregation. [Pr. Koepchen's anniversary date is March 11].

6 April [p. 264] - Meeting of the CHURCH COUNCIL at which the treasurer presented his quarterly report. Pr. Koepchen reported that the Sunday School had decided to have a June Walk in Central Park. The chair announced that the next congregational meeting would take place on April 18 and that the collection from this year's confirmation reunion was \$171.95. The council voted to print the English liturgy and affix it in the English hymnals.

17 April [pp. 265–266] - Quarterly CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at which Herr Lengemann was elected the permanent vice-superintendent of the Sunday School. The chair announced that the congregation would hold a celebration for St. Luke's 60th anniversary; the church council would determine the details. Pr. Koepchen recommended having English worship and Bible class, so that the parents of the Sunday School children could also attend. The collection for reunion service was \$171.93. After several announcements, the meeting decided to cancel the worship services for the first three Sundays in August and to cancel Sunday School and evening worship following the first Sunday in June through August.

4 May [p. 267] - Meeting of the CHURCH COUNCIL at which Pr. Koepchen announced that the Sunday School's June Walk would take place on May 11. He suggested that the second service be in the afternoon instead of the evening.

1 June [pp. 268–269] - Meeting of the CHURCH COUNCIL at which the chair announced that the 60th anniversary celebration would take place in the fall and appointed a committee to design a program. Pr. Koepchen stated that the festival at Concordia would last an entire day to accommodate all the churches in the Greater New York area. The council decided to cancel services on that day to allow members to participate. The chair

reported that \$531.71 had been collected for the orphanage (\$447.46 after expenses). More income would come from the boat fares.

6 July [pp. 269–270] - Meeting of the CHURCH COUNCIL at which the treasurer presented his quarterly report. The Tax Committee of the City of New York had asked if the church was incorporated and thereby be free of tax. Pr. Koepchen would respond to the letter. The 60th anniversary committee recommended holding two services—morning and afternoon—on the second Sunday in October [October 9] and to organize a “pleasant evening” on the following Monday. The pastor reported that the festival for the college was well attended and yielded \$430. The chair announced that the festival at the orphanage yielded a record \$1,277. The Young People’s Group had also donated \$65 from their last concert.

[No Church Council meeting in August 1910.]

14 September [pp. 271–272] - Meeting of the CHURCH COUNCIL at which Pr. Koepchen announced that at the 60th anniversary celebration he would preach in German at the morning service and that at the afternoon service there would be two sermons: one in English and one in German. For the afternoon sermons he recommended Prs. Fritz and Tillie. The council requested that the Ladies Aid Society provide refreshments for the Monday evening event. They also decided to cancel the September congregational meeting. The chair reported that the stairs in front of the church must be removed by March 1, 1911 to accommodate the widening of 42 Street. The cost for this alteration would have to be borne by the congregation. (The city would not begin work on the street over the winter. The work on the street should be completed by May 1, 1911) There have been further offers for the church property, but to date none has been sufficient. Pr. Koepchen reported that a joint Reformation Festival of the churches of Manhattan and the Bronx would take place on October 23 in Carnegie Hall. Professors Heinz and Sachs would preach. On September 26 there would be a meeting about this, and each church should send two delegates. The council approved the request of Frau Neumann to enter the *Altenheim* and to support her for the first six months. The pastor reported that Saturday School did not make a profit because many students, including some confirmands, did not pay the tuition.

3 October [pp. 273–274] - Meeting of the CHURCH COUNCIL at which the treasurer presented his quarterly report. The delegates from the Reformation Committee reported that the joint festival at Carnegie Hall would begin at 3PM on October 23. The council decided to cancel the evening service on that day and to cancel the annual Missions Festival. The congregation would celebrate the Reformation on October 30 and the Sunday School on October 31. The pastor and the Sunday School superintendent would speak at the celebration. There would also be a history of the church’s first 10 years and music from the choir. The collection from the morning service would go to the congregation; that from the afternoon service to the mission fund. The Ladies Aid Society was asked to decorate the church and to provide refreshments. There followed discussions of other

preparations [no details given]. Pr. Koepchen reported that Frau Neumann would enter the *Altenheim* as soon as space became available.

2 November [pp. 275–276] - Meeting of the CHURCH COUNCIL at which Pr. Koepchen reported that the Reformation Festival had yielded \$151. It was suggested that \$100 from the collection be donated to: Inner Mission (\$30), City Mission (\$20) and to students (\$50). The chair appointed a nominating committee for the upcoming election; they were to meet at the pastor's house. The council voted to hire an architect to prepare for the removal of the front steps. Pr. Koepchen requested permission to preach for Pr. Totsberg's jubilee on November 6. Pr. Schmidke would preach at St. Luke's that evening.

8 December [pp. 276–277] - Meeting of the CHURCH COUNCIL at which the chair announced that he would soon meet with the architect about removing the steps; he should have more information by the congregational meeting on December 27. The council decided not to have a collection for the Lutheran Hospital on the last Sunday in December but on the first Sunday in January 1911. Nominating elections for candidates for 1911 church offices followed.

27 December [pp. 278–279] - Quarterly CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at which the chair announced that the primary purposes of the meeting were to elect officers and lease pew seats. The meeting decided to hold the annual collection for the Lutheran Hospital on January 8, 1911. The chair reported on the plan to address the steps issue. The cost would be great if new steps were to lead to the narthex because of necessary alterations to the heating equipment. The entire plan should be completed by the next congregational meeting in January. Pr. Koepchen reported that there were 43 confirmands. He also announced that \$100 from the 60th anniversary festival would be given to the Missions Fund. It was decided to print the hymns for festivals because there was a shortage of hymnals. The election of officers and leasing of pew seats followed.