

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on December 2, 1969.

Present were Albert Fader, John Lenning, Ernest Jones, William Voelker, George Tuerk, William Bark, Jr., William Benser, Louis Parker, Jr., Louis Smith, Arthur Block, Ray Schmidt, George Sauer and Louis Parker, Sr..

The meeting was called to order by President Albert Fader and Pastor Paul A. Rasche opened with a prayer.

Mr. Fader welcomed the new Council Board members, Ray Schmidt, Arthur Block and George Sauer, to members serving for the first time he told them to feel free to enter discussion, but not to relate any subject material until it was finalized.

In reviewing the monthly financial report, the board voted unanimously to withdraw one of the two \$12,000 Saving and Loan Association accounts and invest the full amount in 26 week government bills where we will get a much better return on the Church's money; perhaps as much as 8%. The motion was made by William Voelker and seconded by Louis Parker, Jr.

Mr. Fader urged all Council members to be on the lookout for memorials in offering plates so that they can be handed in immediately to the Church Office to be put in the Bulletin at the proper time - don't put them in the collection bag. Turn them over to Ernest Jones.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: William Voelker mentioned that the carpeting at the front of the Church is looking worse than ever. Pastor Rasche said that Anderson Associates was being very evasive about the matter, but that Mr. Smith was finally able to contact them and they promised to take care of it this week. George Sauer informed us that our sexton will not shovel the snow off the Church property sidewalks for \$4.00; this is the amount we paid boys in the neighborhood in the past. The council agreed that the job is worth much more - perhaps 8 to 12 dollars depending upon the depth of the snow and the time of the snowfall; the new property committee chairman will work this out with the sexton. Pastor Weisser reported that the pipes going to the heaters through the closet in the Upper Room have been covered and that the heaters are working fine. Pastor Rasche informed the council that the waste disposal in the parsonage is acting up again after having been repaired. Ernest Jones made a motion that we have a new waste disposal installed and Ray Schmidt seconded it; the motion was unanimously carried. John Lenning will price a new one at Westinghouse. John Lenning, even though he is leaving the council, has consented to continue opening and closing the church on Sunday mornings. Ray Schmidt asked if we are going to put new insulation on front doors of church. Mr. Sauer said that he is looking for something suitable.

Membership Committee: Pastor Rasche said that we had recently taken in six new members and that he presently was instructing a Mr. and Mrs. William Gensler and one man.

Fellowship Committee: Mr. Fader reminded us of Tinsel Day coming up Dec. 14 and asked for help to set-up and clean up afterwards. Pastor Rasche asked for permission to purchase some material for entertaining the adults while the Christmas tree was being set up - council approved.

Calendar Committee: Pastor Rasche requested Tuesday, January 20 for a dinner meeting of our United Church of Christ. The pastors and their wives and Church Council presidents and their wives would be in attendance. William Benser moved that we grant permission for this dinner and Ernest Jones seconded it; the motion was carried.

Music Committee: Pastor Rasche again expressed displeasure about us not having a Cherub Choir. Mr. Fader said it will be looked into when the new music committee starts to work. Mr. Fader asked if we would be able to have a Cantata. Pastor Rasche said if we had a Christmas show it would have to be a good one. Donald Schnader selected the last Sunday in December for the Cantata.

Audit Committee: William Voelker said that the audit would be made of the Church books the first or second week of January.

Spiritual Committee: Pastor Weisser announced follow-up meeting of our Focus Groups December 5 and 12 and urged all council members to turn out, as interest seemed to be running high.

Ushering Committee: William Voelker announced progress that more Jr. Council members were in evidence.

Old Business: The new green and white altar cloth sets will be dedicated Sunday, December 7. The donors names will be given at the dedication.

The Council discussed the content of the Financial Brochure which we had earlier approved for distribution to the congregation and potential church members. There were Council members who thought the suggested amount of giving was too high, and some thought the pledge type letter would not go over so well. Pastor Rasche said that through his years of working with congregations he found this type of approach the best, and certainly our "give as you care" way has not been very effective. William Voelker made a motion that we extend the January 1 date to a date later in January to facilitate distribution, and that the Brochure in its original form, be sent out along with the letter. William Bark, Jr. seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

New Business: Election of officers to the Church Council for the year 1970

President: A motion was made by William Voelker and seconded by Arthur Block that J. Albert Fader, Sr. be elected president of the Council Board for the year 1970. The motion was unanimously carried.

Vice President: A motion was made by Ernest Jones and seconded by William Voelker that George Sauer be elected Vice President of the Council Board for the year 1970. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recording Secretary: A motion was made by Arthur Block and seconded by William Voelker that Louis Parker, Sr. be elected Recording Secretary of the Council Board for the year 1970. The motion was unanimously carried.

Financial Secretary: A motion was made by George Sauer and seconded by William Voelker that Ernest Jones be elected Financial Secretary of the Council Board for the year 1970. The motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer: A motion was made by Ernest Jones and seconded by George Tuerk that Arthur Block be elected Treasurer of the Council Board for the year 1970. The motion was unanimously carried.

We received a letter from Central Atlantic Conference thanking Pastor Rasche and the Church for Pastor Rasche taking the appointment to the office of president of Central Atlantic Conference. Pastor Rasche will serve until May and at this time a new president will be elected.

Pastor Rasche reported that in the matter of our Youth Teen Nite this fall, we have done nothing.

Pastor Rasche reported that programs and activities of the Canton Christian Council have been at a very slow pace, and requested the use of our facilities once a month. The Council Board agreed to provide use of facilities once a month. When we schedule activities here Pastor Rasche said we would need men to run these affairs.

Youth Confirmation class meets once a month with six or seven members present.

High School class has been meeting with some success.

Pastor Rasche suggested the addition of a Youth Committee from within the Church Council Council. Mr. Fader said that he would take the matter up with the new Council Board.

Pastor Rasche suggested that young women be taken into the Junior Council and take part in Scripture reading and etc. to make this council more meaningful. William Bark suggested the addition of a Stewardship Committee to the Council Board. Mr. Fader also mentioned the possibility of having women taken into the Fellowship Committee.

Pastor Weisser requested approval for his taking of four or five remaining vacation days around Christmas and New Years - the Council approved.

Mr. Fader thanked the departing Council Board members for their fine service and urged the new members to voice their opinions.

There being no other business to come before the board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

Pastor Weisser closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker, Sr.
Recording Secretary