

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on November 10, 1969.

Those in attendance were Albert Fader, Ernest Jones, John Lenning, George Tuerk, Louis Parker, Jr., William Voelker, Louis Smith, William Bark, Jr., and Louis Parker, Sr. Pastor Rasche was in Allentown, Pa. attending meetings of the larger body of United Church of Christ.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Albert Fader and opened with a prayer by Pastor Weisser.

The minutes for the meeting for the month of October were read and with corrections were approved.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and approved as submitted.

The proposed budget for the year 1970 was distributed to the Council and quite a few items were discussed in detail. William Voelker thought our quota of \$9,129 to the Benevolence Fund of Central Atlantic Conference was not a realistic figure when you look at our past record of giving; he thought an amount of \$6,250 would be more in line. The grand total of the proposed budget was \$66,248 as compared to \$65,377 for the year 1969. Ernest Jones motioned that the proposed budget of \$66,248 for the year 1970 be approved as submitted. William Bark, Jr. seconded it and it was carried.

Mr. Bark reported that the estate of Mr. John Schuler was all used up and that there wouldn't be anything bequeathed the church.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: John Lenning said that the sextons will do the best job possible in keeping the Church School walls clean, but that they are hindered because of poor paint on walls. William Voelker suggested putting a cloth curtain at the base of the stairs in the Narthex of the church leading to the balcony in an attempt to keep the noise level down. Council members suggested keeping noisy talkers away from the base of stairs. Pipes going through the closet of the Upper Room need covering because they get rather hot and damage plastic covers; John Lenning will get George Sauer to cover pipes.

The two heaters in the Upper Room have been completely installed at a cost of \$878. Albert Fader informed us that he had a donor who would like to install an Advent candle directly above the Pulpit at a height of 7 feet. The candle holder would be made so that it could be swung behind pillar when not being used; the cost to the donor would be \$50. Louis Parker, Jr. made a motion that we accept this gift from the donor and John Lenning seconded the motion - it was carried.

Membership Committee: William Voelker - no meeting as yet - progress. Dr. Weisser reported that his visitation of delinquents is continuing. The following people applied for transfers to other churches:

1. Mrs. Emm Bueller to St. Lukis Evangelical Lutheran
2. Mrs. Joan Petzel and children to St. John's Church on Harford Road
3. Mr. and Mrs. Stevens to Epiphany Lutheran Church, Raspe and Maryland Avenues.

Louis Parker, Jr. made a motion that we approve the transfers of these people to their respective churches and Ernest Jones seconded the motion, it was carried.

Fellowship Committee: Mr. Fader said the Halloween Party was a success, as usual, with 150 attending, mostly children. Unfortunately we didn't get by unscathed as an outsider threw some raw eggs against the wall. Church and Church School Picnic report is complete. Mr. Parker will read it at next meeting.

Calendar Committee: Mr. Albert Witzke requests use of Friendship Hall Thursday evening for the choir outing which will be held indoors this year. Dr. Weisser said that Pastor Rasche uses Friendship Hall Thursday evenings for Confirmation Class - he would work it out with Pastor Rasche.

Music Committee: Louis Parker, Sr. reported that Donald Schnader and the Senior Choir would like very much to have the console of the organ and the choir moved to the balcony. Mr. Schnader felt it would be helpful in the following ways:

1. Enable the choir members to hear the organ better, whereas under the alcove they are hindered.
2. Would not dread the embarrassment of becoming ill and having to be lead out from the choir loft down the Altar steps.
3. Better music and voices from this vantage point.
4. Would have more people interested in joining choir if they were not on display.

Donald would work out an interim electronic fix with a contractor which would not be expensive; this would suffice until the total organ job was complete. Mr. Fader said that we reviewed the entire music situation not too long ago and made some big changes which included painting the entire church and felt this would be sufficient for the time being. Mr. Fader commented also that it would be in violation of present fire code regulations to have the console and choir up in the center of the balcony.

Spiritual Committee: In William Benser's absence Dr. Weisser reported that Laity Sunday was, in a measure, a success that 65 people stayed on after late service and participated in the proceedings. He like the down to earth tactics used by Mr. Herold in his presentation and hoped that all of us picked up some pointers so that we could possibly, with the proper planning, duplicate some of his achievements. Mr. Herold refused to accept any money for his overnight lodging; he said that the \$45 would cover everything. The entire bill for the Laity Sunday proceedings amounted to \$140.50 of which \$60 was returned through use of the voluntary donation basket, leaving an approximate cost of \$120.

Ushering Committee: Progress

Nominating Committee: Mr. Tuerk presented a list of nine potential nominees to the Council Board for November 28 election. The Council reviewed all the names on the list and approved them.

Ernest Jones' preliminary report on Oyster and Sour Beef Supper - served over 1200 people - should have about \$2400 coming in, already have received \$2200. We should clear \$1500 to \$1600.

Mr. Fader read a letter of thanks which we received from the Beloxi Mission for our giving. He said that we also got a letter from the Consistory Council of Central Atlantic Conference thanking us for the fine manner in which we received Mrs. Harcum. Mr. Wintling, of Stewardship Committee, said there will be more meetings where we can express our concern for stewardship.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mr. Louis Smith presented the brochure which spells out the financial needs of our church. This brochure also suggested the proper amounts which should be given by congregational members when possible. The Council agreed that if the impact is to be effective it should be made up and sent out by the first of the year.

The cost of putting the brochure together was estimated at four times the cost of the "Endeavor" or about \$168. The Council Board approved the making up of the Brochure which would cost about \$168, the mailing out of the brochure, if it did not exceed \$100 and if it could be put in the hands of the congregation before January 1.

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

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker, Sr.
Recording Secretary