

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on February 4, 1969.

Those in attendance were: Albert Fader, Fred Long, Louis Smith, Robert Logue, William Benser, John Lenning, George Tuerk and Lou Parker, Sr.

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

The minutes for the meeting for the month of January were read and approved as written.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and approved as submitted.

Mr. Fader informed us that our supply of financial statement forms which we mail out quarterly is depleted; the cost per mailing which includes stationery, envelopes, secretarial help and etc. is \$45. Mr. Fader suggested we mail out just two statements per year - July and January instead of the four. Louis Smith made a motion that we mail out these financial statements twice a year in July and January, Robert Logue seconded this motion and it was carried. Pastor Rasche said that he would announce the new two mailings in the Bulletin.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: Mr. Fader said that Ernest Jones was concerned over the unusually high fuel oil bills which we are getting for heating of the Church and Church School Buildings; he said that he would contact Fred Gross regarding this matter. Pastor Rasche said that George Sauer, having some knowledge about boilers etc., was staying right on top of this problem.

Fred Long reported that the desk chairs at Martin Marietta's surplus sales were broken; he said that he would price new chairs () at Baltimore Stationary. Fred Long will get a locking device for the file cabinet in Pastor Weisser's office area.

It was decided to have a new lock installed on the pantry in the kitchen because some items have been disappearing - too many keys out for present lock. Pastor Rasche and Mr. Fader will be issued keys to the new lock. Organizations of the Church upon request will have the pantry opened for their occasion.

The Council Board took time out from the meeting and examined the renovation of the table which Mr. Sauer had just completed; they were pleased with what they saw. Mr. Sauer, if given the go-ahead, will re-build more of these tables.

Pastor Rasche reported that the Girl Scouts are constantly expanding and as a result, have grown too large for the Upper Room. Mrs. Pate, the Coordinator, would hate to see the scouts leave here, but if accommodations are not forthcoming, there will be no choice.

The heating problem in the Upper Room was again discussed. Louis Smith said that he would contact Mr. Ebert the plumber.

Membership Committee: Dr. Weisser reported a change in his calling since his delinquent visitations were just about completed. He will be calling on members who start to taper off in their attendance, in an attempt to revitalize their interest before they fade in the background. Pastor Weisser will consult Mrs. Fader and check through the attendance cards as a source of information for calling on those who show signs of indifference.

Fellowship Committee: Fred Long submitted finalized report for Tinsel Day - Total cost was \$244.86, after deducting the \$170 received in donations the total cost to the Church was \$74.86.

Pastor Rasche reported that all bake sales for the Lenten period have been set up; each organization will have to make preparations and then clean up afterwards. Fred Long will purchase buns for the fellowship period.

Louis Parker Sr. secured the Maga-Vista Beach Club for our annual Church and Church School Picnic. It will be held Saturday, July 26; all tickets, child or adults will be 60¢.

Calendar Committee: No dates requested.

Music Committee: George Tuerk said that he would contact Donald Schnader in regards to the contract for the maintenance of the organ, which will expire soon. Mr. Evans is currently taking care of the organ, Donald wants a Mr. Herbst to pick up the new contract. The Council would want a good reason for letting out this contract to a new party. The Council Board agreed that the organ would be completed in approximately two years when Church School Improvement loan is finished. The choir asked about having the organ console and choir moved to the balcony. Pastor Rasche suggested that those who are interested in this project get some estimates, the Council Board would look into these, if and when it decided to make this move.

Spiritual Committee: Bill Benser said that a meeting was held January 22 at which time ways would be discussed to improve the worship services such as having greeters at the Church door when people enter, also for baptism parties. Pastor Rasche said that he had five or six volunteers from his group who attended the special meeting on ways to improve church services, that would meet with the Membership Committee. Pastor Weisser said that he would like to have some kind of a brochure made up which spelled out the activities of the Church's organizations.

Ushering Committee: Louis Smith said that he did not have enough Council members at last Sunday's 7:45 a.m. Communion Service. Mr. Fader said that he and Louis Smith were going on a bus trip the first Sunday in May. George Tuerk, John Lenning and Louis Parker Jr. volunteered to take care of the early Church service this date.

Old Business: Robert Logue reported that a couple of young girls appeared to be drunk at the last Teen Nite - except for this, things have been going along fine.

New Business: Pastor Rasche informed us that the property at 3001 O'Donnell St. will be sold on or about Feb. 1. This means that the Canton Christian Council will have to hold meetings and other activities in the member church facilities. Our Pastor said we are at the point where we will have to move out; to accomplish this we will have to develop a sense of togetherness. The Canton Christian Council expects to have another night like last year at Painter's Mill Music Fair.

Mr. Fader informed the Council that the Canton Christian Council was in need of a Trustee, someone who would serve for three years. Albert Fader made a motion that Mrs. May Getz be appointed to serve as this three year Trustee and Louis Parker Jr. seconded this motion; it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Fader told the Council of the need for servers at the Women's Guild Mother and Daughter Banquet on Wednesday, May 14.

The Council Board decided to keep its ad in the Evening Sun without making any changes in it. The Board requested Louis Parker Sr. write Reverend Harry Carculus stating so.

Reverend Paul A. Rasche and Dr. Ralph Weisser, our Pastors, will both be attending a meeting of our Central Atlantic Conference Sunday, June 15. Pastor Rasche said that he took the liberty to call in Reverend Robert Ball to preach the sermon for this service. Three Lay Delegates will be invited from each Church to attend this meeting; the cost will be taken care of by the Church. Pastor Rasche asked the Council to think about this.

The Sewing Group which meets on Tuesdays is in need of material, sewing machines and funds. Pastor Rasche said that he would make an announcement from Pulpit. Fred Long made a motion we advance them \$25 for material, Lou Parker Jr. seconded the motion and it was carried.

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