

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on October 7, 1970.

In attendance were Fred Long, Arthur Block, Albert Fader, Ernest Jones, Louis Parker, Jr., William Benser, John Lenning and Louis Parker, Sr.

President Albert Fader called the meeting to order and Pastor Paul A. Rasche opened it with a prayer.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Mr. Fader asked Pastor Rasche when his son-in-law and his family would be leaving the parsonage, as their being there could account for the increase in the Gas and Electric bill. Pastor Rasche said he didn't know exactly how long this arrangement would go on, but it would terminate as soon as possible. Pastor Rasche informed us that he had already mentioned the matter of making payments toward the increased costs for utilities if anyone saw fit. Mr. Fader asked Mr. Block to consider the matter at his next financial committee meeting. Mr. Block scheduled his finance committee meeting October 20 so that they could prepare the proposed budget for 1971 in time for the Council Board to approve it before the November 20 congregational meeting. Mr. Fader gave each Council member present a copy of the Ministerial Compensation Report to read and study; there could be a special meeting on this matter, as action is due in April. The Central Atlantic Conference will no longer determine the amount each Church should give to the Central Atlantic Benevolence Fund, instead it requests that the Church Council of each church arrive at their own figure.

Doctor Weisser received a call from Saint Luke's Church asking him to be the guest speaker at the honorary service November 1st for Reverend Paul Gabler who will be celebrating his 40th year as pastor at this Church. The Council Board approved the request and will get Reverend Ball to assist Pastor Rasche with the Communion Service on this Sunday. Pastor Rasche requested that we send Reverend Gabler a congratulatory letter for this occasion from the Council and congregation. Mr. Fader directed the recording secretary to write this letter and bring it in for approval.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: Mr. Fader informed us that Friendship Hall is now finished, since the new cabinets have been painted, the light fixtures cleaned and the curtains cleaned. Pastor Rasche requested some sort of a book case be acquired to store the Hymnals in. The Hymnals are used by the Church School classes holding sessions in Friendship Hall. Mr. Fader said that he would look into the matter. Pastor Weisser mentioned again, the need for a portion of some type about his desk. He has papers and other items in the area which at times get misplaced; this would not happen if there was a partition installed. The Council Board agreed that the partition should be installed and that it should be open at the top and bottom; Mr. Fader will have someone check into this. Mrs. Bentrup, one of our sextons, will be retiring after the first of the year. She presently works 3 1/2 days a week and would work 2 days a week after the first of the year if we so desired. The two days Mrs. Bentrup proposed would be Tuesday when the male sexton is scrubbing, and Friday for the all important church preparation for Sunday's services. Mr. Fader said that we have three months to consider the matter.

Membership Committee: Doctor Weisser reported that he is continuing with his visitations and presently is concentrating on newly-weds and Baptisms. Pastor Weisser

asked if any Council members had any recommendations concerning visits; there were none. William Voelker was not present as he was hospitalized with an ailment.

Fellowship Committee: Arthur Block said that he would take care of the Halloween Party since Fred Long would be in the hospital. Louis Parker, Sr. consented to help Otts with the party.

Calendar Committee: Approval was given for Mrs. Arlene Pate to meet with her girl scouts here on Tuesday evening in the gym while the facilities at Holy Evangelical Church are being renovated; this renovation should be complete by February. Arthur Block motioned for the approval and William Benser seconded it, and it was carried. Mr. Fader said that he would contact Ray Schmitt and George Tuerk to re-schedule their Spiritual and Stewardship committee meetings which would fall on October 27 and 28 the same evenings that the Oyster Suppers were scheduled.

Youth Committee: Louis Parker, Jr. reported that at September's meeting the committee worked out a plan for youth (12 to 15 years of age) to meet here on Friday nights. There will be adults to run the sessions at the outset with the plan to eliminate most of the adults as the youths prove themselves capable of taking over. Arthur Block made a motion, that after a break-in period, we let the youth run the Friday night sessions, on a trial basis, with just a few adults in attendance; William Benser seconded the motion and it was carried.

Music Committee: Louis Parker, Sr. reported that the organ chamber door above the choir rattles when a base note is sounded on the organ.

Spiritual Committee: The first family night will be in January. The retreat at New Windsor for Church School people, as previously noted, will be November 6 and 7. The Council approved the same set-up for Spiritual Committee members and their wives as the Church School has, where the Church School pays half of the cost (\$5.00) for each person attending. The approvals came in the way of a motion by Ernest Jones seconded by William Benser, and it was carried.

Ushering Committee: Mr. Fader suggested opening the Junior Council to confirmands while they are taking instructions because they are supposed to be in church anyway. Mr. Fader checked the Constitution to make sure there was no age limit that would prohibit us from taking in the confirmands; there wasn't any, and the Council approved.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Long had nothing to report, but he was preparing to go to the hospital for an operation. Arthur Block consented to take over for Fred Long as chairman of the nominating committee.

Old Business: The Council Board selected a new type of Bulletin for the posting of the Church services. They will cost \$1.35 a hundred and we will get 500 for each Sunday. The new Bulletins will begin the first Sunday in Advent. Arthur Block made the motion to order the new bulletins and Fred Long seconded it, and it was carried.

Pastor Rasche informed the Council that he is notifying the parents of the present confirmation class that they are expected to be in attendance at church with their children; the Council approved.

The Homeland Board will meet in Baltimore October 25 and it will send one of their representatives to speak at our services; there would be no charge.

Pastor Rasche requested week of November 8 through November 14 for his final week of vacation - November 15 through November 18 he will be attending official business at the annual meeting of the United Church Board for World Ministries. Arthur Block motioned that we approve the week's vacation and Louis Parker, Jr. seconded it, and it was carried. Pastor Rasche will preach on November 8 before leaving. Louis Parker, Jr. said that he would take care of the food for the Men's Fellowship meeting of November 14 - Spaghetti and meat sauce would be the menu.

Doctor Weisser briefed the Council Board on an impending Zoning Ordinance which the Canton community would be confronted with. If the Ordinance in its present form were passed, it would permit undesirable heavy manufacturing to move into the Canton area. Pastors Weisser and Rasche have been meeting with the Canton and Hudson improvement associations and the people of the community. This group could not get any response from City Councilman Di Pietro even though they invited him numerous times to their meetings. An amendment to this Zoning Ordinance was drawn up at these meetings, and will be discussed in a brief meeting in Friendship Hall prior to October 19 which is the last day of hearing. This community group will be looking for signatures approving the amendment.

There being no other business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned.

Dr. Weisser closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker, Sr.
Recording Secretary