

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held December 7, 1971.

Present were Fred Long, Ernest Jones, Arthur Block, George Sauer, George Tuerk, John Lenning, Richard Single, William Single III, William Voelker, Louis Parker, Sr. and newly elected council members Robert Logue and Louis Parker, Jr.

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Long and Pastor Paul A. Rasche opened it with a prayer.

The minutes for the meeting for the month of November were read and approved as submitted.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and accepted as submitted. Mr. Jones was urged to send United Church Home the \$200 which was allocated for that purpose.

Finance Committee: Progress

Property Committee: George Sauer finally was able to contact Mr. Mindinowski, the contractor who is to paint-up the walls of the parsonage, only to find out that his original estimate of \$2875 was in error. This estimate included only the labor and rented equipment and did not take into account the material which would amount to an additional \$365 for a new total of \$3240. Arthur Block suggested that George get another estimate from a different contractor.

The water problem in the parsonage will not be taken care of until after the first of the year.

There has been all kinds of beer and wine bottles left in the tower doorway, and also writing on the wall. George suggested that we get a folding iron door to close this area off. There is also the problem of people at times wandering up the stairway of the Church School building as evidenced by cigarette butts and other debris; Pastor Rasche asked why we couldn't get a folding iron door for the base of the stairway to seal the Church School building off. George Sauer will get estimates for both sets of doors.

Membership Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Progress

Calendar Committee: No dates to approve.

Music Committee: Louis Parker Sr. reported that he is still trying to arrange a meeting with Mr. Kenneth Meyers, our organ maintenance man; major installations and emergency repairs has been keeping Mr. Meyers very busy, consequently he will not be able to meet with us until after the first of the year. Mr. Meyers has been doing some estimating on a proposal for a tentative build-up of our organ, and his (ball-park) figure is \$15,000.

Two prospective Music Directors have been lined up to replace Mrs. Irons when she leaves at the end of December. Mr. Larry Teague and Mr. John Bankett are presently interested in trying out for this job. Lou Parker will arrange interviews for both applicants Monday, December 13.

Audit Committee: Ernest Jones said that the audit would be complete before January's congregational meeting.

Ushering Committee: Progress

Stewardship Committee: Henry Schneider Jr. will finish all his outside obligations and will be able to attend board meetings and participate in committee functions as of December 17, 1971.

Youth Committee: Fred Long reported some progress--there were 14 at the last session and they went on a bike hike.

Pastorial Committee: No progress - Richard Single said there will be a meeting after the first of the year.

Old Business: William Single said we should get the Church bank account straightened-out; that is by having only Council Board members as official check signers.

Tinsel Day - Fred Long asked for volunteers to set Friendship Hall up Saturday, Dec. 12.

New Business: Election of officers to the Church Council for the year 1971.

President: A motion was made by George Sauer and seconded by William Single III that Arthur Block be elected the President of the Council Board for the year 1972. The motion was unanimously carried.

Vice President: A motion was made by John Lenning and seconded by George Tuerk that George Sauer be elected the Vice President of the Council Board for the year 1972. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recording Secretary: A motion was made by Arthur Block and seconded by George Sauer that Louis Parker, Sr. be elected Recording Secretary of the Church Council for the year 1972. The motion was unanimously carried.

Financial Secretary: A motion was made by Richard Single and seconded by John Lenning that Ernest Jones be elected Financial Secretary of the Council Board for the year 1972. The motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer: A motion was made by Louis Parker, Sr. and seconded by Arthur Block that Richard Single be elected Treasurer of the Council Board for the year 1972. The motion was unanimously carried.

Pastor Rasche passed out a tentative listing for special services, events and appeals for the year 1972. The Council Board approved the schedule in the main, but suggested that we have two local missionaries preach instead of one local and one foreign missionary. Pastor Rasche will try to get Wayne Moulder for January, and another local missionary for October. Ernest Jones motioned that we approve Pastor Rasche's "1972 Schedule of Events" as amended. George Tuerk seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

The transfer of Rose Canitz to Emanuel Episcopal Church was approved by the Council Board.

Doctor Billy Graham's Crusade, which will be held in the near future at Memorial Stadium, was approved by the Council Board and Pastor Rasche. The board was cognizant of the fact that our sanctioning of the Crusade could mean that we would be asked to possibly supply help in the way of choir members, ushers etc. An approval sheet will be hung in the Narthex of the Church for the Congregation to sign. Pastor Rasche will sign the approval sheet and mail it in.

Pastor Rasche suggested that we follow up on Richard Single's idea of electing delegates or sending volunteer delegates to attend the annual meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference. The Board agreed to take the matter up at January's congregational meeting.

The Council Board was given copies of reports from the Central Atlantic Conference meeting so that members could review them. Special meetings will be set up to discuss them, the Yellow book the 4th Tuesday of January; the Blue book in February.

Pastor Rasche's car allowance was discussed again; there are a few items the Board and the Pastor do not agree upon; these items will be discussed again at a later date.

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