

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on May 4, 1971.

In attendance were Fred Long, Ernest Jones, John Lenning, William Single III, Richard Single, Arthur Block, William Voelker, Ray Schmitt and Louis Parker Sr.

Treasurer Arthur Block in the absence of Fred Long called the meeting to order and Pastor Paul A. Rasche opened it with a prayer.

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

The monthly financial report was reviewed and approved as submitted.

President Fred Long arrived and took up the task of conducting the meeting.

Report of Committees:

Finance Committee: Arthur Block has one more letter to get concerning the bells and clock and then he will be ready to have the meeting with Mr. Cober on our insurance contract.

Property Committee: Pastor Rasche reported that the two air conditioners in the parsonage are acting up. The compressors are bad in each unit and will have to be replaced. The cost to repair the old units is almost as much as the price of a new one. The Council Board agreed to wait until Mr. Sauer is back before we make any decisions concerning the air conditioners. George Sauer cleaned the two large screen areas of the organ lofts.

Membership Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Progress

Calendar Committee: Pastor Rasche cleared Friday, June 18 for "Fun Night" which this year will replace the "Strawberry Festival." Daily Vacation Bible School will commence here July 5 and we will work in conjunction with Saint Brigids Church.

Music Committee: Louis Parker, Sr. reported that Mrs. Barbara Irons, our Music Director, requested a meeting with the Music Committee to discuss the music situation. On Thursday April 15, immediately after choir rehearsal, Louis Parker, Sr., George Tuerk, William Single III, Pastor Rasche, Mrs. Barbara Irons and three senior choir members met.

The following was thoroughly discussed and agreed upon:

- 1) The junior choir will in certain instances induct 5th and 6th graders into the choir. This would be done only to maintain quality and to keep the choir complement adequate. The senior choir lower age limit would be 15 years of age.
- 2) Mrs. Irons would continue with the Children's Choir rehearsals on Saturday mornings through June 27 which is the end of choir season. According to Barbara, a non-professional pianist could handle the Saturday morning rehearsals; the committee agreed to take the matter up at August's Council meeting.

- 3) Our organist's request for a pay increase for weddings and funerals was a reasonable one and would be looked into at the next council meeting.
- 4) Action would be taken regarding the poor state of repair of the Church organ. The committee informed Mrs. Irons that the matter of changing contractors for the maintainance of the organ was one that should not be taken lightly. Barbara assured as that she would thoroughly sound out professional opinions before recommending a maintainance Firm.
- 5) Mrs. Irons would write up a suggested list of additional stops and etc., which would in her opinion, adaquately complete the organ.

The Council Board reviewed all fees for weddings and noted that presently they are as follows:

a) Church Fee	\$15.00
b) Organist	10.00
c) Caretaker	10.00
d) Pastor	15.00
e) (Optional) Soloist	10.00
f) (Optional) Aisle carpet	<u>7.00</u>

Total \$67.00 with options

50.00 without options

The Council Board agreed that a pay increase would be in line for Mrs. Irons and Pastor Rasche. William Single motioned that effective immediately Mrs. Irons pay for playing at weddings and funerals be increased from \$10.00 to \$15.00 and that Pastor Rasche's fee likewise be increased from \$15.00 to \$20.00. Richard Single seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

The Council Board agreed to get an unbiased opinion on the state of repair of the organ. This would be done by getting Mr. Jacob Ellerman, the organist at St. John's church to make the evaluation.

Spiritual Committee: Ray Schmitt announced a presentation by Sergeant Goddard of the Public Relations Office, Baltimore City on Narcotics. The presentation would take place here at Friendship Hall May 18.

Ushering Committee: William Voelker mentioned the continuing lack of interest on the part of some older Junior Council members at late service.

Stewardship Committee: No report

Youth Committee: Progress

Old Business: Richard Single asked Fred Long if he had spoken to Henry Schneider, Jr. about his inactivity on the Church Council. Fred Long said that he hadn't seen him recently. Fred promised to seek Henry out and talk the situation over.

Pastor Rasche said that he sent out a form to all the delegates of the church who recently attended the SECO meeting requesting that they relate their experiences on the form and state whether our church should or shouldn't join SECO. The delegates returned 13 of the 20 forms and they showed that 10 were in favor of

our joining, two opposed and one abstained.

Mr. Fader informed Pastor Rasche that he is receiving mail from SECO addressed to him as a member of the Senate representing our organization. Al requested that we give him some backing or send someone along with him with backing. After a lengthy discussion concerning the pros and cons of our church joining SECO, the following motion was made by Richard Single. Richard Single moved that we continue sending Mr. Fader and Mr. Voelker to SECO meetings as representatives of our church. William Voelker would report to the Council as to what is going on. We would then weigh and discuss this feedback and in time would decide whether our church would join SECO. William Single seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Pastor Rasche informed us that we need three official lay delegates plus two Pastors for the Central Atlantic Conference meeting which will be held here at Loyola College this year. The meetings will be Friday, June 11, Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13. Reservations should be in by May 24 which would only be for meals since it is local this year. Richard Single and Fred Long said they would be present Saturday, June 12; Arthur Block said that he would consider.

Pastor Rasche informed us that he would be attending the General Synod meetings in Grand Rapids Michigan Thursday, June 24 through Wednesday, June 30 as an official delegate.

Council Board approved the renewal of United Church Herald same subscription as last.

Council Board approved Mrs. Grace Fader's vacation week of July 26 and August 16. There being no other business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

Pastor Weisser closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker, Sr.
Recording Secretary