

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on April 4, 1967.

Those in attendance were Albert Fader, George Sauer, Arthur Block, William Single III, Richard Single, Ernest Jones, Louis Mueller, Louis Smith, and Louis Parker Sr.

The meeting was called to order by President Albert Fader. Pastor Rasche was ill and was not able to be with us.

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

Report of Committees:

Finance Committee: In reviewing the Monthly Financial Report it was noted that the fuel oil bills for heating the parsonage were running rather high. Richard Single said that he would bring a heating engineer in to make a survey of our entire heating plant. Mr. Single informs us that this survey would not cost us anything, as this engineer works with him.

The Finance Committee at their last meeting decided to merge the Emergency Fund and the General Fund into one entry on the Monthly Financial Report. They feel this will make the report more simple to maintain and easier to understand.

Property Committee: The Church School wall has been pointed up as per contract.

Harp & Sons have looked into our acoustics problem in the Church and have recommended the following - - more voices in the choir, graduated steps in the choir loft, and the addition of microphones with amplifiers. The Council Board agreed to take one step at a time, and for the time being take the plug in microphone at the Altar and set it up in front of the Choir.

Mr. Evans was contacted in regards to modifying the organ. He has suggested adding additional stops at a cost of \$650.00, and adding 183 pipes which would cost \$2370.00. For more particulars on the modification of the organ, I refer you to the estimate from Mr. Evans.

George Sauer reports that the planter work in front of the parsonage will commence with the coming of good weather.

Louis Mueller to get more information on tables for Friendship Hall.

Transparent mirror sample to be taken up to Quiet Room during daylight hours to be checked out.

Louis Smith assures us that the worn Altar carpeting will be repaired free of charge.

The Council Board noted that the plumbing repair work was satisfactorily completed.

Mr. Fader informed us that our mimeograph machine was in very poor condition and that money had been budgeted for the purchase of a new machine. He spoke favorably of the A B Dick machine which he said would handle 500 sheets of paper as opposed to 100 sheets which our present machine handles. Mr. Fader thought this machine could be bought for approximately \$750.00. Richard Single made a motion we purchase this article providing the price does not exceed \$800.00. The motion was seconded by William Single III and was unanimously carried.

William Single put this question to the Council Board - Do we need new front doors for the Church and if we do would we want them to be made of glass? The Council Board agreed that the present doors were all right and that there were many other things we needed more than new doors. George Sauer said we need weather striping of some kind on the front Church doors. Richard Single suggested we compile a list of things we need for the church and set them up for those who wish to offer Memorials.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee held a meeting Feb. 21 with Pastor Rasche attending and two recommendations to the Council Board were forthcoming. The committee recommends that the outstanding bonds for the Church School Renovation project be declared unredeemable until maturity; the only exception to this rule would be in the case of an emergency. The other recommendation was the merger of the Memorial Fund with Wills and Bequests. The combined fund, and the money would be placed in one savings institution. By so doing, the committee feels the bookkeeping will be made simpler and the Monthly Financial Report will be easier to decipher.

Membership Committee: Progress

Altar Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Progress

Calendar Committee: Mother Daughter Banquet May 10.

Crab Cake Supper (Ladies Guild) July 14.

Louis Smith made a motion we approve these dates and Richard Single seconded it; the motion was unanimously carried.

Ushering Committee: Progress

Audit Committee: Progress

Spiritual Committee: Pulpit Committee to hold a meeting Tuesday, April 11 - all Church Board members invited to attend. William Single knows of two seniors in the Seminary. He feels we should move quickly, with the men from Trinity Church, and interview them before they are snapped up.

Picnic Committee: Louis Parker Sr. was appointed chairman of the Picnic Committee which is to be held at Kurtz's Beach, July 22, 1967.

Old Business: Richard Single, after contacting our insurance carrier, informs us that we could save possibly \$500 in insurance premiums by taking the blanket coverage on the Church properties instead of the split coverage. The Council Board approved Richard's request to contact the insurance company to acquire this blanket coverage.

The Council Board is well aware of the time consuming job of bookkeeping that Ernest Jones is doing and wanted to compensate him for it. Ernest refused the compensation and said that he would like to have a new adding machine which would save him time. William Voelker made a motion we purchase an adding machine for Mr. Jones. Louis Smith seconded the motion - it was unanimously carried.

New Business: Mr. Fader urged the Council Board members to turn out for the Chicken Supper April 12 - lots of help needed - start 5 o'clock.

Permission granted to Mrs. Fader to write away for quotes for 1968 envelopes.

Albert Fader informed the Council Board of Pastor Rasche's request to eliminate the service on Good Friday evening. The Council Board voted unanimously in disfavor of this request.

This year five churches will participate in the Community Vacation Bible School. Mr. Fader tells us the formal plans are working out rather well and it appears to be a good community venture in the making.

As there was no other business to come before the Council Board at this time, a motion was made by Richard Single and seconded by William Single that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker Sr.

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