

OPENING:

The regular monthly meeting of our Church Council, held at the United Evangelical Church (Friendship Hall), was called to order on Tuesday, January 4, 1966 at 8:14 P.M. by our President Mr. A. Fader and opened with prayer by Pastor Rasche

The following officers were present:

Messers A. Fader and G. Sauer

Absent were:

Messers A. Johnson, R. Single and F. Long

Members present were:

Messers W. Bark, A. Block, L. Mueller, L. Parker, W. Single, L. Smith and W. Voelker

Church School Liaison Member - Mr. E. Schwartz

SECRETARY REPORT:

The reading of the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, December 7, 1965, were read and approved.

TREASURER REPORT:

The report of receipts and expenditures for the year 1965 were read, discussed and approved.

REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

Property - Chairman Mr. G. Sauer

Heat Upper Room - An engineer checked the entire system and only thing that he could recommend was the bleeding out of the lines.

Payment - Received literature from Viking Chemical Corp., Port Washington, N.Y. After a brief discussion on the matter, a motion was made by Mr. A. Block and seconded by Mr. W. Bark to order 175 lbs of Ex-Cel and receive 25 lbs free.

Floor Polisher - Mr. A. Fader expressed the need for a small waxer and polisher to be used between the Church pews. A motion was made by Mr. L. Mueller and seconded by Mr. A. Block authorizing Mr. Fader to purchase same.

Typewriter for office - A request for a new typewriter was received from our Church secretary and she preferred an electric IBM. This matter was tabled until the next council meeting, but in the meantime inquiries are to be made with regards to the procurement of same. It was suggested not to renew our present contract with regards to service of our typewriter.

Finance - Chairman Mr. R. Single

Absent - No report

Mr. A. Block requested permission to draw money out of our savings account and put same into checking account to pay interest on renovation bonds. A motion was made by Mr. L. Mueller and seconded by Mr. L. Smith approving same.

Membership - Chairman Mr. W. Bark

Progress

Altar - Chairman Mr. G. Sauer

Progress

Fellowship - Rotating Chairmanship

Progress

Christian Education - Chairman Mr. W. Single

Progress

Calendar - Chairman Mr. F. Long

Absent

Bake Sale, March 16th, Young Women's Guild - Approved

All groups to be notified of available Lenten dates

Ushering - Chairman Mr. L. Smith (8:00) and Mr. W. Voelker (10:15)

The duties of the above committee were outlined by Mr. A. Fader. The Pastor indicated that a definite policy of administration of this office was needed. There was general agreement that this was true and future meetings to this end were tentatively agreed upon.

Music - Chairman Mr. A. Johnson

Absent

Light discussion was held on possibility of some change in early music played at 10:15 A.M. service. Nothing definite resolved.

Auditing - Chairman Mr. W. Single

Progress

Spiritual - Chairman Mr. A. Block

Progress

Mr. A. Block is considering change from normal "Confirmation Sunday" procedure.

APPOINTED COMMITTEES:

Renovation - Chairman Mr. E. Myers

Dissolved by Mr. A. Fader

COMMUNICATIONS:

Organ - Pastor Rasche received a letter from Wicks Organ Co. suggesting we consider additional equipment installation to our organ. A reply of inquiry will be sent, asking for specific recommendations, cost, etc.

Christmas Basket - A thank you note was received from the Brown family.

OLD BUSINESS:

Envelopes - Upwards of 170 sets have not been picked up. It was decided to forego mailing same at this time.

NEW BUSINESS:

Council Member - Mr. L. Parker was welcomed and his status as a council member clarified. His present tenure of office is to be considered as completion of Mr. G. Hoffmann's term.

Memorial - A memorial citation is to be prepared for the family of Mr. G. Hoffmann. Mr. W. Single will handle.

Forthcoming events:

Sunday, January 23rd - Lyric, 4:00 PM Ecumenical Council. Admission by ticket. Pastor has limited number.

Wednesday, January 26th - Men's Federation, Mid-winter Retreat. Faith and St. Marks. Reservations to be submitted, cost \$1.50 per person.

Friday, January 28th - Congregation meeting 8:00 PM. Fellowship hall. Annual report by all organizations.

Thursday, February 1st - Consistorial Dinner. Pastor to receive additional information.

Sunday, February 20th - Buffet style dinner to be planned for this date. This will be broached as a pre-lenten party - with the sole purpose of presenting "Break-Thru" motive to members.

February 15th - A day's leave of absence was granted Pastor Rasche that he might attend a conference at Boston, Mass. (February 14th and 15th).

A motion was made by Mr. G. Sauer and seconded by Mr. W. Bark Church School - Mr. Paul Bauersfeld, Church School Superintendent requested that public (i.e. printed) recognition be made of donors to the Church School Bible Memorial Fund. After careful deliberation, the Council decided best method would be to prepare express folder for this purpose to be issued on Christian Education Sunday. Mr. Bauersfeld will be asked to weigh this proposal.

Dedication Ceremony - Dedication ceremony of the Church School will not be held in the ~~near~~ immediate future. It was decided by the Council that the stewardship theme of "Break-Thru" - with Lent following, was preeminently important. Possibly something in the nature of a dedication and "open house" may be devised in early summer.

Choir - A discussion on the performances of the choirs was held. On air of general dissatisfaction was evident. Consensus of opinion was that Mrs. Arbelada has never quite fulfilled expectations as either organist or choral director - thus causing an adverse effect upon the action of the choral groups. Mr. Fader, along with several councilmen, is to contact Mr. A. Witzke and seek his candid opinion and suggestions relative to this unfortunate situation.

CLOSING:

There being no further business to come before the Church Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 PM and was closed with Lords Prayer lead by Pastor Rasche.

Respectfully submitted,

F. Long - Recording Secretary

In the absence of Mr. F. Long the minutes were taken by Messers E. Myers & E. Schwartz

cc: Mr. A. Fader
Pastor Rasche