

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on December 5, 1967.

Those in attendance were Albert Fader, George Sauer, Ernest Jones, William Single III, Richard Single, William Bark, Jr., Louis Mueller, William Peltner, and Louis Parker, Sr.

The meeting was called to order by President Albert Fader and the meeting was open with a prayer by Pastor Paul A. Rasche.

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

The Monthly Financial Report was reviewed and accepted as submitted. It is the intent of the Council Board to withdraw the \$15,000.00 from The American National Bank where we are presently getting a  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  return. Many board members think we could be getting a  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$  return by buying certificates at a Building & Loan Association. Mr. Bark will write for a brochure on these certificates.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: George Sauer reported that he is getting many of the maintenance items taken



care of. We can single remind us not to forget the walls in Friendship Hall - they will either have to be repainted or covered with glazed tile. Arthur Block informed us that there is a dangerous situation on the narthex of the church when the rug is used it slips. Lou Smith is going to contact Peterson. More about a cloth rug for the narthex - may get contract where they keep clean rug in narthex at all times.

Finance Committee Arthur Block, even though he left the council, has consented to continue taking care of the Improvement Fund monies and bonds. Mr. Block graciously accepted this task after William Voelter made a motion to this effect and George Sauer ~~accepted~~ seconded it. The motion was unanimously carried.

Membership Committee . Progress

Altar Committee . Progress

Fellowship Committee . Tinsel Day will be Dec. 17 as previously announced. Friendship Hall will have to be set-up Saturday Dec. 16 and lots of help will be needed for the preparation and serving of the meal on Tinsel Sunday from 12 to 4 P.M.



The committee will meet and finalize all plans.

Pulpit Committee: The installation of Dr Ralph E. Wesser as our Visitation Pastor will be made at the altar by Pastor Rasche on Sunday Jan 14 at 10:15 A.M. service. Immediately following this service Doctor and Mrs Wesser will be honored in a reception in Friendship Hall. Mr Fader said that the plans for the reception would be worked out after Insel Day festivities were over.

Calendar Committee: William Parker suggested that January's Council meeting be changed from January 2 to January 9.

Outreaching Committee: This committee is still interested in securing new junior Council members.

Music Committee: We are waiting for Donald Schneider to get Mr Herbst in to approve the recommendations for correcting the acoustics problems.

Audit Committee: Mr Fader asked this committee to have the audit completed before January's congregational meeting.

Spiritual Committee: Progress. Ernest Jones is waiting on Mrs De Veyen on report of Oyster and Shur



Old Business: Ernest Jones assured us that the pine tree roping would be here by Thursday Dec. 7. Al Feder asked the Council Board members for help in hanging the greens in the Church the same evening.

The Christmas tree will be donated to the Church, and it is a rather large one. William Single said that he would cut it down and Louis Mueller consented to haul it to Church in his truck.

Buster Rasche contacted Mr Crowley of the "Guide" concerning the ad we would like to run in his paper. A 50 word ad on a 48 wk. basis would cost \$5.50 a week - \$264.00 a year. The Council agreed that \$264.00 plus \$72.00 a year which we are now paying through the Chesapeake Association is much more than our budget allows. Lou Smith is going to contact Mr Crowley to see what kind of an ad he can get for \$150.00 a year.

The United Men's Club, upon recommendation of the Council Board, has made some changes in its constitution. These changes have been brought to us for approval and read as follows:

#### Article II - Purpose

Section # 2 - Now reads: "To provide a recreational and social group for the men of the



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### Article III - Membership

now reads: "All men who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older, of Protestant denomination and who are in sympathy with the purpose of this organization shall be eligible for membership."

### Article IV - Officers

Section #1 - now reads: "The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. Any member in good standing in the United Men's Club, Inc. shall be eligible to hold office."

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The Council noted that there wasn't always enough men of our Church who were interested in holding office in the Men's Club. The Council also cognizant of the fine job non-members are doing as officers in the Club approved these proposed amendments to the United Men's Club Constitution. Ernest Jones made the motion that we accept these amendments as submitted, and Louis Smith seconded it. The motion was unanimously carried.

Pastor Rasche felt that these members would now feel that they are a part of our Church, and that they would have an active part in the Father and Son Banquet. He also informed us that the last dance that the Club held was of high calibre, and that everybody had a fine time.

Pastor & Mrs. Rasche, Mr & Mrs Albert Jader, recently attended a meeting at Greenbelt where they were advised of the need of a capital fund drive to enlarge the facilities at the Hoffman Home. The amount needed for this project is one million dollars. Our share according to the break-down would be \$7,886.00 over a three year period. Pastor Rasche said that we should not treat this project lightly by just sending off a small amount of money by a single check. He went on further to say that if we couldn't meet the share proposed to us



that perhaps we could compromise a bit. It was decided to take this matter up at the next Council Board meeting; we would still be open to present this to the congregation.

The Council Board decided to have William Single call Reverend Francis Y. Braggioni in order to get his consent to circulate the exchange of correspondence between him and our Council Board. Mimeographed copies would then be distributed to the twenty or so churches in the Chesapeake Association. This would fill them in on the background and perhaps we could arrange for a forum here.

New Business: Election of officers to the Church Council for year 1968.

President: A motion was made by Richard Single and seconded by Louis Smith that A. Albert Fader be elected the President of the Council Board for the year 1968. The motion was unanimously carried.

Vice-President: A motion was made by Richard Single and seconded by William Vailler that George Sauer be elected Vice-President of the Council Board for the year 1968. The motion was unanimously carried.



Recording Secretary: A motion was made by Ernest Jones and seconded by William Volker that Louis Barker, Sr. be elected Recording Secretary of the Council Board for the year 1968. The motion was unanimously carried.

Financial Secretary: A motion was made by George Sauer and seconded by Fred Long that Ernest Jones be elected Financial Secretary of the Council Board for the year 1968. The motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer: A motion was made by George Sauer and seconded by Fred Long that Richard Single be elected Treasurer of the Council Board for the year 1968. The motion was unanimously carried.

Albert Fader thanked William Bark, Jr., Louis Mueller and Arthur Block for the fine job that they all had done, and expressed the wish for them to run again as members of the Council Board.

Patrick Stanton requested a transfer to Epiphany Lutheran Church. Ernest Jones made a motion that Mr. Stanton be commended to his new church and William Volker seconded it. The motion was unanimously carried.



Paster Rasche received a letter from United Church 9  
of Christ requesting that we turn over the loose  
change from our two regular services of Sunday  
Dec 31. This Sunday, it was printed out in the  
letter, is the 53rd Sunday of the year, an extra  
Sunday in the year so-to-speak. This money  
would serve the Christian World Mission well.  
Fred Long made a motion we turn the loose  
change over to them and William Parker  
seconded it. The motion was unanimously  
carried.

Envelopes will be mailed with January's "Endeavor"  
for the gifts to our Hoffman Home.

The question came up - Should Mr. Wesser be at our  
Council Board meetings. The Council Board voted  
yes, as he is a very important part of our organization.

Paster Rasche informed us that he received a Memorial  
gift from his mother, Mrs. August C. (Theodora)  
Rasche. This generous gift of \$300.00 will be  
used to install a dishwasher in the parsonage,  
which would remain as a permanent fixture.  
Gerge Sauer will secure prices for dishwasher  
and matching cabinet work. William Park  
suggested we send a letter of thanks to Mrs.  
Rasche for her generous gift to our Church.



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Mrs. Marie O'Donnell, a long time worker on  
Sunrite, has consented to run this youth  
group. She will need help and Mr. Fader  
asked the Council Board members to chip in.  
Jerry Myers will be paid \$5.00 each Friday  
night for looking after the activities in the gym.  
John Lenning and Fred Long agreed to help when  
they were able to make it.

We received our envelopes for offering Dec. 4.  
Mr. Fader was very disturbed about this as Dec. 10  
is deadline if everything is to come off as  
scheduled. He will see that a letter is sent out  
to these people informing them to send the  
envelopes to us much sooner.

There being no other business to come before  
the Council Board at this time, the meeting  
was adjourned. The meeting was closed with  
the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted  
Louis H. Parker, Jr.  
Recording Secretary