

Pastor Rasche

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the Unitarian Evangelical Church was held on March 7, 1966.

Those in attendance were Albert Fader, George Lawrence Smith, Ernest Jones, William Park Jr, Arthur Block, William Voller, Louis Mueller and Louis Parker.

The meeting was called to order by President, Albert Fader, and the meeting was opened with prayer by Pastor Rasche.

The minutes for the month of January were read and with minor corrections, were approved.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: Leak in the Church roof where it leaked into the organ chamber has been fixed. The cost was \$128.00 and the bill has been paid.

Mr. Mueller informs us that Mr. Minakowski, the contractor, has agreed to make the following repairs to the northwest wall of the Church School Building at an approximate cost of \$125.00. Mr. Minakowski would cut out cracks in mortar and point up all cracks. The area covered by the job would extend from concrete coping at the roof down to the ground level for the 20 ft width of the scaffold. The 3rd floor window would be included in this area and would be pointed up.

Louis Smith made a motion to let out this job to Mr. Kinalawaki, and the motion was seconded by Arthur Block. The motion was unanimously carried.

Louis Smith to check on new tables for Friendship Hall in Odenton. These tables will be the same as the regular tables 3x8 ft by 29" in height only these will be formica tops.

Albert Fader brought a sample piece of one-way see through mirror plate glass, to show us what could be used in the five small door glass panels and also for the large window in the guest room. Mr. Fader had an estimate from A. Chandon & Sons for the five small glass window panels and the one large window in the guest room - the cost was \$275.00. The cost of $\frac{3}{4}$ " thick plate glass doors for the front Church doors was \$300.00. Art A. Chate also gave us an estimate on this work. The large window in the guest room using the original wood molding would cost \$191.25 and \$8.98 for each of the five small door window panels. The total price for the six windows would be \$235.75. The glass doors for the front Church doors would be \$1900.00.

George Jauer asked us what we intended to do with the worn carpeting on the altar steps. Lou Smith suggested getting Mr. Anderson to look into this matter; he is the man that made the original installation.

Mr. Fader asked Donald Schnader what he thought the music situation. He responded with a written report listing many physical changes to the interior of the church which he thought would improve the acoustics. Mr. Schnader also mentioned that the organ was a little less than adequate and that this could be taken care of by adding some additional steps. Mr. Vukler suggested getting an acoustics man in to look at our problems and have him come up with some recommendations. Mr. Fader and Mr. Sauer are to meet with Mr. Evans and Mr. Harg. ~~their purpose is~~ They are going to try to contact an acoustics man.

Bill Vukler made us mindful of the excessive heat problem we have in the quiet room. It was suggested to block off the heat coming into the quiet room and to rely solely on the hot pipes running under the floor to heat the room. Lou Smith to get estimate for an air conditioning unit for the quiet room. Bill Vukler also asked for a drop leaf ^{shelf} to be installed on the side wall so that babies could be cared for - changing and etc. Mr. Fader asked Lou Mueller to take a look at this job.

Al Fader brought up the plumbing problems we are having - defective valve on toilet bowl in the rest room of Men's Church School Room, leaky faucet in kitchen, partially clogged up trap in wash room by Pastor Roache's office, new trap on dish washer in kitchen. Pastor Roache to

call Mr. Dahr the plumber to take care of these items.

Mr. Sauer called our attention to the planter in front the parsonage and the problem we are having there with the water running in the basement window and also the mess which always accumulates there. Mr. Olock made a motion and Louis Smith seconded it that we cement the whole area in flush with the pavement putting a raised ledge around the window wells and removing the cement from the base of the wells, filling the bases with gravel, thus providing drains.

Finance Committee: Progress

Membership Committee: Progress Mr. Toder was very much concerned about the steady decline in Church attendance. He had attendance figures for the last 5 years of Lenten Services which clearly pointed up the problem. While bad weather and an early Easter season this year did hurt our attendance they were not wholly responsible for the overall steep drop-off of attendance.

Albert Toder felt a letter sent out to an inactive member, no matter how mild, does not have the proper effect. He would like to have Pastor Lasche contact these people personally making perhaps five visitations a week and then report back on

the progress. Pastor Rasche prepared a letter to be sent out to the people who did not contribute in any way, either by offering their services or increasing their giving. The Finance Board expressed the belief that the letter would do us more harm than good, and that it would be unwise to mail it out.

Altar Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Progress

Pulpit Committee: The Pulpit Committee met with the the men representing Trinity Church and the Reverend Hilfiker. They decided just what type of man that they were after. The men that Reverend Hilfiker had in mind were too old.

Calendar Committee: Chicken Supper and Bazaar
Wed. April 12.

Leprosy Mission Supper Tues. April 25

Wedding Reception for Church member Friendship
Hall Sat. Aug. 5 1:30 PM To 3:30 PM

Pastor Rasche informed us that he would be on vacation July 17 thru July 30 the same.
and Mr. L. Foder would be on

Visiting Committee: Progress

Music Committee: Received a check for \$400.00 from the choir for their robes; the rest of the money was added to this sum and the bill has been paid in full.

Audit Committee: Progress

Spiritual Committee: Publicize our portrayal of "The Lords Supper" in the "Guide" and also to all churches in the community.

Old Business: We received a letter from our Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Titus Lelmann. In the letter he stated that he would have been with us for the celebration of our 93rd anniversary; but prior commitments to preach in Philadelphia kept him from doing so.

New Business - Carl & Julie Schneider have requested a transfer from our church. William Berk Jr. made a motion we grant it, and William Vetter seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Commission given to Pastor Rasche to contact Reverend Ball as his replacement during his 1967 vacation.

Pastor Lasche informed us that he has been selected to participate in an exchange of Ministers Program within our denomination. The exchange would not take place until 1968 and would be with a Minister in London, England. Pastor Lasche would reside in the English Minister's parsonage and conduct the services in his church, and the Minister from London would do the same thing here at our church. We would have to pay for the English Minister's transportation to and from New York, the cost of entry. Albert Fader mentioned the problems with auto-insurance and the possible reluctance of the congregation to have this Minister baptize and marry its members. The Council Board seemed to think it would be a unique experience for all parties involved, however nothing was resolved. Mr. Fader asked Pastor Lasche to get more details so we could look at it closer.

Financial Secretary

Our ~~Financial~~ Council Finance asked whom we were going to get to assist with communion during Holy Week and what amount would we pay him. William Baskin made a motion that we secure the services of Reverend Ball and pay him \$65.00. Arthur Block seconded the motion, it was unanimously carried.

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

Respectfully submitted,
E. M. Cook Jr.

Recording Secretary