

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on October 1, 1968.

The meeting was called to order by President, Albert Fader, and the meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Ralph E. Weisser. Those in attendance were Fred Long, Louis Smith, William Single III, Ernest Jones, Richard Single, William Voelker, Robert Logue, John Lenning, George Sauer and Louis Parker Sr.

The minutes of the meeting for the month of September were read and approved as written. The monthly financial report was reviewed and approved as submitted.

Dr. Weisser reported that the retreat at New Windsor program was coming along fine. He had 17 who were definitely attending and it could possibly reach 25. He went on to say that the President of the Ladies Aid should have representative people there. Finances on retreat will cost \$7.00 per person. The various organizations are asked to cover the cost or at least half, if need be. The people attending the retreat will be given a copy of the paper back Good News For Modern Man, which is the New Testament in today's English version, as a memento. William Single, the Spiritual Committee chairman, stated that the purpose of the group attending this retreat would be to implement and perpetuate the material covered and have this serve only as a beginning. He asked that one of the Council Board members attend with him as he would only be present at two more meetings before leaving the Council. In this way, the retreat will aid the continuance of his work. Pastor Rasche added that this is one of the most important things to come along for us in quite some time. The Council Board agreed that the church would help pay, or pay in full the retreat expenses for any person who could not afford to do so; however, the church organization which this person represented would be asked first to reimburse this person. Mr. Fader said that if the people were good enough to give of their time we should not let money stand in our way. Dr. Weisser said that he appreciated this kind of support.

Pastor Rasche asked Dr. Weisser to preach both services Laity Sunday Oct. 13. Lay participation will be only at 10:15 service; emphasis will be on Local Church in God's Mission.

Report of Committees:-

Property Committee: Mr. Sauer informed us that the hot water heater has been installed in the parsonage-Pastor Rasche pleased with it. George said that we should have one installed in church building as it wouldn't cost us any more than the one in the parsonage. Presently to get hot water in the church building the main boiler has to come on for 40 to 50 minutes - this is certainly not efficient. Mr. Fader asked if we shouldn't wait and put this item in next year's budget since the winter season was almost upon us.

The fact that the paint is peeling off the north wall of the stairway in the Church School building was again brought to fore.

Dr. Weisser expressed concern about having to heat the whole Church in order to get a little heat in his office area which is in the Choir room. Many methods of supplying heat for this room were discussed and Mr. Sauer is going to look into them and come up with some recommendations.

Finance Committee: Richard Single announced a Finance Committee meeting Tuesday night two weeks hence to prepare budget.

Membership Committee: William Voelker said that he would have a meeting with his committee soon after the retreat at New Windsor. Mr. Voelker has some important items he wishes to discuss with his committee members and Dr. Weisser concerning visitations. Dr. Weisser expressed the opinion that people with children in confirmation class should be confronted to take envelopes and take active part in Church. He asked if it wouldn't be a good idea to have Pastor Rasche approach these people concerning envelopes. Mr. Voelker said that his committee would be taking all these matters up at its next meeting and would report on them.

Altar Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Fred Long informed us that he had not completed the report on our 95th Anniversary Banquet.

Albert Fader asked if we were going to have a Tinsel Day this year. It was decided that we would and that it would be Dec. 8. The Christmas tree would be erected this date and trimmed.

Oyster Supper Oct. 22 and 23 - Mr. Fader asked the Council Board members to come out and help either one of these nights. George Sauer was given permission to hire a person to wash the pots and pans at \$10 a night.

Calendar Committee: Pastor Rasche informed us that the Junior Council is in the process of getting some activities started up. Marty Beauchamp is heading this group up and will be asking for some nights.

Ushering Committee: Ernest Jones said there is too much noise in the Narthex of the Church during the service and most of it coming from the Jr. Council members. Mr. Jones suggested that the Jr. Council members walk right in behind the Choir and sit in the last pew; they could remain there getting up only for the collection of attendance cards and the offering. The Council Board was wholly in favor of this and said it would be started at next Sunday's Service.

Music Committee: Donald Schnader will be advised that he is playing too loud when he accompanies the Jr. Choir.

Audit Committee: Mr. Fader reported that an audit is coming.

Spiritual Committee: William Single informed us that Mrs Weidel and her daughter Carole would take care of the nursery from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Carole will contact mothers and set up a rotating schedule. It was decided to start the nursery services on the 2nd Sunday of October - age group 2 to 5.

Louis Parker, Sr. gave the final report on the Annual Church and Church School Picnic for 1968. Some displeasure was voiced about Kurtz's Beach so George Sauer has consented to look into some new places to hold the Church picnic next year.

Nominating Committee: William Voelker reported that he did not have anyone accept a nomination to date. He asked also how literally we were going to take this member in good standing ruling. William felt that some of those who were not too steady would respond well when called upon.

Old Business: The Men's Organization had their first regular meeting Sept. 18 with 18 men in attendance. The following officers were elected : President - Louis Parker Jr., Vice-President - Fred Long, Secretary - Marty Walsh, and Treasurer - Clarence Rowell.

Teen nites, according to Pastor Rasche, will begin Fri., Oct. 11 for our youth ages 12 thru 15. The sessions are from 7:30 til 9:30 p.m. Friday evenings. People are needed to look after this group.

New Business: Mr. Witzke is presently teaching the senior high and the middle high groups in Church school; and it is a difficult job to cover both groups because the teaching material is by necessity different. Mr. Edwin Myers will, therefore, take over the middle high group and teach it in the Men's Class room. The men's group will move to the Scout's room behind Fellowship Hall.

Pastor Rasche has received a report from Mrs. May Getz on the Daily Vacation Bible School which showed the money we received from our group and our expenditures; this is fine, but Pastor is still waiting a complete final report.

Fall meeting of Chesapeake Association will be held at St. Matthews Church Sunday, Oct. 20 from 3 to 7:00 p.m. Pastor Rasche stated that he would like to have representative groups there from all of our organizations.

Halloween Party will be held Oct. 27 at Friendship Hall. It has always been a good fun time for both adults and children; and should cost approximately \$50.

There being no other business to come before the Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

Pastor Rasche closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker, Sr.