

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on September 3, 1968.

Those in attendance were Albert Fader, George Sauer, Robert Logue, Fred Long, William Single III, Richard Single, William Voelker, Ernest Jones and Louis Parker Sr.

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

The monthly financial report was reviewed and William Single urged Ernest Jones to secure another Certificate of Deposit. Mr. Jones said that if he did so he wouldn't have enough ready funds to operate. The report was approved as submitted.

#### Report of Committees:

Finance Committee: Richard Single reported that he secured a certified appraisal of our Church property; it is as follows: Church building \$350,000, Church School building \$250,000, Parsonage \$45,000, equipment - all contents of all buildings \$217,000, for a total of \$862,000; this would include complete coverage with liability insurance. Richard said the premiums on this policy would cost us much more as we would have broader coverage; our buildings and their contents are presently insured for \$465,000. The cost of this appraisal made by Edward Eyring Contractors is \$100. Richard said it would be advisable for us to have an appraisal made every 5 years because of constantly rising building costs.

Mr. Fader urged the Budget Committee to hold their meeting by October so that the proposed budget for 1969 would be ready for presentation at our November Congregational meeting.

It was suggested by Mr. Fader that we send out a quarterly report to the Congregation stating more precisely what our financial status is. Al said that this report could be sent out with the "Endeavor." Pastor Rasche said that the report would have to be ready by the 15th of the month. Al asked the Finance Committee to work on this report.

Property Committee: Mr. Sauer reported that the painting of the parsonage was completed; Pastor Rasche said that he and Mrs. Rasche were very pleased with the job.

George Sauer was given permission by the Council Board to secure a 40-gallon oil hot water heater for the parsonage basement. George Sauer informed us that 100 fold-away chairs have been delivered and that they have been stowed away.

Membership Committee: There is a meeting coming up for this committee.

Altar Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: The Council Board asked Richard Single to be our Toastmaster at our 95th Anniversary Banquet; Richard graciously accepted. Pastor Rasche informed us that Rev. Titus Lehmann and his wife would be here for our Sept. 22 services; but they would not stay over for the banquet. Pastor Rasche said that he would ask Rev. Lehmann to take part in the services, and also invite him and the Mrs. to the parsonage.

They are scheduled to come by train and the fare will be about \$30.00

Fred Long reported that to date 130 tickets had been sold and that he had 60 more to sell. Al Fader urged all Council Board members to help sell these remaining tickets.



as all food would have to be paid for and that he didn't want us to lose out. Mr. Fader said that he would welcome the congregation and guests at the banquet and then introduce our Toastmaster; he would also thank the committee for putting it all together. Fred Long informed us that favors were purchased for both men and women - 175 for the women - 75 for the men. Rev. Alexander Tichnert of Calvary Methodist Church will be our guest speaker at the banquet.

Fred Long asked when the tickets would be here for the Oyster Supper; he was advised that they would be here the next day. It was decided to give Mrs. DeVaughn only the amount of tickets that she asked for - no more. Al advised Fred to talk to Mrs. DeVaughn to find out whether she wanted to buy the supplies for the supper - if not we would purchase them.

Calendar Committee: No dates asked for.

Ushering Committee: William Voelker informed us that four applications have been turned in from boys who wish to become Junior Council members. Marty Beauchamp will meet with these boys and the regular members Sept. 17 to conduct an instructional as well as a fellowship meeting prior to installation. Sunday Sept. 29 the Junior Council members will re-dedicate themselves.

Music Committee: Progress

Audit Committee: Mr. Jones said that he would get the committee together on the audit.

Spiritual Committee: Progress

Old Business: Ernest Jones asked for a report from the Daily Vacation Bible School for this year's sessions; Mr. Fader said that he would check Mrs. May Getz on this.

Al Fader reminded us that the men's group would meet next Wednesday at 8 o'clock. He urged the Council Board to turn-out and help to get things going. The Council Board expressed a desire to get young men interested in this group and have some of them perhaps take office.

Mr. Fader, after having made an announcement at our last meeting that the film strips on sex education would be shown to the Council Board members as well as the Church School staff, was disappointed when only five Council Board members and ten Church School staff people showed up. A discussion followed the showing of these film strips. Mr. Fader said that he may have stunned the Church School staff and the pastor when he remarked that things of this nature should come before the Council Board before they are undertaken; Pastor Rasche thought that the Church School acted within its rights. Mr. Fader asked the Church School staff to write him telling him how they felt about presenting this material to the students. He received six or seven letters from them opposing the teaching of this type material. The objections were as follows - not qualified, too young, embarrassing subject, not the proper place, etc..

Mr. Fader suggested sending a letter out to the congregation announcing a showing of these film strips to parents only, parents then would decide whether they wanted the films to be shown to their children. Mr. Fader asked the recording secretary to write a letter to Paul Bauersfeld and his Church School staff expressing our thoughts on the sex-education project.

New Business: Pastor Rasche stated that he and Mrs. Rasche, Marie O'Donnel and Albert Fader would attend the meeting at Calvary Methodist Church on Sept. 4, 1968 at which they would discuss the teen nites which are now scheduled to start up. Al asked if



anyone had any suggestions or ideas; there wasn't any response.

The following members will be going off the Council Board this year: George Sauer, Richard Single and William Single. The members eligible for re-election are Alfred Johnson, Albert Fader and Ernest Jones.

William Voelker accepted the chairmanship of the nominating committee for our November election for Church Council members.

It was decided to continue using our Worship Folders for 1969 as we have enough for at least two years.

Pastor Rasche reminded us that a Stewardship meeting of O.C.W.M. would be held here Sept. 19, 1968. Pastor also stated that there would be a Pastor's retreat Sept. 16 and 17 which would be conducted by our conference; it would last 24 hours, one noon to the next.

There would be no missionary speaker for October as we have a guest speaker in September for our Anniversary.

Pastor Rasche asked if we would have nursery set up for September; William Single said that he would be working on it.

Attendance card change was made as previously requested.

It was decided that the "Upper Room" was purchased in proper quantities that we always use a little less in the summer.

Pastor Rasche secured World Wide Bible Reading Plan. It will go out in Endeavor. They sent offering envelopes, Pastor Rasche asked if we should send them out with the Endeavor. Mr. Fader suggested putting these envelopes in the rack in the narthex and making an announcement from the pulpit.

Pastor Rasche reminded us that Hoffman Home was coming up and also the Poinsetta Fund.

Pastor asked if we had thought about the voters guide in the Church in the up-coming elections. The Council Board did not favor a guide which listed just one slate of candidates, and was actually cool to the whole matter of politics in our Church.

Mr. Fader asked Pastor Weisser if he had anything to report. Dr. Weisser said that he didn't have anything in particular to say, but he did have a fine vacation.

Pastor Rasche had the reports from the fourth annual meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference, and offered them to the Council Board in hopes it would look them over.

Pastor reminded us again of the retreat in New Windsor for our Local Church and Mission which will be held Oct. 18 and 19. He would like to see good representation from the Council and suggested the members bring their wives.

There being no other business to come before the Council Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned. Pastor Weisser closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker, Sr.  
Recording Secretary