

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on August 6, 1968.

Those in attendance were Albert Fader, Alfred Johnson, Fred Long, William Voelker, William Single III, Louis Smith 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 minutes for the meeting for the month of July were read and approved as written.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and William Single thought it very unwise to have two accounts at Vermont Federal Savings and Loan Association where we get 5½% interest on one and just 4½% on the other. He suggested we take \$3000.00 that was in the Memorial Fund with American National Bank and put it in the Certificate of Deposit with Vermont Federal. Pastor Rasche brought up the matter again, where our weekly reporting to the Congregation on our finances through the "Bulletin" was misleading. Everyone present agreed that our reporting in this manner could have a depressing effect on the Congregation as it appears we are always running a deficit. Mr. Fader said that we should continue reporting as we are till September and then the Finance Committee could work out a better way.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: Mr. Fader reported that the wing of the Church had been painted and that the parsonage had been started. Pastor Rasche informed us that George Sauer is now considering an individual oil hot water heater instead of a gas hot water heater.

Membership Committee: William Voelker reported progress - meeting coming up in the immediate future.

Altar Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Fred Long our chairman for our 95th Anniversary Banquet informed us that he is taking reservations for ten people at a table or splitting a table with six and four people at a table. It was decided to let it up to the committee to decide whether to give favors to both the men and women or just the women. Mr. Long said that Overlea Hall was reserved for 200 people and that we would have to pay for 200 people regardless how many turned out; the caterer however would set up for 220 people. William Single thought that Theodore McKeldin would do a fine job as guest speaker at the Banquet. Reverend Warren T. Hilfiker will be our guest speaker at our Anniversary service Sunday September 22. Pastor Rasche asked whom, if anyone, should we invite as special guests at our Anniversary service and banquet. Pastor Rasche then suggested we invite Rev. & Mrs. Titus Lehmann; the Council Board was in full agreement. Pastor Rasche said that he would send reservation favors and a card where people attending the Banquet could choose their food. Fred Long said that he would take care of sending the invite to Reverend Lehmann.

Calendar Committee: Pastor Rasche asked for Sunday evening August 18 for a Vesper Service for the Canton Christian Council in Friendship Hall; the request was approved.

Ushering Committee: Progress

Music Committee: Progress

Audit Committee: Mr. Fader urged this committee to make an audit as soon as possible.

Spiritual Committee: Pastor Rasche said that this committee should get together and hold their meeting.

Old Business: Louis Smith said that he would get Edward Eyring Contractors to make a certified appraisal of our buildings. Presently our buildings and contents are insured for \$465,000.00. Richard feels that we are grossly under insured that \$750,000.00 would be a more realistic figure. Mr. Single said that our premium is budgeted for \$1400 and with the increased coverage it would probably cost more. William Single said that we should definitely insure to the appraisal and the Council Board was in full agreement.

Men's Organization - Mr. Fader informed us that a committee met July 16 to draft a letter to be sent to all male members 18 & up who were members of our congregation inviting them to join the Men's Organization of our church. This letter should be mailed out Aug. 20.

Mrs. May Getz was very pleased with the manner in which the Daily Vacation Bible School was handled this year, and she sent a letter thanking everyone who took part; she was especially pleased with the great help she received from Mrs. Grace Fader and the caretakers. Mrs. Getz also expressed her appreciation for the great assist given to her by Pastors Rasche and Weisser with their planning and cooperation. The school this year had 165 pupils - there were 20 teachers and 17 helpers.

Pastor Rasche and Pastor Weisser have been doing some planning for our retreat in Westminister for our "Emphasis 1968-1969 Local Church and Mission." They have contacted a Service Center in Westminister for Fri. & Sat. Oct. 19 and 20; the rates there according to Pastor Rasche are reasonable.

New Business: Mr. Fader asked the Council to view the films on sex-education which have been secured. These films are primarily for the youth of our church, and of course, before they are shown they should be approved by the Council Board. The showing will be in Fellowship Hall Wednesday Aug. 21; the Church School Teachers will also be in attendance and a discussion will follow.

Pastor Rasche received a request for a transfer from Mr. & Mrs. John Long to Saint Andrews Evangelical Lutheran Church; they are listed as active members. Louis Smith made a motion that this couple be commended to their new church and Fred Long seconded this motion; it was unanimously carried.

Alfred Johnson asked if we ever considered insuring the life of our Pastor as we could incur some special expenses if something were to happen to him. Al went on to say that Pastor Rasche was certainly the most important man in our church's function. Pastor Rasche had no objections to our securing this insurance. Mr. Fader told Al to look into this matter; the Church would be the beneficiary.

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 W. Parker Sr.
Recording Secretary