

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on July 2, 1968.

Those in attendance were Louis Smith, Ernest Jones, William Single III, Albert Fader, William Voelker, George Sauer, Fred Long, John Lenning 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 June were read and approved as written.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and William Single thought we were in a position to purchase another Certificate of Deposit, and with the approval of the Council Board told Ernest Jones, our Financial Secretary to secure one.

#### Report of Committees:

##### Membership Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Fred Long informed us that we were still in need of a guest speaker and special music for the services on Anniversary Sunday September 22. We will also need a master of ceremonies for our Anniversary Banquet Saturday September 28. Pastor Rasche talked to Donald Schneider about two special anthems that he would like to have him play at our Anniversary Sunday services.

The Ladies' Aid has complained about our wanting to cut the Oyster Supper from two days to one day. The council Board agreed to make an offer of a one day supper, and if the Ladies Aid insisted on two days to go along with them. The dates for the supper, if it is a two day affair, were listed for Tuesday October 22 and Wednesday October 23. Fred Long consented to be the Chairman for this affair. Tickets will be \$2.00 for Adults and \$1.00 for children.

##### Altar Committee: Progress

Calendar Committee: Pastor Rasche received a request from the Chesapeake Association for use of our Auditorium for a Stewardship Workshop session Thursday September 19. Ernest Jones made a motion we grant them permission to use our facilities this date, and John Lenning seconded this motion. The motion was unanimously carried. Our Annual Church School Banquet date was also approved for September 24. Pastor Rasche requested the second Wednesday of the month for the Men's Organization meeting; it was approved by the Council Board.

Ushering Committee: William Voelker informed us that Mrs. Grace Fader sent out letters to the young boys of our congregation and received three replies.

##### Music Committee: Progress

##### Audit Committee: Progress

##### Spiritual Committee: Progress

Picnic Committee: Louis Parker reported that everything was in readiness for our Annual Church and Church School Picnic.

Property Committee: Mr. Sauer informed us that the cabinets around the automatic dishwasher in the parsonage have been installed. Pastor Rasche thanked George Sauer for another job well done.



Mr. Sauer obtained the following estimates from Carnor Painters for our Church property painting:

Entire interior of parsonage, excluding two bathrooms, two coats of paint, chair rail installed in two rooms and some wall papering - cost \$995.00.

Entire exterior of parsonage one coat of primer and puddled where necessary - followed by one coat of exterior oil base paint, the two front doors would be stained and varnished - cost \$245.00.

Painting of office wing - \$55.00

Re-painting tower clock faces - clean hands of clock spot prime and then painted - cost \$75.00

Paint Pastor's study - \$60.00

Paint Church Secretary's office \$75.00

Paint hall rest room just outside of Pastor's study - \$25.00

Paint stair hall - \$100.00

Choir loft ceiling one coat of plastic primer - allow to set for two days and then one flat coat of enamel paint applied, ceiling of Church in balcony and ceiling under balcony \$500.00

This complete paint job would cost \$2130.00; the Council Board agreed that this job is a must, if we are to properly maintain our Church property. William Single made a motion that we let this contract to the Carnor Painters as per the estimate of \$2130.00/ Louis Smith seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Sauer said that the present set-up for hot water in the parsonage is not efficient. It is presently hooked up to the oil burner. Mr. Sauer said that we could get off much cheaper if we installed a gas water heater which could be purchased for approximately \$75.00. There is a gas line already in the basement of the parsonage. Mr. Sauer said that he would look into this matter.

Old Business: Mr. Sauer reported that the Daily Vacation Bible School had used five packages of paper valued at \$7.50. The school also used the whole Church School Building, except for the Men's Class, which resulted in additional cleaning for our sextons. Pastor Rasche said that we should keep in mind that we are taking 200 children off the street for eight days and giving them a fine Christian education.

Mr. Fader asked if it was necessary that we host the Vacation Bible School every year. Pastor Rasche said that we should feel privileged to offer such a worthwhile service to the community. The Council Board agreed that the other churches should be made aware of the extra expenses incurred by the Church which is hosting the Vacation Bible School. Mr. Fader said that he did not like the manner in which the Daily Vacation Bible School is being financed, and that next year it should be an item on the Church budget. Al also informed us that the Young Women's Guild, again this year, presented us with a check for \$35.00 for the Vacation Bible School. Mr. Smith made a motion that we pass the check on to Mrs. May Getz to be used for the Vacation Bible School. William Voelker seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

A check for \$500.21 has been presented to the Church by the United Men's Club which has recently dissolved. Al Fader said that we should put this money in the General Fund and the Council Board agreed. The \$100 bond in the United Men's Club trophy case will go into the Memorial Fund. Al Fader said that we should send out a letter of thanks to Gilbert Felter the past president of the United Men's Club and present president of the United Social Club.

Mr. Fader said that he was very pleased with the turn-out at the special meeting for the formation of a new men's organization within the Church. There were 12 people present and much interest was shown; the goals and purposes of the organization were



discussed. A special committee was chosen to meet July 16 to draught a letter to distribute to all male members 18 yrs. old and up who were members of our congregation. This letter would spell-out goals and purposes to them, and invite them in as members to help achieve these goals and to have fellowship. September 11 officers will be elected, committees will be formed, and by-laws drawn up and so on.

Edward Myers asked Al Fader to check with the Council Board to find out whether it would approve the transfer of the Incorporation Papers from the United Men's Club over to the United Social Club. William Single said to have them bring in the application and the other necessary papers that we would review them and if everything was in order we would sign them.

Carole Weidel who is 18 years old was the only person to reply in regards to our child care program. Pastor Rasche suggested that her mother assist her in caring for the children. Pastor Rasche stated that we should either accept or decline her offer or perhaps place it on a contingency basis; the Council Board approved.

Pastor Weisser attended the General Synod meeting and reported that the major emphasis of the meeting was placed on the role of the local church in God's mission. He stated that the meeting expressed a general uneasiness on the part of those present in regards to our capacity to deal with the problems with which we are confronted today.

The meeting revealed that the value of contributions has not been adequate to meet the needs of this mission work. It also pointed out that the young men being trained for the ministry within our church are more interested in a special ministry within the church rather than the very vital area of ministry to the local church.

This meeting pointed out that God's mission, in regards to the individual, can only be achieved by the action of the local church.

In order to meet the goals set forth in "Emphasis 1968-1969 Local Church and Mission", Pastors Rasche and Weisser suggested that we appoint a committee (two from the Council Board, two from the men's, two women from the Women's Guild, two from the choir, and two from the Church School) and also perhaps send two ladies on a retreat to meditate on planning for this mission work while the committee at home will be thinking along these lines.

Pastor Rasche gave excerpts from an advanced report from the Fourth Annual Meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference. A finalized report is forthcoming.

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Louis W. Parker Sr.  
Recording Secretary