

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on June 4, 1968.

Those in attendance were Albert Fader, Fred Long, Louis Smith, Richard Single, William Single III, John Lenning, Robert Logue, Ernest Jones, William Voelker, 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 May were read and with minor corrections were approved.

In order that Pastor Weisser could attend another meeting of the Church which was in progress at the same time, we heard his report first. Dr. Weisser said that he enjoyed taking on the regular pastoral responsibilities for Pastor Rasche while he was on his three week vacation. During this period, Dr. Weisser took in \$115 in fees for weddings, baptisms and funerals. He turned this money over to the church treasury requesting that it be forwarded through our regular church channels to the Hoffman Home and World Services in the amount of \$90, and \$25 went to Eden Theological Seminary where they are constructing a new library. The Council Board was pleased with the fine manner in which Dr. Weisser performed in the absence of Pastor Rasche, and they told him so. Dr. Weisser informed us that his visitations are continuing. He requested that his vacation be approved for August, and it was.

The financial report for the month of May was reviewed and with minor corrections was approved. William Single urged Ernest Jones to secure the Certificate of Deposits so that we could get the 5½% return on the Church's money.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: Mr. Fader said that we would use the old microphones that we had with the new sound system which we are contemplating. The controls for the new sound system will be installed along side of the stage in the little room. The molding which we had left from another job will be used to cover the exposed wiring when the new sound system is installed.

Louis Smith informed us that he could secure the folding chairs for us at \$3.95 each, providing that we were not in a hurry. The Council Board told him to place an order for one hundred chairs.

Richard Single said that he had nothing on the new tables yet - still busy with the cabinets in the parsonage.

Financial Committee: Progress

Membership Committee: Progress

Altar Committee: Pastor Rasche mentioned that the whites on the altar are faded and that in time they would have to be replaced. He said that he would seek a Memorial gift to secure these. William Voelker would like to have the two microphone receptacle plates of the altar riser replaced with a set which were not so conspicuous.

Fellowship Committee: Things are going along fine in preparation for our 95th Anniversary celebration. Information will be passed out on the anniversary to the congregation.

in the next issue of the "Endeavor." Tickets will have to be secured and reservations mailed out; they will be made on a first come first served basis. We do not have a guest speaker yet for our 95th Anniversary. Pastor Rasche thought it would be fitting to have either Rev. Francis X. Pirazzini or Rev. Warren T. Hilfiker to speak.

Preparations are going right along for our annual Church & Church School Picnic. Pastor Rasche secured the services of a young musical group to play for our younger set; their fee would be \$20.00.

Calendar Committee: Friday July 12 was reserved for the Young Women's Guild for their annual Grab Cake Supper.

Ushering Committee: William Voelker and Pastor Rasche have been discussing the possibility of contacting past confirmands for Junior Council members.

Music Committee: Fred Long reported that Donald Schnader is rather pleased of late with the music situation, especially with the organ. It was decided to let Donald Schnader do as he pleases regarding the summer music; he may get some soloists in to sing.

Audit Committee: Progress

Spiritual Committee: Progress

Old Business: Mr. Fader reported as follows in regards to the future of the United Men's Club after attending the last regular meeting; the chairman of the nominating committee, Wilbert Ermer, had no nominees at all for offices in the United Men's Club elections. A long fruitless discussion followed and finally someone suggested freezing the present officers for a four month period. Mr. Fader told them he was sure the same situation would exist after this four month period had expired; they would still have the same nucleus of men and their prime interests would still be in bowling. This four month period, Mr. Fader told them, could be used in planning for a new Men's Organization. In answer to a remark that someone made about the Church not supporting the Men's Club, Mr. Fader pointed out that of the 26 men present at the meeting, 19 or 20 were Church members. He also told of the opportunities that Pastor Rasche gave them to participate in Church services and affairs. They were also informed again that the Church Council Board bent over backwards to accomodate them letting in non-church members and also letting them hold their Father and Son Banquet each year; they were also provided with a meeting place. The officers and the members of the United Men's Club present at the meeting agreed they had nothing to hope for in a four month waiting period; the Men's Club, therefore, would be dissolved. The outstanding debts would be paid and the remaining money would be turned over to the church along with all the important papers and minutes.

New Business: Pastor Rasche said we should set up a committee from the Council Board for resumption of Men's work in the Fall. The Council Board agreed and said that his time the Men's Organization would be for Church members only, so that we would not have the same thing happen all over again. The Council Board authorized the formation of a planning group and will send out a letter inviting the following people to serve in this group: Richard Single, Fred Long, Louis Smith, Louis Parker, Sr., Mr. Laukman, Paul Bauersfeld, Marty Walsh, Edward Myers, Marty Beauchamp, Raymond Smith, Bill Long, Louis Parker, Jr., Bill Benzer and Norman Parker. This meeting was scheduled for Wed. June 26, 1968. Mr. Fader reminded us that Mrs. Fader and Mrs. Benstrup are both taking their vacation Aug 5 thru Aug. 12.

Pastor Rasche will be on vacation from Saturday, July 5, until Saturday, July 13.

Pastor Rasche is concerned over the child care or nursery facility for the sanctuary that has been planned for September. The question arises, where are we going to conduct this service? We would have to do something about the quiet room as there is a great deal of noise coming from it at present. The gym has been considered. The Council feels that we are losing out by not providing this service. We would like to conduct it with a nurse in charge assisted by volunteers. The mothers who would assist would be placed on a rotating roster. Al said that Pastor Rasche will make an announcement requesting volunteers. The service would prevail between 10 and 12 o'clock on Sunday morning. We must decide what restriction would be placed on the service. Children in arms? Age? A flyer will be placed in the bulletin asking for a qualified person such as a kindergarten teacher or person of similar background.

The financial undergirding of the Daily Vacation Bible School was discussed. Pastor Rasche asked if we could turn over the money to May Getz now. Each church participating will do what it can and they are presently purchasing materials. The Church will bear half the cost and the Church School will bear the other half. The Council Board approved a resolution to give May Getz \$100.

Pastor Rasche requested the transfer of Marilyn Krusco. The transfer of active membership was approved.

Pastor Rasche discovered a very interesting Church situation during his recent visit to California and related it to us. They have been in existence for 7 or 8 years, and their buildings are constructed. Church worship service is conducted from 10 to 11 with the church school being conducted simultaneously. From 11 to 12 a coffee hour is conducted which brings the folk of the church into fellowship. Pastor Rasche said that it was well attended and that he enjoyed it very much. Perhaps we should consider such a venture.

Pastor Rasche informs us that a Conference on Lay life and work will be held at Hood College July 19 through July 21. Men, women and youth will form a team of people from each church. The team would consist of a representative of the official Board of each church, a lay man, a lay woman, and a youth. The cost for this weekend for room and board would be \$18.50 per person. The conference would begin Friday evening and end at noon Sunday. Workshop groups would relate their experiences back to our church as a team. Pastor Rasche feels that it can be a very effective conference. Perhaps the cost of the Conference could be assumed by various organizations within the Church. Fred Long expressed interest in attending.

We received a pamphlet from Rev. Warren F. Hilfiker concerning the crisis in our nation. It was suggested that Council Board members read over this and consider it as Pastor Rasche and Dr. Weisser will also be thinking on this matter.

Pastor Rasche has further pursued the matter of the painting of the parsonage. Al Fader has a new man to consider, and Pastor Rasche will meet with George Sauer to arrange to have this man come in and give us his estimate.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker Sr.
Recording Secretary