

The regular meeting of the Council Board of The United Evangelical Church was held on ~~March~~^{May} 7, 1968.

Those in attendance were Albert Fader, George Sauer, Alfred Johnson, William Single III, Richard Single, Robert Logue, Ernest Jones, William Voelker, John Lenning, Louis Smith and Louis Parker, Sr.

The meeting was called to order by President Albert Fader. Pastor Rasche did not meet with us as he was visiting in California. The meeting was opened with The Lords Prayer.

The minutes of the meeting for the month of April were read and approved as written.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and approved as submitted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Property Committee:

George Sauer informed us that we secured a new sexton. He is a white man 45 years old and lives in the neighborhood. George Sauer said to date he has been doing an acceptable job. The new sexton requested that he be paid on Fridays. Ernest Jones said that this would not be a problem and that he would take care of this matter.

William Voelker reported again about the door in the Northex which will not stay in the open position.

Mr. Fader noted that there is quite a bit of commotion in the quiet room while the Sunday morning service is going on. He asked if a sign could be posted, urging the older people to keep order and to set an example by participating in the service. The sign could read as follows: Teach your child to worship with us by participating in the service. Ernest Jones took exception to any kind of sign being posted in the church. William Single said that this problem would be alleviated when our nursery is headed up by a nurse.

Albert Fader informed us that we have another Mother and Daughter banquet upon us and that we still have not secured the new chairs for the auditorium. The Council Board asked Louis Smith to get prices on 100 folding chairs for the auditorium.

Mr. Sauer told us of the difficulties that Al Witake is having keeping the patched up sound system in repair in the auditorium. This equipment is very old and obsolete and it is just about impossible for him to keep it going. Albert Witake had a survey made by Maynard & Hays & Sons for a new sound system. They could install a sound system manufactured by Executive Communications Systems which would satisfy our needs at a cost of \$629.00. Ernest Jones made a motion that we purchase this sound system and John Lenning seconded it. The motion was unanimously carried.

Finance Committee:

Progress

Membership Committee:

Albert Fader reported that the Membership Committee met a week ago and did some work on the church records. Pastor Weisser's visitations enabled the committee to pass firm judgments on inactive members. Pastor Weisser voiced some of his experiences that he had while making visitations; he also asked for advice on how to categorize the status of inactive members. Before anyone made any recommendations Pastor Weisser went on to say how he would do this, and the Council Board gave their full approval.

Altar Committee:

Mr. Fader commended George Sauer on the fine job he did all through the Lenten Season and Easter Sunday.

Fellowship Committee:

Lou Parker reported that all is going well and that he would use last years tickets by just changing the date and price on them.

Calendar Committee:

No requests.

Ushering Committee:

Mr. Voelker could still use a couple more Jr. Council members.

Music Committee:

Progress

Audit Committee:

Progress

Spiritual Committee:

Progress

Old Business:

Mr. Fader reminded us of the annual meeting of the Chesapeake Association of our Central Atlantic Conference of The United Church of Christ, Sunday May 19 at St. Paul Church. Mr. Fader

asked for at least three official delegates to attend; William Single said that he would go. Central Atlantic Conference representatives we are allowed three - Albert Fader said that he would take care of this matter.

Teen nights are through for the year. Mr. Fader said that the 50¢ charge worked out fine; there was a band present. Next week the charge will go back to 10¢ with no band.

Vacation Bible School - things are going along well. Mr. Fader told us of the problem which our United Mens Club is having in getting a slate of nominees for offices for the coming year. The present officers of the club saw fit to make special mention of this problem in its May "Bulletin". It strongly urged all members to turn out for May's meeting as the future of the United Mens Club would be at stake. The "Bulletin" went on to state that if the offices weren't filled, one of the two following courses would have to be taken:

1. Approach the Church Council of United Evangelical Church to provide a solution to our problem.
2. Due to lack of governing officers the Club would have to be dissolved.

Mr. Fader suggested going in with some Council Board members who were also members of the Men's Club as nominees to fill these offices to save the club. William Voelker thought otherwise, since the bulk of the club was made up of bowlers, he thought they should shoulder the task of running the club. The Council Board concurred; it would be left up to them to staff the offices if the United Mens Club were to stay in tact.

There being no other business to come before the Council Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Pastor Weisser closed the meeting with a prayer.