

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on August 4, 1969.

Those in attendance were Albert Fader, George Tuerk, Louis Smith, William Benser, William Voelker, Ernest Jones, Louis Parker, Jr., William Bark Jr., and Louis Parker, Sr.

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

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

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: George Sauer and the plumber Albert could not locate the return pipe line from the radiator in the Upper Room. They will need these to install new hot water heaters. Mr. Albert said that he could run two new pipe lines from the boiler room to the Upper Room and install two individually controlled hot water heaters, less electrical work, for \$875.00. Ernest Jones made a motion that we have the two heaters installed by Mr. Albert for \$875 and Louis Smith seconded it. The motion was unanimously carried.

Mrs. Catherine Bowens the original donor of the white altar cloths was notified that we are in need of a new set; she relinquished the right to donate them again. Pastor Rasche secured a new donor for the new white altar cloths. Louis Parker Jr. motioned that we turn over donor rights to the new donor and George Tuerk seconded it; it was carried. The white altar cloths cost approximately \$400. Anderson Associates quoted a price of \$1000 to carpet the parsonage 104 square yards complete with under padding. William Voelker made a motion that we have the job done and Louis Parker, Jr. seconded it. The motion was unanimously carried.

Finance Committee: Louis Smith reported that this committee plus Pastor Rasche, William Bark Jr. and Albert Fader met at his house to discuss finance investments of our Church. The committee proposed that we purchase \$5000 in government 90-day treasury bills which would yield a 7.41% return, pending the Council Board's approval. The Council Board agreed that it was perfectly legal and was acting within its rights to approve the purchase of these bonds. Louis Smith made a motion that we secure \$5000 worth of these bonds and William Benser seconded it; the motion was unanimously carried. Pastor Rasche stated that the picture in the next five to ten years looks very poor; he was concerned that we would not be able to cope with the needs of the community; these needs, he said, would have to be put in the foreground if we are to continue. Pastor Rasche spoke for a youth program headed up by Reverend Robert Ball which would run two hours on Friday nights, Saturdays three hours and Sundays four hours. The committee was cognizant of the fact that an expenditure of this size would have to be put to the congregation and if approved put in the budget; we would go along with our regular teen nites on Fridays until the next congregational meeting.

Mr. Fader informed us that we had received a check in the amount of \$500 from the Estate of the late Minna A. Diven.

Dr. Weisser reported that while Pastor Rasche was on vacation he had officiated in three weddings, two baptisms and three funerals to date receiving \$120. He requested, in keeping with our original agreement, he be given the opportunity to turn over \$25 to the Eden Seminary Library Fund and \$10 to the Canton Christian

Council Camp Fund; the remaining \$85 would go to the Church treasury; the Council Board approved.

Fellowship Committee: Everything went fine with the annual Church and Church School Picnic. The people seemed pleased with the new picnic grounds at Mago-Vista Beach Club; and next year they would like the busses to leave picnic grounds at 6 p.m. instead of 5 p.m. The report on the picnic is not complete yet.

Calendar Committee: No dates requested.

Music Committee: Mr. Tuerk reported that Donald Schnader would be on vacation Sunday, August 17 and 24 and that Donald would provide a replacement.

Audit Committee: Progress

Ushering Committee: Progress

Spiritual Committee: Pastor Rasche met with Father Egan of St. Brigid's Catholic Church concerning circulating the neighborhood to re-kindle the people's interest in their respective churches. They agreed that a joint effort between the churches would be more successful than an individual effort, and would wait on the return of Pastor Rasche before working out the details. A brochure on the history, make up, and purpose of our church would cost \$158 for 5000; these would be given to new members and other members when requested.

Pastors Rasche and Weisser have been discussing the service for Lay Sunday, October 26. They thought it would be a good idea to have a lay speaker who was experienced in conference work. There would be a box lunch after the late service and we would try to have many people stay. We would like to have the same lay speaker stay on and make an introduction to our group discussions. Following this introduction we would divide into focus groups in which we would discuss Evangelism and stewardship. The Council Board insisted that the devotional element not be excluded from the service even though we had the guest speaker. Dr. Weisser was given the go-ahead on seeking out a guest lay speaker.

This laity program, after the late service, would not last longer than 3:30 p.m.

Old Business: Mr. Fader read a letter from Mrs. May Getz, who as General Superintendent, directed the entire Daily Vacation Bible School. Mrs. Getz said that the Canton Christian Council expressed their thanks to us for use of our facilities, she also thanked Pastors Rasche and Weisser, the secretary, sextons and all those who helped in any way.

There being no other business to come before the 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