

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on December 1, 1970.

In attendance were Fred Long, Arthur Block, Richard Single, William Single, III, William Voelker, Ray Schmitt, Louis Parker, Jr., Henry Schneider, William Benser, George Sauer, Albert Fader, George Tuerk, John Lenning, Ernest Jones and Louis Parker, Sr.

The meeting was called to order by President Albert Fader and opened with a prayer by Pastor Paul A. Rasche.

The minutes for the meeting for the month of November were read and approved as corrected.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and approved as submitted. Ernest Jones remarked that we were just about \$2,000.00 below last year in our regular envelopes. Mr. & Mrs. Henry Schneider instead of redeeming their \$100.00 bond for the Church School Improvement Project donated the \$100.00 bond to the church.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Property Committee: George Sauer informed the Council that he received two responses to our request in the Bulletin for young men to remove snow from our sidewalks; one boy is 15 years old, the other 16. If it snows Saturday night they will clean the now each Sunday morning making a three (3) foot path all around the Church property and also clean the Church steps. They will be paid \$5.00 each for an average snowfall, pay will increase depending on how heavy the snowfall is. George said we would have to purchase snow shovels and ice scrapers for them. In the event of an icy condition, Chris, our sexton; will spread the de-icer after the boys have cleaned the sidewalk. George recommended two pairs of wooden folding doors to enclose Pastor Weisser's office area; each pair would be 3 feet wide and would cost \$15.68 a pair. William Voelker motioned that we have George Sauer purchase the two pairs of doors and hinges and install the partition. Ray Schmitt seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Mr. Fader read a letter we received from The Baltimore City Fire Department concerning fire code regulations which pointed up the following:

1. All exits must be unlocked and be the swing out type unobstructed and adequately lighted.
2. All Christmas decorations must be flameproof, if live trees are used they would have to be flameproofed.

Mr. Fader mentioned that the Church School Was in some cases using live trees. William Voelker made a motion that Sunday School be allowed to use live trees this year provided they flameproof them and buy artificial trees next year. Louis Parker, Jr. seconded the motion and it was carried.

The Young Women's Guild donated \$500.00 to the Church with the stipulation that the money be used to purchase a new coffee urn to replace the inadequate one we are now using. Mr. Sauer priced a new eighteen (18) gallon urn and found that it would cost \$756.00. The salesman selling the new urn said there really wasn't too much wrong with our old urn. George is going to make some repairs and modifications to the old urn and give it a good trial run at our Tinsel Day Dinner. The Women's Guild will be notified that we are trying to repair the old urn.

Changing light bulbs in our high overhead light fixtures in the Sanctuary has always been a big task, usually done by a service man or with a long pole and mechanical hand. The last time George changed light bulbs he borrowed aluminum scaffolding from St. Brigid's Church and found the task relatively easy. Mr. Fader asked George Sauer to get some prices on aluminum scaffolding; we might consider purchasing the equipment.

William Voelker requested that we place a small curtain at the base of the stairway to the balcony to soak up sound which carries so easily to the balcony disturbing people during the service. Mr. Voelker also mentioned that choir members have been complaining about the excessive heat in the choir loft. Mr. Fader said that we would take action to try and correct this condition starting with wrapping the heater in the choir loft with asbestos.

Mr. Fader after having talked to Fred Gross about our oil burner informed us that there is nothing wrong with it.

Membership Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Fred Long said that Tinsel Day Party was coming up and that he would need help in setting up Saturday, December 12. Mr. Leroy Sennett's daughter has offered holly to us for our Christmas time decorating. Fred Long, Louis Parker, Jr. and Sr. agreed to pick up holly in Edgemere.

Calendar Committee: Consistorial Dinner will be held here in Friendship Hall Monday, February 1.

Music Committee: Mr. Fader read Donald Schnader's letter of resignation in which he stated his increased work load at his place of employment made it almost impossible to carry on as Music Director. His resignation would give us a full 3 month advance notice and Donald said that he would help us secure a replacement and also would come to our aid in the event of an emergency.

Audit Committee; The Council Board agreed that we would audit our own books. Ernest Jones said that he would be ready anytime after the first of the year.

Stewardship Committee: George Tuerk having met with his committee recommended a stewardship insert leaflet which would be placed in the "Bulletin". There would be six different type leaflets and they would be distributed every other month. The cost of the leaflets would be \$8.00 per hundred and we would need 500 for a total cost of \$40.00 per year. Louis Parker, Jr. made a motion that we purchase the stewardship leaflets and distribute them as planned. William Voelker seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Youth Committee: Louis Parker, Jr. reported things going along fine had just six youths at first meeting, but the second meeting there were 25 youths in attendance. Lou said that he is getting plenty of help within the ranks from the older members of the youth group and there are no problems.

Old Business: Mr. Fader reminded the Council Board that an answer to the Ministerial Compensation matter would have to be made by April 30, 1971.

A letter of thanks was received by the Church from the Sewing Group for the cash gift to the group.

There will be a meeting at St. John's Church Saturday December 5 for all United Church of Christ consistories where all plans would be put together for requests, pronouncements and etc. to be brought before the Annual Central Atlantic Conference meeting. This will be a dinner meeting where reservations will be required.

The Church School Christmas program will take place in the Church Sunday, December 27 between the Sunday services.

New Business: Election of officers to the Church Council for the year 1971.

President: A motion was made by Richard Single and seconded by George Sauer that Fred Long be elected the President of the Council Board for the year 1971. The motion was unanimously carried.

Vice President: A motion was made by Ernest Jones and seconded by William Voelker that George Sauer be elected the Vice President of the Council Board for the year 1971. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recording Secretary: A motion was made by Arthur Block and seconded by Richard Single that Louis Parker, Sr. be elected Recording Secretary of the Council Board for the year 1971. The motion was unanimously carried.

Financial Secretary: A motion was made by George Sauer and seconded by Henry Schneider, Jr. that Ernest Jones be elected Financial Secretary of the Council Board for the year 1971. The motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer: A motion was made by George Tuerk and seconded by Ray Schmitt that Arthur Block be elected Treasurer of the Council Board for the year 1971. The motion was unanimously carried.

Pastor Rasche informed us that he has been in contact with the "Guide" concerning an advertisement for our Sunday Church Services. To date it would appear that it would cost \$300.00 a year for two column inches in the "Guide". This would be just half the going rate according to Pastor Rasche. The Council Board requested Pastor Rasche to continue negotiating with the "Guide" in an effort to secure a good ad at a reasonable rate.

The Council Board set January's congregational meeting date for Friday January 22, 1971.

Pastor Rasche read his 1970 Christmas letter that he composed for distribution to the congregation. The Board approved it for mailing.

Pastor Weisser requested Christmas week as his last 4 or 5 vacation days, Council approved.

Albert Fader thanked all the Council Board members who had worked with him through the years that he held the Presidency and also those that were going off the Board.

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

Dr. Weisser closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker, Sr.
Recording Secretary