

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on July 7, 1970.

In attendance were Albert Fader, George Sauer, Fred Long, Arthur Block, William Voelker, Ray Schmitt, William Benser, George Tuerk, 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 June were read and approved as corrected.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and approved as submitted.

Arthur Block made a motion that United Evangelical Church contribute \$100.00 to Elmhurst College's Second Century Fund to support their large building drive, George Sauer seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried; the money will come out of the benevolence fund.

REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

Property Committee: Mr. Sauer showed the Council Board members samples of masmite tile by Royal. The jobber man did not recommend tile where there would have to be studding instead he suggested a spray hard coat. Mr. Sauer will get the particulars and price on the spray hard coat. The leaks in the boiler have been repaired. Mr. Sauer also reported that the window frames in the Upper Room on the inside are in very bad condition-chipped and cracked-would have to be wire brushed before being painted. William Voelker made a motion that we have this paint job done, William Benser seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. The walls in the Church School building in the nursery are in very poor shape according to Mr. Sauer, sealer and primer with old paint. In the stairway in the two upper floors of the Church School building the plaster is crumbling. George will dig out the old plaster and replaster and use sealer on the bad spots. There are 3 or 4 items which will have to be taken care of in the boilers before the insurance inspector will approve them; the parsonage boiler needs larger escape valves. Mr. Sauer informed us that our sexton is looking for a new job because he would like to make \$100.00 a week instead of his present salary of \$90.00 per week. George said that we have a good honest man and should try to hold on to him. William Voelker made a motion that we increase the sexton's salary to \$100.00 a week, George Sauer seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. Mr. Fader reported that we have heard nothing more from Baltimore City concerning the bill for the concrete curbing in front of the Church; he suggested we just wait and see that perhaps they will just forget about it. S.E.C.O. wrote us a letter in which they stated we were accepted as a participating member in the organization and thanked us for the gift of \$100.00.

The letter further stated that the man they interviewed for the top job in the organization was young and impressive with previous experience in this type venture. There were 75 members present at the meeting and they fired question after question at the applicant, who reportedly responded skillfully. A committee was formed to draw up a contract for the applicant who indicated that he would be satisfied with an annual salary of \$10,000 to \$12,000. The organization would also have some community support as already a Jewish organization promised a contribution of \$5000.00, when the organization is founded. The Canton Improvement Association at its last meeting here, was in the process of approving a pledge which would contribute \$2.00 per person per year. S.E.C.O. seemed to be well pleased with its progress to date and looked forward to seeing our delegate at the next meeting.

Membership Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Progress

Picnic Committee: Louis Parker, Sr. reported that all was going well - needed only to purchase the prizes for the games.

Calendar Committee: No dates to approve.

Music Committee: Progress

Spiritual Committee: Ray Schmitt held meeting last week. The committee came up with several ideas one of these would pull together many organization of the Church if all goes as planned.

Ushering Committee: George Sauer said that he was pleased with progress.

Stewardship Committee: George Tuerk had just a few items more to add to the fine account he gave as our official delegate to the annual Central Atlantic Conference. He was particularly impressed with the dispensation given on the delicate subject of ministries compensation. The budget that was adopted this year was smaller than last years. Last years budget was not achieved so it was decided to adopt a more realistic one. The missionaries were contacted and told to trim expenses. Mr. Tuerk said perhaps a meeting of his committee could be arranged for the week of July 19 to plan for Fall stewardship activities.

Arthur Block asked Pastor Rasche why he did not attend the Central Atlantic Conference up until Saturday as originally planned as the fees had been paid. Pastor Rasche said that he had a funeral for that Saturday and that it was either a member or a relative of a member he thought it best to stay on. Mr. Fader read the letter from Reverend Pirazzini in response to our petition to Central Atlantic Conference Overature Committee requesting a change in meeting time from the week-end to during the week, for the annual Central Atlantic Conference meeting. The letter from Reverend Pirazzini did not have any kind things to say about our feelings in the matter.

Mr. Fader, George Tuerk and William Voelker had previously drafted a letter, hotly worded, in response to this and the board approved unanimously in mailing it. Ernest Jones made the motion to send the letter to Reverend Pirazzinni and Ray Schmitt seconded it.

Youth Committee: Pastor Rasche stated that he would like to hold a meeting the 3rd Wednesday of the month.

Old Business: None

New Business: Mr. Fader reported that folk meetings between churches Bethal, First United and our Church, where closer cooperation could be achieved, is particularly important at this time. First United is now without a minister as he just resigned. Mr. Fader recommended starting these meetings up after the summer season; he would like to have at least 6 people from each church attending. Al suggested that the 6 people from our church be made up thusly, one person from each organization and one from Church Council.

The Council Board agreed that the August meeting of the Board would be cancelled unless something urgent comes up.

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 Parker, Sr.