

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on May 5, 1970.

In attendance were Albert Fader, George Sauer, William Voelker, Arthur Plock, Fred Long, George Tuerk, John Lenning, Ernest Jones, and Louis Parker Jr.

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 April were read and approved as corrected.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and approved as submitted.

#### REPORT OF COMMITTEES:

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: George Sauer informed the Council that the thermal pitchers for serving coffee at our dinners were purchased. Seventeen of these were purchased at a cost of \$7.80 each. The 62 ounce size which serves nine cups was secured rather than the 44 ounce size as originally proposed.

Mr. Sauer informed the Council Board that Grimaldi, the contractor selected to do the concrete work on the sidewalks in front of the church, called to request an authorization to secure a permit from the City to do the job. The authorization was granted and Grimaldi will begin the work on Monday, May 11, and will have the job finished by the end of the week so as not to interfere with Sunday services.

The hot water boiler in the basement of the Church has developed a leak. Gross and Wailes was contacted and they advised us to secure the services of a plumber. George Sauer will contact K. Alberts, who has been doing our plumbing work, to get an estimate on the cost of the repairs.

Two toilets in the Church School building were reported to be leaking. George Sauer has investigated the problem and will get the needed parts and perform the repairs.

Mr. Fader brought up the subject of the paint on the walls of Friendship Hall and the evident need to repaint these walls. He suggested, however, that we should perhaps consider tile or paneling for the walls rather than repainting them. If the walls were to be tiled or paneled the cost would, of course, be much greater, but the walls would require no maintenance and would be easy to clean. Also, the need for repainting the walls every few years would be eliminated, serving to further offset the greater expense we would incur initially. Bill Voelker suggested that we contact Armstrong or other such firms to ask that they send us a consulting sales representative to make recommendations as to materials and various applications and the corresponding costs. George Sauer will solicit bids on various materials and methods.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: The letter which was to be drafted and sent to delinquent members was drafted and will be sent out to these persons.



FELLOWSHIP COMMITTEE: Fred Long turned in the proceeds from the Coffee Hour which followed the Wednesday Evening Lenten services to the financial secretary, Ernest Jones.

CALENDAR COMMITTEE: The Canton Christian Council requested the use of Friendship Hall for Vacation Bible School. Arthur Block made a motion that we allow the Canton Christian Council to use Friendship Hall for the Vacation Bible School, John Lenning seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

The Canton Improvement Council requested the use of Friendship Hall on June 4, 1970, at 7:30 P.M. for its program. Bill Voelker motioned that we give them permission to use Friendship Hall on the date requested, Fred Long seconded the motion and it was carried.

June 19, is the date that the Church School has selected for its Strawberry Festival this year. The Church School has requested the use of Friendship Hall on that date. Fred Long made a motion that the Church School be given the use of Friendship Hall on that date. Bill Voelker seconded the motion and it was carried.

SPIRITUAL COMMITTEE: A meeting was held on April 29, to discuss the spiritual life of the congregation in terms of programs by the various organizations of the Church. The meeting was attended by the officers of the Men's Fellowship, Ladies Aid, and the Young Women's Guild. It was decided that the various organizations of the Church will take turns in planning a major program and meal to be open to the entire congregation. Once the sponsoring organization had drawn up its tentative plans for the program and meal it would request the aid of all the other organizations in carrying out its program plans. It is hoped that we will have four or five of these programs spread out evenly across the calendar year.

A committee of Church members attended the annual meeting of the Chesapeake Association at Huter Memorial Church. Pastor Rasche was elected to attend the meeting of the General Synod as the representative of the Chesapeake Association. Strategy was the main topic of discussion at the meeting with specific emphasis being placed on the continued life of various congregations in the Baltimore area who are threatened with the possibility of having to close their doors.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: At its last meeting the Finance Committee discussed the possibility of buying AT&T bonds that yield 8-3/4% interest. The bonds have a \$100 par value which have a term of 30 years. This is not a speculative investment as the bond is worth \$100 at maturity or if called in at anytime by the company. If it must be liquidated the bond must be sold at market value. The committee recommended that the Council Board purchase the AT&T bonds. The Council Board, however, was reluctant to take immediate action on this purchase and will consider this matter for several weeks before taking action.

Half of the bequest from the Ernest Leimbach estate was received (\$250.) The remaining half of their bequest will be received when the estate is settled for the total bequest of \$500.

It was pointed out that letterhead and envelopes and memorial cards must be approved for re-ordering. A motion was made by Arthur Block that the letterhead, envelopes, and memorial cards be approved for re-ordering with no changes to be made. The motion was seconded by Bill Voelker and was carried.



USHERING COMMITTEE: The head ushers are pleased with the way collection is now being taken. The ushers proceed down the aisles in unison when taking the collection.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE: Progress

YOUTH COMMITTEE: Progress

OLD BUSINESS: Arthur Block expressed an opinion that the Congregation Meeting that was held immediately after the 10:15 Service on Sunday, April 19, was successful. Mr. Block feels that it provided us with a greater number in attendance and that it gave a greater number of members an insight into the problems of the Church. The general concern of opinion of the Council Board, however, is that only members in good standing should be allowed to vote.

By the authority vested in the Council Board by the congregation, the Council Board may, and has decided to amend the By-laws concerning the Congregational Meetings. Be it resolved, Article VI, Section I shall read: "The annual meeting of the congregation shall be held in January, at which time all organizations of the Church shall present a written report of their aims and accomplishments. Be it resolved, Article VI Section II shall read: "This meeting shall be held in November, at which time members of the Church Council shall be elected." Arthur Block made a motion that the above amendments be made in the By-laws of the United Evangelical Church. This motion was seconded by George Tuerk and was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS: Pastor Rasche expressed a desire to include a schedule of the meetings of the various organizations of the Church in the Endeavor. He suggested the possible expansion in size of the Endeavor, but this did not meet with the favor of the Council Board.

The meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference will be held June 5, 6, and 7, at Wesleyan College in Dover, Delaware. George Tuerk will attend as our full-time delegate. Both Pastor Rasche and Dr. Weisser will attend but will return on Saturday evening.

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

Dr. Weisser closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted.

Louis W. Parker, Jr.  
Acting Sec. for Louis W. Parker, Sr.