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The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on March 3, 1970.

Those in attendance were Albert Fader, George Sauer, William Voelker, Louis Parker, Jr., Ray Schmitt, Fred Long, George Tuerk 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 April were read and approved as written.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and approved as submitted. Mr. Fader requested that \$5000.00 be transferred from the memorial fund to the general fund so that our financial secretary would have funds to operate with. William Voelker motioned that we transfer the \$5000.00 from the memorial fund to the general fund and George Sauer seconded the motion; it was carried.

Mr. Fader informed us that the church office recently received a letter from a person requesting that we disclose to her the total amount of money given to the Church in memory of her mother who had died recently. Ray Schmitt made a motion that we make it a matter of policy not to divulge this kind of information. Louis Parker, Jr. seconded the motion and it was carried.

Council Board approved a request for \$12.00 for white material for making slips for the confirmands because long slips are not available already made; the sewing group will make the slips.

Report of Committees: Mr. Sauer purchased a desk and a chair for \$30.00 for the secretarial help. The sextons asked Mr. Sauer for a small cabinet to store the vacuum cleaner and shovel; it would be placed at the rear stairway by the alley entrance. George said that we already have most of the material required to build a wooden cabinet; we would need hinges and a lock. William Voelker made a motion that Mr. Sauer be given permission to purchase the material required to build the cabinet; George Tuerk seconded the motion and it was carried. Mr. Sauer informed us that he had the oil burner repaired. The electrode was dirty causing faulty ignition which resulted in excessive smoke. Mr. Fader informed us that 70 or 80 dollars worth of badly needed letters for our sign over the entrance of the Church School building were ordered. The price of these are rising rapidly up from 65¢ each to \$1.17 each. The sign will be used more in the future not just for church functions.

Membership Committee: Mr. Voelker held a meeting of his committee with Pastor Weisser to update the status of members-new list added 36 to inactive members for a total of 58, 24 more people were considered out they met all the requirements, while 3 more warrant further contact. Bill felt it was a productive meeting, but he said a complete comprehensive updating of our records should be made this fall. Mr. Paul Bauersfeld said that he would check his records for children just joining Church School and forward the family names and addresses to Pastor Weisser for contacts. Dr. Weisser said that now after two years the visitations should be more fruitful as we are coming closer to the time they became inactive.

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Fellowship Committee: Progress

Calendar Committee: Pastor Rasche requested use of Friendship Hall, April 13, for a dinner meeting of Canton Christian Council - Council Board approved.

Music Committee: Louis Parker, Sr. is working on a feasibility study for moving the console of the organ and the choir to the balcony.

Spiritual Committee: Mr. Fader said that he was very concerned about the absence of Board member William Benser as he has been absent for the last three Board meetings-Mr. Fader will talk to William Benser on this matter.

Ushering Committee: Everything is running smoothly.'

Stewardship Committee: Mr. Tuerk reported a meeting of his committee February 10, at which time they discussed matters which they thought pertained to stewardship, but admitted that they were somewhat in the gray area about the committee's exact function. Mr. Tuerk asked if anyone had heard any reaction about the flyer which asked for more generous givings to the Church, the Board members did not report of any reactions. The committee intends to compare the amount of givings in the last three months of last year to the last three months of this year to see if there will be an increase. The committee also mentioned having a "Back To United" drive one Sunday every month or two - one possibility would be to put a Pastor on the inside of the Church door in the narthex of the Church. George Tuerk seconded the motion; five Board members voted in favor and three against this motion - so it was carried. Pastor Rasche reported a check of attendance has revealed that we are down 50 in attendance on Sundays and suggested sending a letter out to some of these members as they start to drift off. Mr. Fader asked if the Stewardship and Membership Committees could get together and draft a letter to these people whose attendance started to slip. The Council agreed that it would be wise to move fast and get the letter out between Easter and Pentecost Sunday in May. Mr. Voelker and Mr. Tuerk consented to get together on this matter. Pastor Weisser recommended that we send out 1970 envelopes to approximately 70 people who had contributed a total of \$450.00 to the Church; the Board approved.

Youth Committee: John Lenning and Ray Schmitt met and discussed programs that could come about for our youth; both agreed that this whole matter of youth needs a good hard look. As meeting before Easter was promised to sit something up for the summer and fall months.

Picnic Committee: Louis Parker, Sr. reported that Maga Vista Beach Club has been reserved for Saturday July 26, 1970.

Old Business: Pastor Weisser informed us that the Young Women's Guild was assisting with the expenses which will be incurred Friday, April 3 at our Japanese Family Night Festival and asked if the Men's Fellowship, members of the Council Board took it upon themselves to say-yes. The Council Board agreed to allow Reverend and Mrs. Mensendik \$15.00 for expenses.

Baltimore City inspectors were here to inspect our property for use as a training school for the emotionally disturbed children. The building would need only a few exit signs and some doors made to swing out instead of in to pass inspection. We haven't heard anymore from them; we'll wait and see what develops.

New Business: Paul Bauersfeld reported that the Church School had purchased a new 16 mm motion picture projector for regular duty in the Church School. He also said that he would like to show good family type movies to the children of the community on Saturday afternoons. The charge to the children would be just enough to cover expenses. The movies would be shown in Friendship Hall every other Saturday, possibly every Saturday later. A work force would put the place back in order for Sunday and the first movie would be shown sometime after Easter. George Sauer made a motion that we permit Mr. Bauersfeld to show movies in Friendship Hall on Saturday afternoons and Ray Schmitt seconded the motion, and it was carried.

Pastor Rasche reported that last Sunday was supposed to be "one hour of sharing" will come later in April when essential material arrives.

Board members were asked to make a special effort to be present at the confirmation presentation March 16.

There was a meeting at Park Community Church reporting on progress concerning stewardship. Some of our sister churches are in dire need - one church has only 35 members and the congregation will vote on Palm Sunday whether to close the doors or not. Quite a few of our other churches are fighting to stay in tact. Pastor Rasche said our church is in good shape; shouldn't we give a helping hand? We are in need of some kind of strategy so that we know the status of other brother churches.

Heritage Church, which is negro, is being undergirded by United Church of Christ and is soliciting funds for getting started from us. Fred Long motioned that we purchase a \$15.00 ad in their program book and George Tuerk seconded the motion, and it was carried.

The annual Cheseapeake Association meeting will be held Sunday, May 3 from 3 to 7:30 PM.

Pastor Rasche reported that the annual Central Atlantic Conference was being held in Dover Delaware June 5, 6 and 7 and that he and Pastor Weisser would both be attending. Mr. Fader strongly opposed both pastors attending as this would mean we would not have a minister for our Sunday June 7 service, which also would be a communion Sunday.

Mr. Fader said we should not have to go out and pay a minister for Sunday services when we have two here at our Church; the Council Board was in agreement with Mr. Fader. Pastor Rasche said that he would give an answer by next month concerning his and Pastor Weisser's participation in June at the meeting.

Pastor Rasche said that lay people apply pressure to have this meeting scheduled over a week-end so that they may attend and that if we wanted to try to have it scheduled during the week we should draft a letter and forward it to the Overature Committee of the Central Atlantic Conference. Mr. Fader asked the help of William Voelker and George Tuerk to compose such a letter.

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, Sr.