

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on January 6, 1970.

In attendance were Albert Fader, George Sauer, Ernest Jones, William Voelker, Louis Parker, Jr., George Tuerk, Ray Schmitt, Fred Long and Louis Parker, Sr.

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

The minutes for the meeting for the month of December were read and approved as submitted.

The financial report for the year 1969 was reviewed and approved as submitted.

Arthur Block will draft a letter to the holders of bonds which were sold to finance the renovation of our Church School Building. This letter will mildly entice the holder to forego redemption of the bond.

Mr. Fader informed the Council that he had secured the signatures of the five officers of the Council Board and William Voelker on the application for authorized signatures for bank withdrawals, now we shouldn't have a problem in getting the required three signatures at any time.

The Council noted that there were some Council Board members who very rarely attended Council meetings and who did very little church work. The Council felt that these men should be replaced if they couldn't fulfill their duties.

#### Report of Committees:

Property Committee: The carpeting in the parsonage has been laid and Pastor and Mrs. Rasche are very pleased with it. The repair job on the carpeting in the Church has also been completed.

The Council approved the request of Donald Schnader to have the piano in the Upper Room tuned.

George Sauer informed us that we are in desperate need of a heavy duty vacuum cleaner for the Church as the old one is again in bad shape after repair. George Tuerk made a motion we purchase a heavy duty vacuum cleaner for the Church and Arthur Block seconded the motion; it was unanimously carried. Mr. Fader suggested having John Lenning get a price on a Westinghouse vacuum cleaner.

George Sauer said that the water problem in the parsonage basement is as bad as ever and needs our attention. The Council directed Mr. Sauer to get a contractor in to check the condition when it rains and have him recommend a repair and cost.

Finance Committee: Covered by monthly financial review.



Membership Committee: Dr. Weisser reported in the absence of William Voelker that he has all the material ready for the meeting which was scheduled for January.

Fellowship Committee: Mr. Fader was very pleased with the Tensil Day party; he thought it was a real success and thanked all those who helped with the affair. The question came up as to whether we could open the Fellowship Committee to women. The Council agreed to let it up to each committee chairman to take women into their committee; these women however, would not be given access to any confidential church records.

Calendar Committee: No dates.

Audit Committee: Audit will be made next Tuesday.

Ushering Committee: George Sauer will check 10:15 A.M. Service collection bags for memorials.

Youth Committee: New committee added to the Consistory - Louis Parker, Jr. chairman.

Old Business: Mr. Fader related that he has been hearing complaints from Council and Congregation members about Pastor Rasche talking on too many obligations other than his regular church duties, especially his appointments as interim president of the Chesapeake Association. Mr. Fader informed Pastor Rasche that in the future before he accepts any office to bring it to the Council Board for approval. Pastor Rasche stated that he would never put his work and official duties to our church in secondary position that matters of this kind, however, should be left to his discession, as he has a conscience. Pastor went on to say that he not only has an obligation to our church, but also to our denomination. In the future he would let us know when he was taking any other task or office related to our denomination, but the decision would be his. Mr. Fader asked the Council if there were any comments - there wasn't any.

New Business: Miss Doris Metzger requested a transfer to Abbott Memorial Church. Arthur Block made a motion we approve the transfer and Louis Parker, Jr. seconded the motion; it was carried. Mr. & Mrs. William Gensler and Edward Pugh were received into membership. Pastor Rasche informed us of the Consistory Dinner of our Chesapeake Association which will be held at Zion Church, Stemmers Run Road on February 2. The cost will be \$2.00 per person. Church leaders, Council members and their wives or friends are invited.

Meeting here at our Church for Hoffman Home on Janurary 20, Pastors and their wives will attend.

Canton Christian Council meeting on January 26, meeting place to be announced. A pick up will be made where Reverend Larson left off. Pastor remarked that he would like to see as many Council members there as possible.

The Eccuminical Service will be held January 22 at St. Brigid's Church this year and will be headed up by Father Egan.



Pastor Rasche gave us the following to think about: 1. Discontinuing the service where the confirmands participate in Church Service - instead have them testify before parents and Spiritual Committee. 2. Confirmand course be changed from one year session to two year session - first year would be Bible centered and taught by Church School teachers on Sunday morning - second year would be taught by Pastor Rasche.

Doctor Weisser reported that he will conduct an 8 week course through February and March. The members of this adult class would be formed by the Men's and Women's Church School class and the course would be conducted at regular Church School time.

Pastor Weisser informed us of the fine film material which is readily available to our Church organizations, as the whole audio visual depository of the United Church of Christ is right here in Baltimore. The better film material would cost \$10 or \$15. We should give this some thought as it would be fine for our youth.

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

Pastor Weisser closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker, Sr.  
Recording Secretary