

The November meeting of the Congregation of the United Evangelical Church was held on Friday, December 3, 1971.

There were 35 voting members present.

President Fred Long called the meeting to order and Pastor Paul A. Rasche opened it with a prayer.

The minutes of January's Congregational meeting were read and approved as submitted.

Old Business: Fred Long stated that we are not even off the ground yet as far as our 100th Anniversary planning is concerned, and that we would have to appoint a new general Chairman. Mr. Long said that these matters would be looked into at Monday's Board meeting.

The new Youth Committee, according to Mr. Long, is progressing now and he attributed this to the hard work of Paul Weidel and some other conscientious youth.

New Business: Our Finance Committee Chairman, Mr. Arthur Block presented the 1972 proposed budget of \$56,923.00 item by item and upon completion asked if there were any questions. William Bark Jr. said that he did not think it was proper to use the Memorial Fund money (\$3,619) to clear off the Church School Renovation bill; Mr. Bark felt that the people giving the money wanted to have it used as intended, for Memorials, and not for clearing off bills. William Single III stated that the Council Board stayed within its jurisdiction when it approved the payment of the Church School Renovation bill out of the Memorial Fund money. William Single III motioned that the action of the Council Board to pay the Church School Renovation bill of \$3,619 out of the Memorial Fund be approved by the voting members of the Congregation; Ernest Jones seconded the motion and it was carried. There were no other questions regarding the 1972 proposed budget. George Sauer motioned that the Proposed Budget for 1972 be approved as submitted by the Finance Committee; Ernest Jones seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

The next order of business was the election of six Council Board members. The Presiding Official was William Voelker. The nominating committee was able to get just six men as nominees and they were:

George Sauer
Ray Schmitt

Arthur Block
Louis Parker, Jr.

Robert Logue
Louis Parker, Sr.

President Fred Long asked if there were any nominations from the floor; there were none. William Voelker motioned that the six nominees to the Council Board be voted in by acclamation because there was no contest; William Single III seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Fred Long expressed deep concern over the difficulty we are having in getting men to run for Church Council. In order to get the last two men to make up the slate of six nominees, 52 men were asked. The Congregation discussed this problem for quite some time and even mentioned the possibility of extending the present six year limit which a Board member can serve.

Pastor Rasche talked of our November 19 and 20 retreat at New Windsor. The documents drawn up at this retreat covered three major points; these documents will be made available to the congregation.

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Pastor Rasche thanked the Council Board members who were leaving for fine service rendered, and welcomed those who were coming on.

Fred Long thanked all the Council Board members for giving him their cooperation and working along with him.

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 W. Parker, Sr.
Recording Secretary