

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on October 5, 1971.

In attendance were Fred Long, George Sauer, Ernest Jones, Richard Single, William Single III, Arthur Block, George Tuerk, Ray Schmitt and Louis Parker, Sr.

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

The monthly financial report was reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Report of Committees:

Finance Committee: Arthur Block informed the Council Board that to date we have made \$902 in interest on the Improvement Fund Bonds that people have not cashed in. There are ten bonds that are left uncashed Arthur said he would turn these over to the holders, and then turn all the money over to Ernest Jones. The Finance Committee will meet within the next couple of weeks.

Property Committee: George Sauer had a contractor here to estimate the repair of the parsonage basement. The repair would be done in the main in the inside of the basement wall, where six inches in from the wall a drain eight inches deep would be dug. This drain would go completely around the perimeter of the basement and there would also be one down through the center. There would of course also be a sump pump. The fix would carry a complete guarantee for the first year; with a five year guarantee, where after the first year, a service call would cost \$20. The cost of this repair would be \$2280 after deducting the 5% discount given to churches.

There was another estimate from Meridian Contractors for the same type fix with two sump pumps; this one carried a twenty year guarantee and the cost would be \$2485. Arthur Block suggested we check the man who fixed William Bark's basement; he dug all around the perimeter of the basement and charged just \$500.

Membership Committee: Pastor Weisser said that he would make all his records available to anyone who would be in need of them. He expressed a strong desire for us to continue with some kind of visitation program so the important work of stewardship would be carried on.

Fellowship Committee: Fred Long reminded us that Finsel Day is not too far off; William Single, Arthur Block, Louis Parker and the fellowship committee pledged their help. Fred also asked for help for the Halloween Party on Friday, October 29.

Calendar Committee: Halloween Party date of October 29 was approved.

Music Committee: Fred Long said that he contacted Donald Schnader about coming back as Director of Music when Barbara Irons leaves. Donald is giving the matter serious thought and he will let us know.

Auditing Committee: Progress

Spiritual Committee: Progress

Stewardship Committee: Progress

Youth Committee: Not many kids are turning out for the youth sessions according to Mr. Long, but he is looking for attendance to pick up when the weather gets colder.

In discussing ways to bring more youth out to the meetings a banquet was suggested, where a little dinner would be served and perhaps have a guest speaker. Fred asked if we would underwrite this affair, as he thought it would stir interest and possibly build up the youth group. Ray Schmitt motioned that we start working and planning to get this banquet together with the youth assisting, and to underwrite it. Ernest Jones seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Nominating Committee: Mr. Voelker not present to report on this committee.

Old Business: None

New Business: Ernest Jones said that we finally got billed for our insurance premium for the new increased coverage policy on the Church property; the premium was \$1735.

The Maryland Council of Churches a few months ago came to an end according to Pastor Rasche and now there is a great vacuum. Maryland Churches United Inc. has come into being in its place. Pastor Rasche informed us that he was asked to be Treasurer until the end of the year when the regular elections will be held. This organization will need support and Pastor Rasche asked if we couldn't use the money we had set aside from the Canton Christian Council; 50 or 75 dollars would do well in the way of getting things started. The Council Board did not reach a decision in this matter and agreed to think it over.

Pastor Weisser will be bidding us farewell Sunday, November 7 and he will preach both services.

Chesapeake Association's Fall meeting will be held this year at Park Community Church from 2 to 5 p.m. on October 17. Pastor Rasche asked the Council Board members to attend and bring their wives.

The Council Board approved the reappointment of Henry Smit as our institutional representative of the Boy Scouts.

Pastor Rasche said that we should look again at the possibility of enlarging our Church Council because we are spreading ourselves too thin with the many duties we have at the present time. The placing of women on the Council Board could also be considered and if we choose to go this way we could bring it up at the next Congregational Meeting. Before additional Council Board members can be added to the Council the Constitution would have to be amended, because the number of members now is limited to twelve.

Pastor Rasche passed out copies of the General Synod Booklets to all Council Board members present so they could review them.

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

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker, Jr.
Recording Secretary