

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on July 6, 1971.

In attendance were Fred Long, George Sauer, William Voelker, George Tuerk, John Lenning, William Single III, Richard Single, Ray Schmitt, and Louis Parker, Sr.

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Long and opened with a prayer by Pastor Paul A. Rasche.

The minutes for the meeting for the month of June were read and with minor corrections were approved.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Report of Committees:

Finance Committee: William Single reported that the insurance company sent a man out to inspect our property before the new policy is issued. The inspector recommended that the following four vital changes be made:

- 1) The fluorescent light in the range hood in the kitchen be removed and replaced with a safety incandescent bulb with a heavy glass cover.
- 2) Take care of the trip and stumble hazard at the men's restroom by the back entrance way; put a pad lock on the door.
- 3) A 10 lb. dry chemical portable fire extinguisher be placed just outside the boiler room door in Friendship Hall.
- 4) All doors leading to stairwells should be kept closed at all times.

The last inspection item was not a must but we would do well to heed it; and that is have all women who are cooking wear hairnets and the men should wear cooking caps.

Property Committee: George Sauer informed us that Chris the sexton is back on the job. He is having some pain in the eyes, but seems to be doing well. The casement window in the parsonage is in bad shape; George said he would check into it. Mr. Sauer will put aluminum angles on corners of support columns in Friendship Hall to keep the corners from being chipped.

Membership Committee: William Voelker said that he and Pastor Weisser met and went over the membership cards monitoring them. They noted that some of the people who had children baptised are becoming active in the Church and the children are attending Church School. This would indicate that Pastor Weisser's follow-up on baptisms is paying dividends. Paul Bauersfeld will keep supplying the names of the new scholars so that Pastor Weisser can call on the parents.

Fellowship Committee: Progress

Calendar Committee: No dates to clear - Crab Cake Supper will be Friday - need all the help we can get.

Music Committee: The letter which Mr. Chapman Gonzalez, the assistant director at Peabody Institute wrote Pastor Rasche on the evaluation of our Church organ, was passed on to all present to read. After reading this letter one had to come to the conclusion that our organ was very poorly designed and that there wasn't too much we

could do about it. The Council Board decided to call in a new maintainance man, a Mr. Ken Meyers to check the organ out; if his recommendations seemed in order then we would first have Mr. Meyers make all the necessary repairs to the organ before going into an organ build-up program. The Council Board agreed that Mrs. Irons be told that she would be expected to start up with the Children's Choir rehearsals on Saturday mornings as per the verbal agreement at the time of her hiring. A suggestion was made that a pitch be made at November's congregational meeting to promote memorials for the build up of our organ. A board member suggested that the secretary send Mr. Gonzalez a letter of thanks for his evaluation of our Church organ.

Spiritual Committee: Richard Single read a report he wrote after attending the Seventh Annual Meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference of the United Church of Christ. In this letter he expressed displeasure and frustration when he told of how a vocal minority of delegates are successfully influencing and controlling the direction that the Church is taking. Mr. Single recommended that we elect three delegates at January's Congregational meeting and have these delegates well prepared for the next annual CAC meeting. These delegates could secure all the information on important future pronouncements. A special meeting with the congregation could be held to feel out its positions on these matters so that when meeting time came, these positions could be voiced. Richard recommended that substantial consideration be given to a more formalized selection or election of delegates from our church, with the possibility that these delegates would serve for several years in succession.

Audit Committee: Progress

Ushering Committee: Progress

Stewardship Committee: Progress

Youth Committee: No one has attended either of the last two Sunday afternoon meetings. Mr. Long said he is anxious to see what happens this next meeting.

Old Business: William Single asked Fred Long if he had contacted Henry Schneider, Jr. about his status on the Church Council. Fred said that he will confront Henry in December and see what his intentions are.

New Business: Mr. Long read a report on receipts from Pastor Weisser for various official acts performed by him since May 1, 1971. There were two funerals, four weddings, one baptism and one church preaching for a total of \$125. Pastor Weisser made church related contributions to four outside institutions for \$55.00 and the remaining \$70 he gave to our United Evangelical Church General Fund.

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