

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on April 13, 1971.

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

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

The minutes for the meeting for the month of March were read and approved as written.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and approved as submitted.

#### Report of Committees:

Finance Committee: Arthur Block said that he hopes to have all the inventory figures ready in a couple of weeks so that his committee can meet with Mr. Cober and negotiate the new insurance contract.

Property Committee: George Sauer reported that everything is going along fine. The Upper Room is finished all the painting the new light fixtures and the drapes cleaned. The two lanterns have been repaired and installed at the Dillon Street entrance. George did not paint them yet, he is waiting to see if the kids throw at them again. William Voelker mentioned again about our only having 4 or 5 spaces left on the Memorial Board in the Narthex of the Church. George Sauer will check into the matter; he suggests having a 12 inch extension put on each side of the existing Memorial Board which would provide room for 288 additional memorials. Fred Long said that Mrs. Carrie Bentrup told him that our sexton is not keeping this place clean; she pointed out some specific areas in the kitchen. George Sauer said that we need a woman in here to do cleaning chores two or three days a week to keep our Church clean as it certainly is not clean now. There is plenty of dust on the floors and woodwork and the upholstered pews have dirt in the tufts; George recommended that we hire a young woman. The Council Board agreed to give the matter some thought.

Membership Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Progress

Calendar Committee: No dates to approve.

Music Committee: Mrs. Irons informed Fred Long and Louis Parker Sr. that after Wich's Company serviced the organ there were still items that were not right and it was not in tune. Our organist stated also that she would like to discontinue the Saturday morning session for the children's choir as she has to drive 35 miles for this half hour rehearsal. The matter was put to a vote and the Council Board voted 7 to 3 with one abstention for Mrs. Irons, to continue the Saturday morning children's choir rehearsals. The Council Board approved payment of \$50 each for Mrs. Weisser and Donald Schnader for sitting in 3 times each as guest organist on Wednesday during Lent.

Spiritual Committee: Progress

Ushering Committee: Progress



Stewardship Committee: No report

Youth Committee: Fred Long said the youth group met a couple of Sundays now and last Thursday evening when two more young girls offered their services; Fred foresees some growth in the Youth Group. Pastor Rasche reported that George Will has been here every Friday night in the gym playing basketball with the 12 to 15 year olds. John Lenning has been opening and closing the gym for these sessions. Pastor Rasche said that Paul Weidel and Barbara Jones are our representatives of the Youth Group and he looked forward to progress with them assisting.

Old Business: None

New Business: The new Passion Story garb was said to be OK, but wigs, shoes or sandals will have to be procured,

The matter of Henry Schneider, Jr. not being able to attend Council Board meetings or assist in other Council activities was again discussed. Henry has been tied up with evening school work and now he will be going away in the Reserves. The Council Board requested that Fred Long talk to Henry about turning in his resignation.

Mr. Long reported that SECO will be needing \$10,000 in funds, \$5000 in 1971 and \$5000 in 1972 from the Protestant Churches in the area. The Community Wide Ministry requested to sit in on a portion of our next Council meeting to discuss this funding; Council Board approved.

Pastor Rasche said that the 10 copies of the United Church Herald that we get now have been going the first time out, he has recently received a new subscription discount offer of 25% and thought perhaps the Council Board would like to subscribe as a body for \$36.00 a year. Arthur Block said the Council Board would consider the matter.

Our church received its annual appeal for a booster from Heritage Church; the Council Board disapproved the appeal.

Our Cheseapeake Association will hold its annual meeting at Immanuel Church, Catonsville from 3 to 6 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. Council Board gave Pastor Rasche permission to seek out three delegates; the Church would underwrite the cost of the dinners.

The Annual meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference will be held Friday, June 11, Saturday, June 12 and Sunday, June 13 at Loyola College here in Baltimore. We will have a month to decide on three delegates. Pastor Rasche said that he would like to see three Council Board members come out as delegates. William Single said that literature should be forwarded to the delegates who attend so that they know what is on the agenda. Pastor Rasche said that he would make all literature that is passed out available to those who wish to attend.

A request was received from Homewood Church Home for a special Contribution for Mother's Day. The Council realizing that we are not presently doing anything in our budget for them approved a contribution for them. This was accomplished by a motion from Arthur Block seconded by George Tuerk and unanimously carried by the Council.



Pastor Rasche informed the Council that he had gotten together 20 delegates to attend the SECO meeting Saturday evening; Pastor Rasche will be serving as delegate from Canton Christian Council.

Pastor Rasche reported that the following proposal was voted in at Canton Christian Council's March 23 meeting:

"That the CCC incorporation be continued in force; that the Executive Committee (with the aid of legal council) be empowered to study the charter and by-laws and prepare recommendations to revise the charter and by-laws to meet new situations and needs, and that these proposed revisions be submitted to the Board of Trustees for action at a properly called meeting."

It was also regularly moved and carried that the Canton Christian Council join the Southeast Community Organization.

William Single asked why our delegates did not vote for our own amended proposal. Pastor Rasche said that our delegates to Canton Christian Council are knowledgeable responsible people and are allowed to vote their own convictions.

The Council Board for the most part was unhappy with the fact that we are now a part of SECO through the official action of Canton Christian Council; while at the outset we gave money for exploratory reasons only. Pastor Rasche said that he was not completely sold on SECO but he would see how it fares first before he condemns it.

William Single asked if the 20 delegates who would be attending Saturday evenings SECO meeting could commit our Church to SECO. Pastor Rasche said as official delegates of our Church they should be able to vote their convictions.

Richard Single motioned that the SECO Organizational Congress be instructed before attending the April 17 meeting that they not in any-way vote on any binding matter whatsoever; George Tuerk seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Ernest Jones reported that we have \$300 in our budget for Canton Christian Council and suggested that we not turn the money over to them until we find out what kind of causes the organization will be supporting; Council approved.

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