

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on March 3, 1971.

Those in attendance were Fred Long, George Sauer, Arthur Block, George Tuerk, William Voelker, Richard Single, William Single III, 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 minutes for the meeting for the month of Feb. were read and approved as written.

The monthly financial report review was dispensed with because Ernest Jones was visiting with his wife who was hospitalized.

#### Report of Committees:

Finance Committee: Mr. Block reported that he, Mr. Cober, Richard Single, William Single, Fred Long and George Tuerk met at his house and discussed the new increased insurance coverage which we will have to take out because of the escalation of materials and building costs. According to E. Eyring & Sons the cost of building has risen locally about 35%; consequently to replace our buildings on the Church property would cost approximately \$1,000,000.00. The cost to replace the stained glassed windows has gone up some 10% and the appraisal of the stained glass windows will have to be made again. The organ was appraised at \$60,000.00 on our present listing, and the validity of this figure was seriously questioned. Mr. Block said there is more work to be done on our inventory before we can negotiate a new insurance contract and that he would be working on it. Arthur Block recognizing the fact that increased coverage would result in higher annual insurance premiums moved that our present yearly budget for insurance premiums be increased from \$1800.00 to approximately \$2200.00; William Voelker seconded the motion and it was carried.

The matter of a pension plan for our sexton was also discussed at the meeting; noting that due to the age of our sexton this would be very expensive, the committee agreed to offer to pay the  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$  social security tax in lieu of a pension if Chris brought the matter up again.

William Single motioned that the special Youth Fellowship account which presently is in Pastor Rasche's and Albert Fader's names be closed, and a new account opened and placed in the control of the Financial Secretary of the Church Council. Ray Schmitt seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried. The Council further agreed to have this Youth Fund item set-up as a budget item.

Property Committee: Mr. Sauer reported that everything is fine.

Membership Committee: Fred Long scheduled a meeting Tuesday, April 27 to get the Church's 100th anniversary started. Fred Long said that he would invite all the organizations of the Church, the Church Council and at least five members of the Congregation. Mr. Long said he would like to set up a committee at this meeting and then have the committee elect a General Chairman. Pastor Rasche said that he would ask for two members of each Church organization through the Endeavor.

Calendar Committee: No dates to approve.



Music Committee: Louis Parker, Sr. reported that Mrs. Barbara Irons, our new organist and Choir Director, was dissatisfied with the condition of the organ. Mrs. Irons pointed out six or seven small need of repair items on the organ. The Council Board agreed to have Mr. Evans repair these items. Mrs. Irons also requested that the Council Board consider the matter of increasing her pay for weddings from \$10.00 to \$15.00 minimum, and that she be allowed to use the Upper Room for teaching students the piano. The Council Board agreed to give both these matters some thought although the matter of taking in students met quite a bit of opposition on a couple of accounts. Richard Single made a motion that we increase the annual salary of the Organist Choir Director from \$2400.00 to \$3000.00 as per the hiring arrangement of March 1, 1971 with Mrs. Barbara Irons; Ray Schmitt seconded the motion and it was carried.

Spiritual Committee: Ray Schmitt is contacting groups such as "Man Alive", Ted Desales of Narcotics and Baltimore City Police Dept. so that a seminar on Narcotics may be presented Tuesday, May 18. The Spiritual Committee discussed the possible dividing lines between the Fellowship, Spiritual and Membership Committees; they found the confines difficult to define and the Council Board wasn't very helpful, noting that there will almost always be overlapping of mission.

Ushering Committee: Progress

Stewardship Committee: Progress

Youth Committee: Ray Schmitt, after meeting with the youth group, has decided to let the kids plan the things they would like to do; this way things would happen faster in getting organized again. The new group chose Sunday afternoon 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. to meet; Ray realizing that it would be a problem to get senior Council members to participate on Sunday afternoons is trying to get some of the older Junior Council Members interested. The new organization would be for youth who are members of the Congregation and between 12 and 15 years of age.

Ray Schmitt is also working on a plan where the Junior Council member would assume some responsibility such as appointing duties to other Junior Council members for the offering and the collection of attendance cards. Paul Weidel would be the Junior Council member to head up the late service. There would be a Junior Council member stationed in the balcony to monitor the children there. The next organization meeting will be Sunday, March 21.

New Business: Pastor Rasche reminded the Council members of the examination of the Confirmands Thursday evening, March 25. This will be an informal session with family members, friends and Council members.

Good Friday we provide a service of Communion and preaching at 9 a.m. The Community 3 hour Good Friday service will be held here at our Church from 12 to 3 p.m.

Fred Long said that he would talk to Henry Schneider, Jr. about his inability to attend Council Board meetings and his limited activity as a whole.

Albert Fader expressed the opinion that there should be a Council Board member to attend SECO meetings and report back to the Council. The Council not being successful in getting a representative to attend the meetings, did get William Voelker to take on the job as liason man; he would meet with Mr. Fader and report at Council meetings.

Louis Parker, Sr. suggested that we give Donald Schnader a gift on his departure as Choir Director. Arthur Block made a motion that we present Donald with a Cross pen and pencil set, Richard Single seconded the motion and it was carried.



Reverend Bowersox who has been serving at Bethal Church since the death of Reverend Wintling will be going to Kansas City Palm Sunday. Pastor Weisser has been asked by Bethal Church to preach the 11 o'clock service there Palm Sunday; the Council Board approved.

Arthur Block motioned that we have our delegates to the Canton Christian Council present the amended proposal, which is a combination of proposals 1 and 2 of the original 3 that were approved by the Board of Trustees, at the meeting of March 15, Richard Single seconded the motion and it was carried.

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

Pastor Weisser closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis Parker Sr.  
Recording Secretary