

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on February 8, 1970.

In attendance were Fred Long, William Voelker, John Lenning, Henry Schneider, Jr. George Tuerk, William Single III, Richard Single, Ray Schmitt, Ernest Jones, Arthur Block, George Sauer, Louis Parker, Sr. and non-council members Paul Bauersfeld and Louis Parker, Jr.

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 January were read and approved as corrected.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and approved as submitted.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: George Sauer reported that the enclosure about Dr. Weisser's desk is complete except for painting. Mr. Sauer informed us that he has \$1000.00 towards the aluminum scaffold - \$500.00 coming from the Women's Guild and \$500.00 from the Ladies Aid Society. George requested \$143.00 from the Church so that the \$1143.00 scaffold could be purchased. Arthur Block made a motion that the Church pay the \$143.00 so that the scaffold could be purchased, William Voelker seconded the motion and it was carried. The Upper Room will be painted as it is badly in need. The lighting in the Upper Room is inadequate and two new 96-inch fluorescent light fixtures will be installed as motioned by Arthur Block and seconded by William Voelker approved by Council. The drapes in the Upper Room will be cleaned along with the Church School drapes.

The lantern lights at Dillon Street entrance and also the lantern lights in front of the Church have been broken. George Sauer will repair all four lights. George Sauer will call the service department at the Gross Oil Company to price the installation of a fuel oil gauge for our tank; if the cost is too high he will use a measuring stick to check the oil.

There have been 10 to 13 year old youths wandering around through the church property while the late service is being conducted; Arthur Block said that he would make rounds next Sunday and check into this matter.

Finance Committee: Mr. Block reported that there wasn't a meeting of his committee last month because of problems getting all parties concerned together; scheduling one for this month. Arthur Block requested approval for his committee to secure insurance in the proper amount in accordance with their re-assessment which will be made at their meeting with Mr. Cober. William Voelker moved that we give the Finance Committee approval. Ray Schmitt seconded the motion, and it was carried.

Membership Committee: Pastor Rasche reported that he has been meeting with a group of eight or nine people and that they will be received into membership next Sunday.

Calendar Committee: Approval was given for a wedding reception here at Friendship Hall for Sharon Hetton, May 22.

Music Committee: Louis Parker, Sr. informed the Board that to date he hadn't secured any good prospects for an Organist and Choir Director even though we have been listed for over a month with the American Organist Guild. Mr. Parker called

all the organists who were listed in February's publication of the "Pipe and Pedal" to no avail; an ad will be placed in the Sunpapers classified section in an effort to get an Organist and Choir Director.

Youth Committee: Louis Parker, Jr. met with us to point up the problems he has had with the youth at Friday's teenites. The boys who had been assisting him fail to do so anymore, as a consequence teenites have deteriorated to the extent where Lou feared for the safety of the property. The youth attending smoke cigarettes, throw the butts on the floor along with soda cans and other debris, paying no heed to orders not to do so. In the light of all this Lou asked the Council to discontinue teenites. Richard Single moved that teenites be closed until such time that a completely organized plan be drawn up to insure the safety of the Church property. Ray Schmitt seconded the motion and it was carried. Fred Long asked Ray Schmitt to assume the duties of Chairman of the Youth Committee and Ray consented to do so.

Spiritual Committee: Pastor Weisser said that the European slide picture show which Pastor and Mrs. Rasche presented went just fine. There were approximately 150 people in attendance, the meal was delicious and the free-will offering was very generous.

Ushering Committee: Progress

Stewardship Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Fred Long said he will schedule a meeting in March where he will form a special 100th Anniversary Committee so that we could get started planning for this all-important occasion.

Old Business: Pastor Rasche said that he and lay delegates from our church attended the Canton Christian Council's annual meeting Jan. 18 and were surprised at the reaction of all those present to keep some kind of ecclesiastical organization together. The following three proposals were approved in principle by the Board of Trustees of the Canton Christian Council:

1. Dissolve the Canton Christian Council and distribute the funds in the treasury according to the Charter Section 3 Paragraph 6, "on an equitable basis to the member churches". The Board of Trustees of the Canton Christian Council shall determine what is "equitable".
2. Dissolve the Canton Christian Council and form an un-incorporated successor organization of Cooperative Christian Churches through which the former C.C.C. member congregations - and any other interested congregations of the Canton-Highlandtown area - can relate for common projects and concerns. It is hoped that the five present member congregations would assign their shares of the remaining assets to the new organization.
3. Continueth the C.C.C. in force with certain modifications to the Charter and/or By Laws to bring the documents into line with the changing needs of the organization. One such change would be to amend the By Laws Article VII, Section 1 to reduce the requirement for quarterly meetings to an annual meeting. Changes relating to the geographical area to be served and from which congregational memberships will be drawn, the number of representative (Trustees) and their eligibility to succeed themselves may also be in order.

Pastor Rasche suggested that we consider these proposals and come up with a decision in time for April's meeting. Fred Long said that the Council would discuss it and that he, Arthur Block and William Single would write up a commentary.

Pastor Rasche requested that we hold the Good Friday Service here at our church from 12 to 3 p.m. as it has been held in a church north of Eastern Avenue the last couple of years, Council approved.

The Council Board agreed that we should come to the aid of the three families at Roberts Place, where the recent fire and explosion totally destroyed the three houses. The Board set the minimum donation at \$100; there will be a special appeal with the church making up the difference if we don't come up with the \$100.00.

The programs for Lent are moving along as per schedule as outlined in the Endeavor, according to Pastor Rasche.

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 W. Parker, Sr.
Recording Secretary