

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on May 2, 1972.

In attendance were Arthur Block, George Sauer, Ernest Jones, Ray Schmitt, Louis Parker Jr., Henry Schneider Jr., Robert Logue, Richard Single, William Single III, John Lenning, George Tuerk and Louis Parker Sr.

President Arthur Block called the meeting to order and it was opened with a prayer by Pastor Paul A. Rasche.

The minutes for the month of April were read and approved as submitted.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and approved as submitted. The Board approved the transfer of the Church School Improvement Fund account of \$1370.60 to the General Fund.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: George Sauer informed the Board that everything was going along fine with the exception of the kitchen where we are badly in need of a new refrigerator to replace the obsolete and poorly functioning present one. Mr. Sauer said that the women's organizations of the church had contributed \$1500 to the Church which was ear-marked for the kitchen; he suggested we use this money when and if we purchase a new refrigerator. George said we would do well if when we purchased a new refrigerator, we got one with an ice maker. The Council asked George to get some prices on a new refrigerator.

The Council discussed the paid holidays which we would give the full-time employees of the Church and came up approving the following seven holidays: Christmas, New Years, Easter, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, and Thanksgiving. When a holiday falls on the weekend, the preceding Friday or the following Monday would be granted; this decision would be made for each holiday to compliment the situation. Louis Parker Jr. moved that the Council Board approve the above holiday schedule; Robert Logue seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Finance Committee: The need of the \$500 account for the 100th Anniversary was put to the Council by Arthur Block, as a deposit of \$300 will soon be required for the Hall at Eudowood Gardens. This \$500 funding was approved by Council at the March meeting.

Membership Committee: Henry Schneider Jr. scheduled a meeting of this committee or May 23.

Music Committee: Louis Parker Sr. stated that the senior choir is badly in need of at least two professional lead voices to bolster the declining choir; Mr. Block said that we should table the request for now as we have many money pressing needs at present.

Calendar Committee: Pastor Rasche cleared July 24 through August 5 for the Daily Vacation Bible School. The School will only be for two weeks this year and will be set up between our church and St. Brigids. Details are being started by Mrs. May Getz and her counter part at St. Brigids Church. Richard Single moved that we approve the above mentioned dates; Ray Schmitt seconded the motion and it was carried.

Mr. Edwin Myers our 100th Anniversary General Chairman, according to Mr. Block, has requested the Council to approve having just one service on the three or four Sundays of September 1973 when we will be celebrating our 100th anniversary; this would allow all church members to hear the special guest speakers. Ray Schmitt moved that we approve the one service for these Sundays, Henry Schneider Jr. seconded the motion and it was carried.

Ushering Committee: Progress

Youth Committee: The last meeting of this group was held April 16, there were 18 youth present and 6 adults. Fund raising projects were discussed and the youth members made all the decisions; there will be a car wash in May and a spaghetti dinner later, tickets will cost \$1.75. Officers will be elected at one of the future meetings.

The Council approved installing a small ad in the "Guide" to help the car wash along. Mr. Block asked the Council Board members to help out with the car wash.

Spiritual and Pastoral Committee: George Tuerk read and reviewed the Pastoral Report which he prepared after having met with his committee at Mr. Block's house April 24, 1972. Present at this meeting were Pastor Paul A. Rasche, President Arthur Block, Committee Chairman, George Tuerk, Ernest Jones, John Lenning, Louis Parker Sr., Ray Schmitt, Richard Single, and Edward Davis. Mr. Davis was present as a committee member from the congregation at large, and Mr. Davis will continue serving in this manner.

Basically Mr. Tuerk's report discussed the following four questions with recommendations to the Church Council.

Question No. 1: Does our congregation need an Assistant Pastor and, if so, what type of man do we need?

Question No. 2: How much will such a man cost the congregation annually in the form of salary and fringe benefits such as vacation, pension, hospitalization, insurance, etc?

Question No. 3: Where and how can the Congregation raise this money?

Question No. 4: Where and how will we look for this man?

Mr. Tuerk after going through the complete report asked for comment, all present agreed that it was an excellent report and that George had certainly captured the sentiments of the Committee members who were present at the meeting.

William Single moved that the Council Board approve the above report, and later after specific recommendations were chosen for each question to put it to the congregation for a vote, Ernest Jones seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. George Tuerk will work out the details with Arthur Block, and then the congregation will be made aware of the content of the above report on two or three successive Sundays so that members know what they are voting on.

Old Business: None

New Business: George Sauer asked if the Council had any objections to the Men's Fellowship playing cards on meeting nights in Friendship Hall. The request was approved with the stipulation that there not be any gambling.

Pastor Rasche asked for Council Board members as delegates of our church for the annual meeting of the Central Atlantic Conference June 9, 10, and 11. None of the

Council Board volunteered; Pastor Rasche said that he would attempt to get three delegates; the Council Board approved the underwriting of the meals for delegates \$8.00 per person when attending all sessions.

Last year's confirmation class had just one firm contact in regards to potential Jr. Council member - Pastor Rasche said that he would make personal visits in an attempt to recruit more.

Pastor Rasche said the Sunday worship schedule would start the first Sunday of June.

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