

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held April 4, 1972.

Present were Arthur Block, Ernest Jones, John Lenning, Ray Schmitt, George Tuerk, Louis Parker Jr., Henry Schneider Jr., and Louis Parker Sr. Paul Bauersfeld and Albert Witzke sat in representing the Church School.

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

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

The monthly financial report was approved as submitted.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: George Sauer got another estimate for the window washing of the Church School Building and the parsonage from Watts Window Cleaning Co.; it would include fifteen additional windows. The price would be \$95.50, quite a difference from the \$160 quote of the other window washer. Watts is also covered by insurance even when the workers climb above 35 feet. Louis Parker Jr. moved that we have the window washing done by Watts for \$95.50. George Tuerk seconded the motion and it was carried.

A defective condensation float valve was replaced in the boiler room at a cost of \$38.85.

Mr. Bauersfeld and Mr. Witzke of the Church School informed the Council Board of the dire need of a new public address system in the Church School auditorium. They asked for permission to install a new amplifying system with four microphones each independently controlled by a remote monitor control station; this elaborate system could be installed at a cost of \$2025 to \$2200 and would be funded entirely by the Church School. Ray Schmitt motioned that we grant permission to the Church School to install the above amplifying system, Henry Schneider Jr. seconded it, and it was carried.

Finance Committee: Mr Block turned over \$1370.60 and the Improvement Fund Bond book over to Ernest Jones and informed the Council that there were just six bonds that were not redeemed.

Spiritual and Pastoral Committee: A meeting was promised in ten days to two weeks and then a report would be brought back to Council. Arthur Block suggested approaching the chairman of each Church organization for some sort of a pledge so that the expense of hiring an assistant pastor could be shared.

Membership and Stewardship Committee: Arthur Block suggested a meeting of this committee so that the poor attendance problem could be looked into.

Music Committee: Lou Parker Sr. informed the Council that Mr. Kenneth Myers would need one full year to secure all the necessary parts to complete the organ build-up when and if we decide to have the work done. The need of a couple of professional voices in the Senior Choir was discussed. Mr. Block suggested sounding out the Choir to get their feeling on the matter.

Ushering Committee: Mr. Block thanked all Council Board members for their cooperation through the Lenten services on Wednesday evenings and especially thanked Mr. and Mrs. George Sauer for doing such a fine job with the coffee hour. Pastor Rasche said that some of the Junior Council members are quitting since we ask them to sit in on the church services. The confirmands were asked about coming on the Jr. Council and

quite a few seemed interested according to Pastor Rasche.

Calendar Committee: No dates

Fellowship Committee: The next affair is presently in the planning stage.

Youth Group: Roller skated at the last session and then returned to Friendship Hall for refreshments. Next meeting will be a business meeting to plan some activities so the group can earn some money to be self-supporting; a car wash or something of this nature was suggested.

Old Business: Louis Parker Sr. read the letter which he had written informing Mrs. Titus Lehmann that the \$500 annuity would be discontinued since Dr. Lehmann had deceased; the Council approved the letter.

New Business: President Block thanked Pastor Rasche for the fine Wednesday evening Lenten Services which he put together.

The Peabody Conservatory Players will be here next week - about five people will take part. Ray Schmitt made a motion that we advertise the Peabody Players in the "Guide" and leave it to the judgement of the president for the size of the ad. George Tuerk seconded the motion and it was carried.

Requests for transfers were given to Mrs. Linda Stratameyer to St. Paul United Methodist Church valid transfer, and Mrs. Delores Jefferson to St. John's Lutheran Church - no commendation.

Ernest Jones motioned that we approve the transfers; Ray Schmitt seconded the motion and it carried.

Pastor Rasche reminded the Council of the Annual Chesapeake Association meeting Sunday, May 7 and asked for a good turn out of Council.

The Annual Central Atlantic Conference meetings will be held June 9, 10 and 11 this year at the University of Maryland Baltimore County, Catonsville Campus; Pastor Rasche suggested we get our delegates ready for these.

Reverend Ball will conduct the Sunday Church services June 23, July 2 and July 9 while Pastor Rasche is vacationing in Europe.

Pastor asked the Council to make it a point to turn out for the Men's Fellowship meeting and to bring a friend.

Pastor suggested having all four Communion services after services at Easter time - this would include Good Friday service, Tinabre service, and the two services on Easter Sunday.

Arthur Block said that we need to do something here at the Church to help close the serious communication gap. A suggestion was made to hold a sort of a town meeting right in the Church immediately after a slightly abbreviated service. These meetings would be brief and would be held every other month or so. The Council was of the opinion that many small problems could be ironed out before they became big problems.

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