

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on March 7, 1972.

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

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

The monthly financial report was reviewed and after a few corrections were made, it was approved.

Report of Committees:

Finance Committee: Arthur Block asked the Council Board to allocate \$500 initial funding to the 100th Anniversary Project. General Chairman Edwin Myers, Richard Single and Arthur Block would be the required signatures on all checks drawn against this account. Richard Single motioned that we approve the \$500 initial funding and the required signatures as stated above; Robert Logue seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Property Committee: Arthur Block informed the Council Board that he recently gave permission for an emergency repair which came about while the masonry contractor was water proofing the parsonage basement. The decision, according to Mr. Block, had to be made almost immediately in order to expedite the cement work. The additional cost of the repair amounted to \$600. Otts suggested that the president be given some latitude so that in the future he may be able to handle such emergencies. Richard Single suggested that we adopt the following resolution to take care of such matters.

Be it resolved, that expenditures required to be made in order to ameliorate a condition in the nature of an emergency may be authorized by an affirmative vote of not less than three of the five Church officers, provided, however, that in no event shall any such expenditure exceed the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) for any single item.

William Single III motioned that we adopt the aforementioned Resolution; George Tuerk seconded it, and it carried.

Otts said that since our painting up repair job on the exterior of the parsonage would exceed \$1000 it would require the approval of the Congregation. The Council Board agreed to arrange a special meeting of the Congregation so that the matter could be voted on.

The Oriole window washers quoted a price of \$160 to wash all the windows of the Church School Building and inside and outside and the outside windows of the parsonage; there is however a problem because most of the Church School Building windows are stuck closed.

George said that the stairways of the Church School building could be paneled with masonite at a cost of \$11 for each landing - 1/2 landings would cost \$400 to \$425 for materials only. Ernest Jones motioned that we have George Sauer go ahead with the paneling job; Ray Schmitt seconded the motion and it was carried.

Louis Parker, Jr. motioned that we have a set of metal folding doors installed at the tower door entrance to the Church at a cost of \$270 and also a set of metal folding doors installed at the bottom stairway of the Church School building at a cost of \$295. Ray Schmitt seconded the motion and it was carried.

George Sauer will get a price on the parsonage window frames which need to be burned off, caulked up, primed painted and then finish coat painted.

George Sauer asked the Council Board if it would approve the clubing of a portion of the parsonage basement - one room 14' X 24'; there would be paneling on the walls and floor and ceiling would be tiled. Pastor Rasche said that this room in the parsonage basement was promised when he first came here, and all that he has had until now is water in the basement. Arthur Block said for now we will table it, in the meantime George will work up a total price.

The property committee will draw up a proposed holiday schedule for all of the employees of the Church and present it to the Board for approval, per Arthur Block's request.

George Sauer said that he is having a problem with the sexton - he does not want to follow orders. Otts said that he would meet with both George and Chris to get the problem settled.

Ernest Jones mentioned that the "Repairs and Improvements" item on the current Church budget at \$1500 is not adequate to cover all the repairs that come up. The Council Board drew up and adopted the following resolution. "Be it resolved that the (Repairs and Improvements) item on the budget will be increased from the present \$1500 to \$ 000 commencing with the current budget". Ernest Jones motioned that we pass this resolution William Single III seconded it, and it was carried.

Arthur Block announced the following changes in the Chairmanship of Committees.

William Single III will no longer be Chairman of the Pastoral Committee.

George Tuerk will assume the duties of the Pastoral Committee Chairman.

Membership and Stewardship Committee - Henry Schneider, Jr. will take over as Chairman from George Tuerk.

Music Committee: Louis Parker, Sr. informed the Council Board that the Music Committee, Pastor Rasche and Mr. Kenneth Myers, the organ maintenance man, met here to discuss the organ build-up program. Mr. Myers had two build-up programs that he proposed, both included a new Moller Console. One of these quotes was \$21,000 while the other one was \$29,000, a whole new organ would cost \$ 9,000. Pastor Rasche worked out a plan where we would have the present console overhauled and all the stops on it fitted out with their respective pipes. We asked Mr. Myers to work up a quote on this particular build-up program - two weeks later Mr. Myers gave us a price of \$16,500 plus an approximate fee of \$200 for repair of the Console. This price according to Mr. Myers would increase by 10% after March 1, 1972. The Council Board was in favor of having this \$16,500 fix made, when all the details are worked out for the funding.

Calendar Committee: June 2 approved for Fun Fair, April 20 Fort View Community Tours, April 25 Leprosy Group. March 14 meeting of Southeast Community Organized opposed by the Council Board.

Ushering Committee: George Sauer has two men lined up for the early service - they would assist in ushering.

Fellowship Committee: Otts reported that there were 45 people present at the Mardi Gras Nite, the food was good, all had a fine time dancing, and the whole affair was really a success. This committee is now thinking about a Limestone Dinner Theatre gathering as its next venture.

Youth Committee: The last meeting the youth participated in games here at the Church and then took time out for a snack. Next Sunday the group will go bowling again at the Patterson lanes.

Old Business: Pastor Rasche suggested that we make a gift of \$50 to the Salvation Army Band for their presenting a concert here at one of the Lenten services. George Sauer motioned that we present them with the \$50 gift, Ernest Jones seconded the motion and it was carried.

New Business: Pastor Rasche received a letter from Rev. Warren Hilfiker, our associate Conference Minister; the Reverend is slowly getting back into his routine duties and is doing rather well after having suffered a heart attack.

An application to Homewood Church Home for Rose Christana Clark was approved and signed by the Council Board.

A commendation only was given to Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Brundick to their new church.

Pastor Rasche reminded the Council of the Confirmation Examinations March 16 in the Sanctuary.

Pastor Rasche read the letter which he had composed after having meetings with the Church Council on proposal for Restructuring the Conference. The Council Board approved the letter, now it will be mailed off to the Central Atlantic Conference.

The Council Board gave George Sauer permission to give the old hymnals away to the Congregation.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker, Sr.
Recording Secretary