

The January meeting of the Congregation of the United Evangelical Church was held January 22, 1971.

Church Council President Fred Long called the meeting to order and Pastor Paul A. Rasche opened it with a prayer.

The minutes of the Congregational meeting held on Friday November 20, 1970 were read and approved as submitted.

There were 43 voting members in attendance.

The Financial Report for the year 1970 was thoroughly reviewed, Albert Fader motioned that the financial report be accepted as submitted; William Voelker seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Old Business: Albert Fader asked about the special youth Sunday worship services which were mentioned at our November Congregational meeting. Pastor Rasche said that there have been attempts of the Youth Steering Committee to come into Churches and assist with working up these programs; Henry Schneider Jr. could help to plan these programs with this committee according to Pastor Rasche. Fred Long said that the Board would take the matter up at its next meeting.

New Business: Excerpts from annual reports of our Pastors and Church organizations revealed the following:

Ladies Aid - Profits on projects for the year amounted to \$1080. A gift of \$500 was made to the Church, and \$200 was given to funds, memorials and gifts.

Young Women's Guild - Profits on projects for the year amounted to \$3740. A gift of \$2295 was made to the Church and \$360 went to Homewood Home, Sadler Home and gifts to shut-ins.

Church School - Paul Bauersfeld informed the congregation that the furniture and fixtures bill was all cleared off and that a new motion picture sound projector and a new rug for the nursery has been purchased. Paul said that the curriculum for the Church School would be reviewed during the year. The financial report for the year revealed that \$1050 went out to missions and camp funds and the total in the treasury at years end was \$4,668.11.

United Men's Fellowship - Ford Rowell submitted the Annual Financial Report - new balance as of December 31, 1970 was \$66.

Sewing Group - continued making up useful articles for hospitals - balance at years end \$47. This group received letter of thanks from Rosewood and City Hospital for their many useful gifts.

Girl Scout Junior Troop - Mrs. Arlene Pate's report pointed out that the troop has an active membership of 36 girls. The troops activities for the year included favors and a visit to City Hospital. Year end balance in treasury was \$64.

Girl Scout Brownie Troop - Mrs. Verla Spence's report indicated that there were 24 girls on active membership; their activities among other things included service to City Hospital. Balance in treasury - \$50.

Senior Choir - Mr. Albert Witzke asked that a concentrated effort be made to get additional voices in the choir.

Albert Fader asked that he be relieved as our Church's delegate to SECO. The delegate to replace him according to Mr. Fader should be a Council Board member; Arthur Block said he did not see where this would be necessary.

Pastor Rasche said that not much is being accomplished of late at Canton Christian Council. There has been talk lately of disbanding and reorganizing as an unincorporated organization taking in additional churches.

Pastor Weisser's annual report indicated that through his visitations a number of people have become affiliated with the Church during the year. A study group on Church Doctrine called "Confirmation Refresher" was led by Dr. Weisser; this group met for eight weeks on Sunday mornings. There was also the Fall Retreat at New Windsor for the Church School Workers which Pastor Weisser helped to coordinate.

Pastor Rasche's annual report pointed to the fact that in a time of continuous pressure upon the Church and of signs of decreasing loyalty to the work of God our Church did not decrease in power, it not only held its own, but has shown growth in activity and even a slight increase in attendance. Pastor Rasche made a strong plea that definite action be taken at this meeting or by Church Council in setting up a 100th Anniversary Committee.

Fred Long thanked all the organizations, Pastor Rasche and Pastor Weisser for their fine reports.

Mr. Long as a step in organizing the 100th Anniversary Committee, asked all organization presidents to solicit volunteers, so we would get started in March. A lengthy discussion followed on just what type of affair the 100th Anniversary should be, and the many special functions that could be held through out the year to commemorate the anniversary.

William Single III, William Voelker and Ernest Jones met January 12 to audit the Church books. Mr. Single said that the audit was an accurate account of the financial transactions, but he did renew the suggestion that we have the books checked by a CPA if not every year, then every other year. Fred Long said that he would take the matter up at the next Council Board meeting.

There being no other business to come before the Congregation, the meeting was adjourned.

Pastor Weisser closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker, Sr.
Recording Secretary