

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held October 2, 1973.

In attendance were Arthur Block, George Sauer, William Voelker, George Tuerk, William Bark Jr., Fred Long, Randy Schmitt, William Single III, Ernest Jones and Louis Parker Sr.

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

The monthly financial report was reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: George Sauer reported that instead of 50 windows in the Church School Building there are 74. The error was made by counting just the windows visible from the outside of the building; this count did not include the windows in between the Church and the Church School Building. The Council Board decided to not have the 5 windows in the front of the gym replaced because these are covered with heavy screening and they are easily accessible being right at the sidewalk. The cost to replace 69 windows would be \$6,570. William Voelker made a motion that we have the 69 windows replaced with the white aluminum windows. William Single seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried. George Sauer said that each window would be replaced but the existing wooden frame would remain and be covered with aluminum. William Voelker suggested that George check with the window man about having the wooden frames treated to prevent rot caused by bugs and dampness before they were covered with aluminum. Pastor Rasche suggested that we have the stair carpeting in the parsonage moved slightly so that the worn part which covers the nose of the stair tread is not exposed to heavy wear. George said that there is a little extra carpeting available and that he would check this out and get a price.

William Single reminded us again that the gym walls are badly in need of painting. The idea came up to perhaps get the youth group interested in a "do it yourself" paint job; Otts said he would give it some thought. President Block said that the only remaining big items left were the acquisition of a piano for the Upper Room, a coin counter and the cleaning of the rafters in the Church ceiling.

Membership and Stewardship Committee: Progress.

Pastoral Committee: Mr. Tuerk reported that when he called Reverend Hilfiker's office there was no one there, so he called Reverend McCloud and found that he had taken a position. George later called Reverend Sidney Lovett, the new Chesapeake Association Minister. Reverend Lovett promised to check the files and if there were any likely candidates there, he would mail them out. If there were none in file he said he would let everyone know that we were looking for a man. George said that he again put the emphasis on youth. Reverend Lovett assured Mr. Tuerk that he would pursue the task vigorously. Pastor Rasche said that there are four conference ministers in Pennsylvania that we could contact.

Music Committee: Louis Parker, Sr. said that he has been scanning the classified ads in an effort to find a good buy in a used piano for the Upper Room, but to date there were none. Mr. Parker remarked that he thought the \$320 which we spent for the six additional voices for the anniversary services was well worth it. Mr. Block agreed and thanked Lou Parker for a job well done.

President Block proceeded to thank William Single for the fine manner in which he handled the publicity. Otts also thanked William Voelker for the tremendous job he

did on the exhibits. William Bark's fine job in acquiring guest speakers was also acknowledged by Arthur as was Fred Long's effort in putting the Mardi Gras and Community nights together. Mr. Block also thanked Randy Schmitt for presenting the fine Youth Show in the auditorium. Otts said that in recognition of the fine job the youth were doing here at the Church we should treat them to a special party; Council Board agreed.

Calendar Committee: Mrs. DeVickers requested permission to hold a bake sale here at the Church Nov. 17 - council approved. The Council also approved Sunday, October 21 for Pastor and Mrs. Rasche to show slides and pictures of their Europe tour.

Fellowship Committee: Pastor Rasche said that he didn't want to put a clincher on the party maker role if anyone else was interested he/she could take over. No one else volunteered and Pastor Rasche agreed to handle the games. The games would start at 7:30 and end at 9:00 and then there would be refreshments.

Youth Group: Fred Long announced a meeting of this group Sunday, October 7. Otts said that the Church had received a check in the amount of \$519 from the Youth Group - payment for one air conditioner in the gym.

Youth Service - Randy Schmitt said that he is pushing for October 28 service.

Nominating Committee: Lou Parker, Sr. reported that to date we have six people as nominees for Church Council - Arthur Block, George Sauer, Ernest Jones, Lou Parker, Jr., Albert Fader and Mrs. Roberta Jackson. Ray Schmitt was out of town on business and not able to contact.

Old Business: William Bark asked when the Council wanted to have the books audited. Ernest Jones said the audit should be performed before November's congregational meeting. Bill Bark said that he would check the Young Women's Guild to find out when they wanted their book audited.

New Business: Letters have been coming in congratulating the 100th Anniversary Committee on the fine job it did on the Anniversary so far.

Pastor Rasche said he received a letter of thanks from Dr. and Mrs. Weisser for us having them as special guests and speaker at the 100th Anniversary banquet.

Ernest Jones was given the go-ahead on the ordering of the Lenten dime folders.

Pastor Rasche informed the Council that at a recent meeting of the Chesapeake Association a new plan for structuring was adopted and will soon be implemented.

The Council Board approved the application of Miss Martha Bahle to Homewood Home.

The special offering for Hoffman Home was approved for November 11, December 2 for Maryland Churches United.

Congregational meeting approved for Friday, November 30 in Friendship Hall.

Pastor Rasche suggested revising the scouts schedule so that we could save on fuel, because it seems certain that here will be a fuel shortage. Bill Voelker suggested we put the problem to them in the interest of Ecology. Mr. Block said that he would meet with all the scouts on this matter.

Council suggested that the Recording Secretary send Mayor Schaeffer a letter of thanks for his Proclamation and attendance of our 100th Anniversary.

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