

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held June 5, 1973.

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

In attendance were Arthur Block, George Sauer, Ray Schmitt, Louis Parker, Jr., Fred Long, William Single III, George Tuerk, William Voelker, Ernest Jones, Louis Parker, Sr., and Edwin Myers our Chairman of the 100th Anniversary Committee.

The minutes for the meeting for the month of May were read and approved as corrected.

Mr. Edwin Myers reported that receipts to date totaled \$8,948.94 and expenditures to date \$6,751.00; thus \$2,197.88 receipts over expenditures. Mr. Block stated that we were moving right along on the 100th anniversary course.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and approved as submitted.

Committee Reports:

Property Committee: Mr. Sauer informed us that the new aluminum windows and doors have been installed in the parsonage; in two weeks time the basement windows will be installed. George contacted a painter for the painting of the interior of the parsonage where the roof leaks stained the walls and ceilings. Pastor Rasche said that the rugs would have to be shampooed and the walls washed down as it has been 4 or 5 years since this was done. President Block told George Sauer to go out and hire someone to do the job.

Finance Committee: William Single said that the committee met May 22 at the Church to discuss something that came out of a recent pastoral meeting; this matter had to do with honorariums. No doubt when and if we called an associate Pastor here at the Church sooner or later he would be asked to marry, baptize and officiate at funerals, thus creating a problem with the honorariums, as Pastor Rasche looks to these to supplement his salary. The plan to increase Pastor Rasche's annual salary by the amount which he has been receiving as honorariums annually was discussed at length. Then of course, in return, Pastor Rasche and our Associate Pastor would turn over all honorariums to the Church. The committee asked Pastor Rasche what amount would suffice to make up for the honorariums which he would be relinquishing. Pastor Rasche said the amount of \$1700 would suffice. Bill said that it was agreed then to recommend to Council that Pastor Rasche's annual salary be increased from \$8300 to \$10,000 and that all honorariums would then be turned over to the church. This action according to Bill, would not be any increase of money to the church and therefore, should not have any negative effect. The question of whether this matter should be brought up at a congregational meeting was discussed and ruled out. The Council Board was unanimous in its approval of the whole concept. William Voelker suggested that we implement this new salary/honorarium plan July 1, 1973 so that when the Associate Pastor comes on the scene everything will be in readiness. Louis Parker, Jr. made a motion that we approve William Voelker's above suggestion, Ray Schmitt seconded it and it was unanimously carried. Mr. Voelker said that we should make this salary/honorarium plan known to the members at the next congregational meeting. The Finance committee also discussed getting additional office help to work along with Mrs. Myrtle DeVaughn, preferably someone who could type. Everyone agreed that it would be wise to start training someone to take over should Mrs. Fader become ill or whatever; Otts said that he would like to sit down and work this out with Grace Fader.

Membership Committee: Progress

Pastoral Committee: George Tuerk reported that everyone attending the last Pastoral meeting felt that we made good progress. Reverend Warren Hilfiker gave George Tuerk four resumes on prospects for Associate Pastor; one of the prospects we ruled out right at the outset because we did not approve of some of his activities. A priority was set up for the remaining three. The first choice was Reverend Balt, a 28 year old chap from Boston; we were able to contact him in Baltimore recently where we found out that he wanted a church of his own. Our second choice was Reverend McCloud who resides in Banghar Maine. George will write him there and explain what his duties would be here should he be offered the position. Ray Schmitt made a motion that we invite Reverend McCloud down here at our expense so that we could interview him. Lou Parker, Jr. seconded the motion and it was carried. There was one discenting vote that of William Voelker who thought we should send a few Council members up there to see and hear him in his present surroundings. Mr. Tuerk said that he would have the job description completed before he sent the letter to Reverend McCloud.

Music Committee: Louis Parker, Sr. requested that Robert Gundlach be given the opportunity to play the organ for our Church services the two Sundays that John Barkettt was away on vacation; the Council Board agreed that he was deserving in everyway and approved his sitting in. Lou Parker, Sr. also got approval of the expenditure of \$360 for vocalists for the special services in September when we celebrate our 100th Anniversary; this had already been cleared through the 100th Anniversary Committee.

Ushering Committee: Progress

Youth Committee: Fred Long asked for and received permission to repair the stage curtain. Fred Long also mentioned that the Youth group was holding a dinner to raise funds to secure air conditioning for the gym. Council Board approved - George Sauer will have the gym checked out for amount of BTU's required etc., and report back.

Youth Service: Ray Schmitt informed us that June 24 will be another Youth service Sunday and that there would also be one scheduled for both July and August.

Old Business: Randy Schmitt asked if Reverend Bartell was compensated for the Youth services which he has been preaching. Arthur Block assured him that he was being paid.

New Business: George Sauer showed us some literature and catalog prices on some money counters - most were very expensive models running somewhere in the neighborhood of \$1300 to \$1600. The Council Board will take time in selecting a good one at a reasonable cost.

Pastor Rasche said that he is receiving requests now from people who are getting married to bring their own organist. The Council Board was unanimous in its decision to rule this out for two reasons - first, our organ is an expensive instrument and we do not want just anyone playing it, and second, we felt that our Organist should be given the opportunity to earn this extra money. The aforementioned decision was made official by virtue of a motion made by Ray Schmitt and seconded by George Tuerk.

Pastor Rasche said that he would be away on vacation July 8, 15, and 22, and that Dr. Weisser, Reverend Bartell and Reverend Wenck would be preaching, in that order. The sick calls and funerals would be handled by Reverend Ralph Cook; he would get the honariums; this was approved by Council.

Pastor Rasche informed us that Mrs. Grace Fader was going on vacation August 13 thru

August 27, and again urged everyone to get all typing and mimeographing in to her before she goes on vacation.

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

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