

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on May 1, 1973.

In attendance were Arthur Block, George Sauer, William Bark, Jr., George Tuerk, William Single III, Fred Long, Robert Logue, Randy Schmitt, Ray Schmitt, William Voelker, and Louis Parker, Jr. Ernest Jones, the Church's Financial Secretary, was in attendance, as was Edwin Meyers, the Chairman of the One Hundredth Anniversary Committee.

Pastor Rasche opened the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes for the meeting for the month of April were read and approved as written.

The Financial Report was reviewed and approved as submitted. In reviewing the Financial Report, it was reported that contributions plus funds to be taken from the Memorial Fund are now in excess of \$17,000. It was agreed to place this money in a savings account (American National), and President Block gave the Church Treasurer, Bill Bark, two checks totaling \$8,568.67 to begin this new account. This amount represents all contributions received to date.

Ed Meyers has agreed to keep detailed records of the collections and expenditures of this 100th Anniversary Committee. Ernie Jones will report in more general terms in his monthly report to the Council.

The Anniversary Banquet will now be held at the Eastwind, because reservations thus far have indicated that the facilities originally reserved at the Endwood Gardens will not be adequate. The menu will be the same, but the Cocktail Hour will be at 6:00 p.m. rather than 7:00 p.m.

The Anniversary Committee has suggested the erection of a Memorial Board to be placed in the Narthex of the Church for the names of contributors of \$100 or more. Louis Parker, Jr. made a motion to erect such a board which was seconded by George Sauer, and was carried.

The invitations for the 100th Anniversary "Community Night" have been printed and are ready to go out with the Anniversary quarter folders.

In discussing the Anniversary Projects, Pastor Rasche informed us that the activation of the 500 pound bell which is now inactive in our bell tower would cost \$1,150.

Mr. Block informed us that he had received a \$300 contribution which the donor had specified was to be used for work on the bells. The Pastor said that we could install an automatic clock for the bells at a cost of \$385. This clock would reset the bells periodically to the correct time without climbing into the tower. The \$300 donation plus other donations for the bells could initially buy this clock, with the other work to follow as donations are received.

Committee Reports:

Property Committee: The new carpeting for the Church and offices is now being laid. George Sauer pointed out that the new carpet will not allow office chairs to roll about in the desk areas. It was suggested that we secure clear acrylic mats at the approximate cost of \$85 for these desk areas. George Tuerk made a motion that we purchase these mats. It was seconded by Bob Logue and was carried. Mr. Sauer also informed us that a cannister-type vacuum cleaner is needed for the office areas. Fred Long made a motion that this item be purchased. The motion was seconded by William Single and was carried.

Mr. Sauer will be pricing various models of coin counters, as this has also been designated as a project item by the Congregation.

Finance Committee: Progress

Membership & Stewardship Committee: Progress

Spiritual & Pastoral Committee: Progress

Music Committee: Progress

Calendar Committee: The "Canton Happening" (Vacation Bible School) will be held here at our Church July 9 - July 26, with a Bus Ride scheduled for the conclusion of the session on July 27.

Ushering Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: There will be a meeting on May 13, 1973 with the Youth Committee to prepare the Anniversary Banner.

Youth Committee: Youth meetings are scheduled for May 6 and May 13, with the May 6 meeting being a Skating party, and the May 13 meeting being a business meeting. The Youth Service has been scheduled for Sunday, May 27th, from 9:40 a.m. until 10:20 a.m. The Late Service will begin at 10:30 a.m. on this date. Pastor Bartel may not be able to conduct the Youth Service on that Sunday, but if this occurs he will prepare the service so that the youth may conduct the service themselves.

Old Business: John Bankett and Pastor Rasche are getting together on May 3 to discuss the special music for the four Anniversary Sundays in September. John has already informed the Pastor that he desires to hire soloists and four male vocalists to bolster the choir on each of these four Sundays. This would involve the expenditure of several hundred dollars for the four Sundays. A decision on this matter was deferred pending more concrete plans for the special music. The Music Committee is to schedule a meeting to discuss the future of the Church Choir which is in need of improvement.

New Business: The Pastor suggested ordering the Mother's Day gift picture that we give out each year. Whitman (the supplies we have been using) is closing out its stock, and a three year supply of 400 pictures per year would cost \$60. The consensus of opinion among the Council was to drop this item. On the matter of selecting delegates to attend Conference in June, Fred Long and Arthur Block have agreed to attend on Saturday, June 16, to represent our Congregation.

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

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker, Jr.
(Acting Secretary)