

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held April 3, 1973.

In attendance were Arthur Block, George Sauer, William Bark Jr., George Tuerk, William Single III, Fred Long, Robert Logue, Randy Schmitt, Louis Parker Jr.; and Ernest Jones, the church's Financial Secretary, was also in attendance.

Pastor Rasche opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

The Financial report reviewed and approved as submitted. It was recommended, however, that the receipts and expenditures of the 100th Anniversary Committee be reported as separate entries in future reports. According to President Block, Ed Meyers, the 100th Anniversary Committee Chairman, is maintaining records and will report monthly. Ernest Jones suggested taking money from the Memorial Fund to create an account for the 100th Anniversary Fund. To begin this fund, Ernie will take \$5,000 from the Memorial Fund as this action has been authorized by the approval of the congregation at the Congregational Meeting of April 1, 1973. This will not necessitate the creation of a separate checking account, but will be reported as a separate item, as was stated earlier, in future financial reports.

Committee Reports:

Property Committee: Pastor Rasche stated that Barbara Mikulski is still pursuing the matter of relocating the bus stop that we now have in front of the Church.

Finance Committee: The Committee met March 12, 1973 and discussed many items: Quarter Folders for the 100th Anniversary will go out after Easter. The "financial package" (improvements to the Church and parsonage which have been designated as the goal of the financial appeal for the 100th Anniversary) totaling \$15,000 was submitted to the congregation at the Special Congregational Meeting on April 1, 1973. The package was approved and the Council was empowered to take \$15,000 from the Memorial Fund. Pastor Rasche suggested a "hard sell" for this appeal.

Membership and Stewardship Committee: Louis Parker, Jr. reported that he and Louis Parker, Sr. and Pastor Rasche attended the April 1 meeting of the Chesapeake Association at Bethel Church. The business portion of the meeting included the presentation of a very solvent financial report and the approval of two expenditures by the Association. The first item was the approval to contribute \$500 toward the purchase of a Volkswagen bus for the "on-campus ministry" at Johns Hopkins University in which the Association plays such a vital part. The second item was the approval to contribute the sum of \$1300 to be used by Bethel Church to secure the services of a pastor under the Inter-Net Program which is a program whereby a college graduate who has not attended the seminary can work toward the ordained ministry under this "work study" type program. The program for the rest of the meeting centered around the suggested use of an Evangelism kit geared to the "Key 73 Program" which has been prepared by the National body of the Presbyterian Church. Many denominations are finding this kit and its "program approach" to the question of evangelistic activity extremely valuable. Briefly stated, it suggests alternative courses of action to striking upon a variety of target groups and contains a wealth of source material to facilitate the movement toward the accomplishment of the selected goal. Lou suggested that this kit, perhaps be used next year as all our efforts are now being directed at the 100th Anniversary Program. Each congregation in the Association was given one of these kits.

Spiritual-Pastoral Committee: George Tuerk regretfully informed us of the resignation

of Reverend Warren Hilfiker from his post with the Chesapeake Association, but informed us that Reverend Hilfiker is prepared to send us a number of applicants for the position of Associate Pastor here. Reverend Hilfiker informs us that interested seminarians will be expecting a commitment in June. George urged a more vigorous pursuit of this matter as we are proceeding cautiously due to reluctance concerning the financial commitment. Bill Single suggested preparation of a job description for the associate pastor by the committee irregardless of what future action or inaction the Council takes in the matter of finding an associate pastor. A committee meeting will be scheduled to prepare this job description.

Music Committee: Lou Parker Sr. conveyed the request of Music Director John Bankett for the services of two vocalists and one instrumentalist for the service on Wednesday, April 11, at the cost of \$15 each. This special music would replace the sermon on that evening. Fred Long made a motion not to proceed on this program. It was seconded by George Tuerk and was carried. John also requested the services of three tenors and three baritones for special music during September (100th Anniversary). It was decided to postpone a decision on this matter until the time for the special music is closer at hand and the content of the program for those Sundays is more definite.

Calendar Committee: The first Wednesday in June is the date for the Young Women's Guild Dinner.

Ushering Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Progress

Youth Committee: Fred Long reports discipline problems with the Friday night activities and suggests that we may have to break the group into age brackets. Randy and Ray Schmitt met with Carol Rowell of the Sunday School to discuss the matter of Youth Service interference with the curriculum of the Sunday School because of the present time that the Youth Service is held. The Sunday School does not want to bring the students over to the Church for the twelve Sundays that the Youth Service would occur each year. Therefore, the committee is considering a 7:00 p.m. Sunday night service. Mr. Block suggested that Randy attend the 7:00 p.m. "Contemporary Service" at Epiphany Church to explore this possibility.

Old Business: None

New Business: Pastor Rasche informed us that the Confirmands will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on April 5, 1973. It was agreed to have a dismissal of those not communing on Good Friday as we do on Easter Sunday.

Pastor Rasche informed us that the new Structure and By-Laws of the Central Atlantic Conference is in our hands and should be considered either by a committee or full Council. The Conference will be held June 15, 16 and 17 this year. Mr. Block will get a Committee together on this to secure delegates and to act upon the Structure and By-Laws prior to Conference.

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

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker, Jr.
(Acting Secretary)