

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

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

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

The minutes for the meeting for the month of December were read and approved as submitted.

Property Committee: George Sauer said that the plan to get an outside concern to do the scrubbing should be forgotten about because it does not include the cleaning of the base boards or the corners. Arthur Block promised a meeting with the Property Committee and Chris in an effort to straighten out all their problems.

Special Youth Service Committee: Ray Schmitt promised a meeting of this committee by the latter part of January or the first of February.

Spiritual and Pastoral Committee: Mr. Tuerk said that he didn't have much to report, but he did want to contact Lancaster Theological Seminary in regards to our quest for an Associate Pastor. Reverend Warren Wilfiker suggested that George wait until the new committees are formed in our Church Council before we proceed with the task of acquiring our Associate Pastor.

Membership Committee: William Voelker said that his committee would have to review the members' records so that we know how to make up our payment to the Central Atlantic Conference which is based on the number of church members. Pastor Rasche asked if there was any reaction to our Advent and Christmas service; and mentioned that there were only 65 people in attendance at the New Years Eve service. William Voelker said that his committee would also check into the attendance at these services and report back.

Old Business: The Council Board approved non-Council member Ernest Jones as the Financial Secretary for the year 1973 by virtue of a motion made by William Voelker and seconded by William Single III; it carried unanimously. The signatures for our savings account were out-dated. Ernest Jones said that he would take care of updating by having Arthur Block, William Single III, George Sauer, and himself sign the application as the authorized signatures.

It was suggested that in the future one of the members of the Property Committee pack the Christmas decorations for storage, and also to take care of the altar. Mr. Block said that we would have to look into this matter - perhaps the Spiritual Committee would look after the altar.

Pastor Rasche contacted Councilwoman, Barbara Mikulski, who suggested that two letters be written in regards to having the bus stop removed from the front of the Church property. Pastor Rasche said he wrote the letters and that they are now being taken into account and investigations are underway.

The Council Board agreed that we would wait until Sunday, January 7 for the members to pick up the remaining offering envelopes, all left after that date would either be delivered by Bill Kohler for 10¢ each or mailed out.

Pastor Rasche said that we should concern ourselves with the plight of our Men's Fellowship as attendance hasn't been too strong; he suggested that the Council Board get behind it.

A request came from the 100th Anniversary Committee to have some imprinting put on the face of our Sunday service Bulletin proclaiming our 100th Anniversary. The price of these imprinted bulletins would be \$140 for the whole year - 35,000 bulletins or \$35 a quarter year. Council decided to have the inside of the bulletin mimeographed for the 1st 2 quarters and perhaps have the 3rd quarter imprinted on the outside for \$35.

Pastor Rasche passed out a revised application for membership and service card for all to look over; he suggested that the Spiritual Committee take this form under their wing and offer suggestions.

Pastor Rasche passed out a pamphlet which he worked up to point up the schedule of events for our 100th Anniversary and "Key 73" program. William Single, after studying the pamphlet for some time, said that it confused him having both causes going at the same time; he further remarked that he would hate to think of how the church member, who doesn't attend our meetings, would decipher this pamphlet. Mr. Single said that this paper, in his mind, would serve only to dilute the Emphasis on our 100th Anniversary. The Council Board after discussing the matter at length, agreed that we would be hurting our effort to promote our 100th Anniversary if we stayed in the "Key 73" program. George Tuerk made a motion that our church withdraw from the "Key 73" program as per Thursday, January 4th when we ring our church bells; Ray Schmitt seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. The recording secretary was directed to write the General Chairman of the "Key 73" program informing him that United Evangelical Church was withdrawing.

New Business: Betty Lou Priss was granted a transfer to her new church.

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