

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on December 5, 1972.

In attendance were Arthur Block, Ernest Jones, George Sauer, John Lenning, George Tuerk, William Single III and Louis Parker, Sr. Also present were W. Bark, Jr., Randy Schmitt, William Voelker and Fred Long, members who were voted on Council at last Congregational meeting.

The meeting was called to order by President Block and opened with a prayer by Pastor Paul A. Rasche.

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

The monthly financial report was reviewed and William Single remarked that it was remarkable how close most of our budget items were coming out to predictions - all except "Other Donations." William Single made a motion that we take the \$10,892.79 in the American National Bank savings account and purchase a Certificate with it at American National Bank so that we get more interest on the Church's money. George Tuerk seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Committee Reports:

Property Committee: George Sauer said that it has been very difficult to get a janitor or a woman sexton to replace Mrs. Carrie Bentrup. Each time George points out to them the areas that have to be scrubbed they balk. Since we were paying Mrs. Bentrup \$3,000 annually we may do just as well, and maybe even better, if we go to an outside concern to do just the scrubbing, according to George. Mr. Sauer thinks its possible to get all the scrubbing done for \$1,000 per year; the scrubbing would be done quarterly at \$250 a scrubbing. To make up for some of the other work that Mrs. Carrie Bentrup had been doing, it would be necessary to pay Chris perhaps 20 or 25 dollars more per week as his work load would increase. Arthur Block said that he would hold a meeting with George and his property committee and Chris the sexton to work the matter out.

Mr. Sauer informed us that he replaced two more windows in the gym last week; these are the windows by the sidewalk on East Avenue. This has been a problem area for a long time, now if the windows are not being broken, the putty has been dug out or otherwise damaged. The Council was cognizant of the fact that the bus stop there, has quite a bit to do with the vandalism which takes place there and agreed it would be a good idea to have it moved. George Sauer made a motion that we have the bus stop moved from the front of the Church property if at all possible, William Single seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. Pastor Rasche said that he would contact Barbara Mukulski in an effort to have the bus stop moved.

Membership and Stewardship Committee: Progress

Pastoral Committee: George Tuerk said that he talked to Reverend Bartell and found out that he is not interested in what we have to offer. Reverend Bartell is now working with the State and would only be interested in nights and week-end work and he would prefer that this work be in the administrative line.

Mr. Tuerk said that he would like to meet with Dr. James Glasse, President of Lancaster Theological Seminary, and discuss our needs to him; George felt that in this way he would gain some knowledge about seeking out our Associate Pastor.

George Tuerk agreed that Reverend Hilfiker is one of our best sources of information and he is going to try and set up a luncheon where Reverend Hilfiker, himself and the

Pastoral Committee can meet and discuss the matter.

Pastor Rasche said that it would be a good idea to write up a job description so that we can spell out exactly what we are looking for in this man. We would also do well to sound out this man and make sure his ministry is pointed in the direction we approve, because with today's permissiveness you can have great variances and some we may not like, according to Pastor Rasche. The Board agreed that we would work up a job description and also sound the man out.

Spiritual Committee: President Block urged Pastor Rasche to try to keep the Sunday service to approximately one hour and fifteen minutes; Pastor said he has always been conscious of the time for Sunday service and will continue to do so.

Music Committee: There were some complaints about our organist most always playing a robust Prelude. Council members had mixed feelings about what kind of music should be played as Prelude; Lou Parker, Sr. said that he would urge the organist to play something conducive to meditation at times.

Calendar Committee: No dates to approve.

Ushering Committee: Progress. William Single said there were too many Council members absent for a recent Communion Sunday service; in the future when it is known that many Council members will be out on a Sunday, notice should be given well in advance so we are prepared. Arthur Block said that he did give advance notice and he thought things were pretty well taken care of.

Fellowship Committee: Arthur reminded the Council that we need lots of help for Tinsel Day. Pastor Rasche said that George Sauer will bring the tree in Saturday before Tinsel Day, set it up and place the lights.

Youth Committee: Progress

Old Business: President Block thanked all Council members who were going off the board for their fine service and urged them to run again when circumstances permitted.

Sour Beef Supper - Ernest Jones said the proceeds from the Sour Beef Supper were \$862 and could go to \$1000. Profits are down on this supper which could be attributed to the following: too many supper preceding ours, bad weather, food too costly - beef, over buy of cabbage. Next year we should have supper in October.

New Business: Election of Officers to the Church Council for the year 1973.

President: George Tuerk made a motion that we elect Arthur Block as president for the year 1973. George Sauer seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Vice-President: Fred Long made a motion that we elect George Sauer as Vice-President for the year 1973. William Bark, Jr. seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Treasurer: George Sauer made a motion that we elect William Bark, Jr. as Treasurer for the year 1973. George Tuerk seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Financial Secretary: William Voelker made a motion that we elect Ernest Jones as Financial Secretary for the year 1973. William Single III seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Recording Secretary: George Sauer made a motion that we elect Louis Parker, Sr. as Recording Secretary for the year 1973. William Voelker seconded the motion and it was

unanimously carried.

Pastor Rasche showed the Council Board a film strip on "Key 73" which is a program that will extend all through the year 1973. "Calling the Continent to Christ." Thousands of local cooperating groups of Churches will be participating for all of 1973. Pastor Rasche and Arthur Block have already attended some meetings in which the program for our community of Canton and Highlandtown was discussed. These meetings have moved along quite well according to Pastor Rasche and each church, naturally, will be permitted to participate to the extent that it desires. "Key 73" begins in the local Church working as an individual congregation or with other Congregations in this great program. In our Canton-Highlandtown area our churches are banding together for this effective program in the area of evangelism. Cognizant of the fact that this venture would not be a case where incorporation was involved and expenses would be minimal, the board approved initial participation which would entail opening the church for one service, any additional participation would be played by ear. Pastor Rasche said to make "Key 73" go there would have to be volunteers and the following agreed to represent our church thusly:

Bible Study - Randy Schmitt
Visitation Survey - John Lenning

Finance - William Single III
Central Information - Louis Parker, Sr.

Pastor Rasche said we would also need some volunteers to participate in Launch Sunday on January 7.

Pastor Rasche said that he would call the insurance company regarding the Family Protection Plan so that we would know what the additional cost will be before we approve the expenditure.

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