

The 1972 Congregation meeting of the United Evangelical Church was held January 28, 1972.

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

The minutes for the Fall Congregational meeting for 1971 were read and approved as submitted.

There were 27 voting members present.

Old Business: Highlights from annual reports of our Pastor and Church organizations revealed the following:

Ladies Aid - Mrs. Myrtle DeVaughn, Ladies Aid President, presented the church a check in the amount of \$500 in behalf of that organization and \$140 was given to institutions, funds and memorials.

Young Women's Guild - Profits on sales totaled \$1,589.40. A gift of \$500 was made to our church. Other gifts totaling \$515 went to Church Homes, memorials, hospitals, shut-ins and church organizations.

Junior Girl Scout's Troop - Day trips and camping activities were vigorous during the year, and trips were made to many places of interest such as hospitals, colleges, theatres, etc. The troop also sponsored a cookie sale which netted a profit of \$42.60. The interest of the parents, according to Mrs. Arlene Pate made the cookie sale a success.

Church School - Martin Walsh, Church School Treasurer, read the financial report for 1971 which showed a balance on hand of \$5,631.89 as of December 31, 1971.

Paul Bauersfeld, Church School Superintendent, reported that attendance during 1971 was very poor, of a total of 419 students on roll only 162 attended on Sundays, which is only 46%. "The parents are not bringing their children into the Nursery department," according to Paul, and this disturbed him very much because this is where it all begins. Paul was pleased to report that the Church School missions were able to contribute as follows:

Chesapeake Association for Migrant Workers	\$50.00
Canton Christian Council	100.00
Underprivileged Children Camp	112.50
Christmas Fund for Children	50.00
Maryland Churches United	75.00
Central Atlantic Conference (Group of Missions)	225.00
Maryland Bible Society	25.00
Maryland Association for Retarded Children	15.00
Evangelical Deaconess Hospital	35.00

The Church School, like the Church is having a problem getting people to run as officers according to Paul. Mr. Bauersfeld asked Council President to aid him in getting nominees for officers. Mr. Block promised assistance.

Sewing Group - Mrs. Lona Koehler's report clearly showed that the group was very busy during the year making up some 1300 items for City Hospital, Rosewood Home and the Biloxi Mission.

Boy Scouts - A report by Mr. Kenneth Luckhardt pointed up that at years end there were 44 boys in the troop, with 15 adults assisting; during the year 19 boys reached advance rank and one boy made eagle. The years end saw the troop complete 15 years of activity.

Sr. Choir Report - Mrs. Anna Witzke, Choir Treasurer, reported showing a balance of \$405.17 at year's end.

Youth Group - Robert Gundlach prepared and read the report of this group which pointed up quite a bit of activity for the year; there were bike rides, parties, trips to the roller

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skating rink and ice skating. Robert was particularly pleased with the fine cooperation shown by Fred Long, Pastor Rasche, Mr. Pate, Mrs. Dorothy Long, Mrs. Florence Gundlach, Mrs. May Getz and Mr. Albert Witzke. Robert asked for opinions and suggestions from anyone who was interested in improving the Youth Group. Fred Long as per request of Robert Gundlach in his report, consented to be the official Youth Group Leader.

Men's Fellowship - Pastor Rasche reported that the Men's Fellowship slipped back quite a bit and requested help from the Church Council to help build interest in this group.

Pastor Rasche's Report - In touching just a few of the items in the Pastor's report it indicated the following:

- a. The problems of the Church were not grievous during the year.
- b. The affairs of the Church moved along at an even pace.
- c. Participation of Congregation at worship continued downward trend, but not in alarming manner.
- d. We are affected by the retirement of our Pastor of Visitation, the Reverend Dr. Weisser.
- e. We were saddened by the death of our Pastor Emeritus, the Reverend Dr. Lehmann.

Pastor thanked all those who contributed to the goodness of the year's experiences - the staff, the Council members, the organizations, the choirs, special committees and Fred Long and William Voelker who had to leave the Council because of six year limit.

Mr. Block in behalf of the Church Council thanked the organizations and Pastor Rasche for the fine reports. "The Pastor is important, and so is our Church Council, but the fine help of our organizations is definitely needed if we are to be successful in the furtherance of God's work, and with his help we hope to do a good job," were the words of President Block.

The review of the financial report for the year 1971 indicated that for the first time in many years we just about met our budget.

New Business: Pastor Rasche told of planned Mardi Gras - Church wide affair for adults; it will be the Friday before Lent, February 11.

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

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker, Sr.
Recording Secretary