

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on March 5, 1968. Those in attendance were Albert Fader, George Sauer, John Lenning, William Single III, William Voelker, Fred Long, Ernest Jones, and Louis Parker Sr. Mr. Paul Bauersfeld also attended the meeting by special invitation. The meeting was called to order by President Albert Fader and the meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Paul A. Rasche.

The minutes for the month of February were read and approved as written. The Monthly Financial Report for February was reviewed and approved as submitted.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: George Sauer informed us that a sexton has been hired to clean our Church property. He is a colored man, 44 years of age, and has been working for us now for three weeks. Mr. Sauer, to date, has been very impressed with this congenial, ambitious man. His work week is eight hours a day, Monday through Friday, and a half day Saturday. He receives \$80.00 per week.

An air-conditioner for the Upper Room is urgently needed as it is very warm there in the summer months when the choir practices. Dr. Weisser's office is there also and this should serve him well. George Sauer said that he could get a 24,000 BTU air-conditioner for \$290 plus installation from Ecke's Appliance. William Single made a motion we purchase this air-conditioner and Ernest Jones seconded it. The motion was unanimously carried.

The rest rooms off Friendship Hall were very heavily damaged by some teenagers attending Teen Nite recently. The ceiling tiles were all pushed through and the metal doors of the stalls were damaged, and there was some damage to the plumbing. Several Council Board members estimated the damages at approximately \$200 if done by an outside contractor. George Sauer and Albert Fader thought that George Sauer could handle this repair job very readily if we supplied him with the necessary materials; Albert motioned also that he should be compensated for it. William Single made a motion that we supply Mr. Sauer with the materials and have him do the repair job on the rest rooms compensating him for his efforts. Ernest Jones seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried. William Voelker said that there were some bad door checks in the Narthex - George Sauer agreed to check these.

Bulletin board magnetic holders do not work; masking tape is needed.

Finance Committee: The Monthly Financial Report was reviewed and approved as submitted. The Improvement Fund will show \$7500.00.

William Single said that we should secure Certificates of Deposit at Loyola Federal Building and Loan Association with our available funds where we could get a $5\frac{1}{4}\%$ return. To get this $5\frac{1}{4}\%$ return, a minimum deposit of \$12,000.00 would have to be made, and each multiple of \$1,000.00 would also earn this $5\frac{1}{4}\%$ return.

Membership Committee: Dr. Weisser and William Voelker got together the past month and discussed the status of the inactive members of the Church. There has to be a decision made on all these people. Some of these members might be coming and not signing cards, others might contribute and not attend for some valid reason. It is also possible that some have become active in the last year and the records fail to show it. William Voelker scheduled a meeting with Pastor Weisser and the Membership Committee March 26, at which time all these records will be reviewed and a working plan will be made available for Dr. Weisser.

Altar Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Fred Long accepted the chairmanship for our 95th Anniversary Banquet. He will schedule a meeting with the Fellowship Committee and do some planning. Fred Long will sound out some places for costs. The place should be large enough to accomodate 200 to 250 people. Pastor Rasche felt that we should have a guest speaker for our 95th Anniversary Service as it would broaden the horizons of the people of the Congregation. Mr. Fader would like to get the Reverend Warren T. Hilfiker or the Reverend Francis X. Pirazzini as guest speaker.

Albert Fader said that it was time we started thinking about our Annual Church and Church School Picnic. He appointed Louis Parker as chairman of the picnic and choose the third or fourth week of July as the date.

Calendar Committee: No dates to report.

Auditing Committee: Progress

Spiritual Committee: William Single reported that another Church took our point of view in apposition to the Pronouncement on Selective Conscientious Objection while another lined up with Reverend Francis X. Pirazzini.

William Single asked our opinion as to what stand we should take on Reverend Mengel. He is a minister of our United Church of Christ who is presently under Federal indictment for tampering with Selective Service Files. Reverend Mengel has asked the Church what its stand is on this matter and the Christian Ministry Committee has been discussing it. The Council Board conferred on this item but could not come up with any fixed position.

During a visitation by Dr. Weisser two young mothers mentioned that they have younger infants in the family. They would attend church but they do not like taking them in the quiet room because they feel that the romping infants disturb the adults in the room. The Council Board is well aware of this problem and would like very much to set up some kind of nursery service. Mr. Fader suggested taking a few lines in the Bulletin asking for volunteers for a Nursery. William Single felt it important enough to have a nursery even if we had to pay these women. Pastor Rasche has received calls asking if we have nursery service. William Single said he would schedule a meeting for his Spiritual Committee and look into the possibilities of setting up a Nursery.

Paul Bauersfeld, Superintendent of the Church School, was invited to meet with the Council Board for the express purpose of discussing the use he would make of the money from the estate of the late Dorothy Trautner. Mr. Bauersfeld said that the Church School had spent \$2,400.00 in the past two years on new tables, chairs, altars, and lecturns. The entire Church School was air-conditioned last year at a cost of \$2,300.00. This cleaned out the entire furniture and fixture fund and the Church School had to borrow \$2,100.00 from itself from various accounts. The Church School still needs a piano, office furnishings, and a closet to store the many things that the Church School uses such as robes for the Christmas program. This closet would be on the south wall of the Tower Room; it would be eight feet long and about a foot and a half deep. Mr. Fader told Paul Bauersfeld to compile a complete list of equipment with the costs and then submit it to the Council Board for approval. William Single said that he would not like to have the money which was bequeathed to the Church School used to pay off existing debts. He felt these should be cleared offwith the money coming if from the current fund programs.

Old Business: The dishwasher in the parsonage has been installed. The electrical and the plumbing has been hooked up - awaiting cabinet work.

Pastor Rasche informed us that our Church has received a letter of thanks from the Hoffman Home Capital Fund Drive for our participation. Ernest Jones asked how we would forward the money to this drive. The Finance Committee will decide on this; it will

possibly be done quarterly. It was decided to have special envelopes printed up for the Hoffman Home Capital Fund Drive; they would have two lines of print, one for name and the other for address. The color has not yet been decided. Pastor Rasche will call and get prices on them. Mr. Fader was then given permission to order 15,000 envelopes.

Albert Fader suggests contacting St. Bridget's for use of their parking lot on Sunday morning as they do not use it at this time. Fred Long said that he would contact Henry Behr who in turn would see Father Egan concerning this matter.

Pastor Rasche passed the word on to us that the Girl Scouts, which is expanding rapidly, would like to use the third or fourth floor of the Church School Building to accommodate one of the groups. The Council Board did not approve of this, but did offer the Upper Room or the Library in the Church School to accommodate the Girl Scouts in addition to the present meeting place in Friendship Hall.

Ernest Jones asked what other churches support the United Church Home.

Pastor Rasche asked for permission to install a 24" by 36" open bulletin board of the cork type in the hallway by his office. The cost of same would be taken care of by an anonymous giver; permission was granted.

Lorraine Long, Mrs. Mildred Mason, and Mr. Louis R. Hamel have requested transfers to their respective new churches. The Council Board commended these people to their new churches.

The following people will be received into the membership of our Church on Sunday, March 24, 1968: Mrs. Ralph E. Weisser, Mr. & Mrs. Elisha Grady, Mr. & Mrs. Leroy Senseney, Mr. & Mrs. Louis Denson, and Mr. Keefer F. Zeller.

Miss Anna Berkfield of Chesterfield Ave. requested admission to Homewood Church Home. The Council voted unanimously to endorse her as she held good membership here at our Church. President Albert Fader and Recording Secretary Louis Parker Sr. signed the application.

Canton Christian Council requested that the whole Vacation Bible School be held here at our Church this year. Mrs. Mae Getz' co-workers of last year are ready to work with her since she was appointed the General Chairman, this year. The Council Board gave its approval for this year's school.

The painting of the parsonage will require two coats and some wallpapering needs to be done. Rednor submitted an estimate of \$1,130.00. All agreed that this was high. Mr. Sauer will seek more estimates.

Pastor Rasche asked us to think about mailing out five copies of the "Central Atlantic Conference News" to our congregation each year. There would be 1200 copies sent out of each issue. The cost per issue would be \$30 or a total cost of \$150 per year. Pastor Rasche feels that the "C.A.C. News" would reveal the total work of our Conference to our Congregation.

There being no other business to come before the Council Board at this time, the meeting was adjourned. The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

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