

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on February 6, 1968.

Those in attendance were Albert Fader, George Sauer, Fred Long, William Voelker, Richard Single, William Single III, John Lenning, Robert Logue, and Louis Parker Sr. William Bark Jr., upon special invitation, met with the Council Board.

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 January were read and with minor corrections were approved.

The Monthly Financial Report for January was reviewed and approved as submitted.

Report of Committees:

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee had a meeting January 30 and three basic matters were discussed. The first matter was the Improvement Fund; its checking account will be maintained at \$300.00. The General Fund loan of \$3000 will be paid back first and then the Memorial Fund loan of \$16,000.00 will follow. The second matter which came up was discussed at length; it dealt with the proposal of a long-range planning committee acting in the interest of our Church. Many other churches already have these committees which purchase homes in the neighborhood and rent them. It was pointed out that we could also do this and that if we were fortunate enough to secure homes next to one another we could make a parking lot. This committee would put our money to work in numerous ways in an effort to build up our assets, and it would remain in tact bringing in recommendations. Mr. Fader suggested that this committee, when formed, be given the authority to act upon an option thus giving them the advantage of buying at an opportune time. The third item discussed was the Hoffman Home Capital Fund Drive for one million dollars, our share was put at \$7300.00. The Finance Committee established our giving to this fund at \$6000.00 and proposed the following for raising the money over the three year period 1968, 1969, and 1970:

- a. Poor Fund - use "Poor Box" and promote giving through the "Bulleting" and "Endeavor".
- b. In 1969 when the Lancaster Theological Seminary Fund is finished, use this \$600.00.
- c. Send out special envelopes quarterly soliciting contributions.

The Finance Committee feels the money could be raised through 1968, 1969, and 1970 in this manner without having to increase the budget. We would get \$1200.00 through 1969 and 1970 after Lancaster was finished. This would leave \$4800.00 to be brought in through the "Poor Box" and the special envelopes.

The Finance Committee suggested that we mail the Congregation a copy of the 1968 approved budget and an abbreviated form of Pastor Rasche's Annual Report since there were just 25 Church members at January's Congregational meeting. Richard Single was given permission to look into Certificate of Deposits for investing our available funds.

Mr. William Bark as executor of Dorothy Trautner's Last Will and Testament read the portion of the Will where Miss Dorothy Trautner bequeathed 20% of her estate to our United Evangelical Church and 5% to its Church School. The 20% amounted to \$9842.05 and the 5% to \$2460.51. The Will stated explicitly that the \$2460.51 for the Church School be spent for furniture and fixtures, equipment and supplies as needed. Mr. Bark had the checks with him and William Single suggested we deposit them as soon as possible in a Savings and Loan Association in order to get the interest they would draw. William Single thought it would be a good idea if we sat down with Mr. Paul Bauersfeld and had

him tell us how he would like to use this money in the Church School.

Doctor Weisser reported that his first month as Visitation Pastor was very interesting and that he was quite surprised how enjoyable things have been. He has been calling on the people who had taken the 1967 envelopes without keeping them up. To date he has made 38 calls, of people were glad to see him, as they were at one time or another members of our Church. Dr. Weisser, in visiting these homes, is also getting some Church School prospects. Eventually he hopes to get around to visiting Church School children, these however would not be made until the 1000 church calls were completed, which according to Dr. Weisser, would take approximately two years. Dr. Weisser said that he will be going over the attendance cards on Mondays checking to see if any of the people came whom he visited. He will follow up closely and if any people start attending he will see that envelopes are issued to them. The Council Board agreed on this, feeling that if the person got back to Church, all else would follow - Communion contributions and the like. Dr. Weisser looked also the possibilities in visiting newly weds, baptisms, and those who claim they have no church home.

Dr. Weisser asked if there were any questions - there weren't any.

Property Committee: George Sauer informed us that we have been without a sexton for the last three weeks. George has been doing quite a lot of work during this time. He feels that we have been under estimating the amount of work involved as sexton of our Church properties. The main complaint from the sextons has been having to come in on Sunday to open and close the Church. John Lenning said that he would come early on Sunday and take care of this. George thinks it is worth \$100.00 a week to handle the job as sexton. The 65 lb. floor polisher is much too heavy to carry up and down four flights of stairs. George suggested we purchase another polisher at a cost of \$260.00 so that we would have a polisher on every other floor. The Council Board after a brief discussion agreed on a starting salary of \$80.00 a week for a sexton; this amount would not put us too far above the \$6340.00 allocated in our budget for sextons. Fred Long made a motion that we attempt to secure a sexton for \$80.00 a week and purchase a floor polisher. Dick Single seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

Membership Committee: Progress

Altar Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Pastor Rasche - the Bake Sale dates have been set up as follows:

February 28	Choir	March 20	Young Women's Guild
March 6	Church School	March 27	Girl Scouts
March 13	Ladies Aid	April 4	Boy Scouts

George Sauer will buy the cake, buns, and milk.

Calendar Committee: No dates to approve.

Ushering Committee: Pastor Rasche suggested that the new men on Senior Council and the young should have a meeting.

Music Committee: Progress

Audit Committee: Alfred Johnson said that he could make an audit of the books in a couple of weeks time. He didn't feel that it would be any less effective if taken at this time.

Spiritual Committee: Progress

Old Business: Pastor Rasche called Mr. Crawley of the "Guide". He said that a small add would not be very effective. An ad that would make a good showing would cost \$3.50 a week. We will continue going along as we are for now, the specials we are running do not cost us anything.

New Business: Pastor Rasche again reminded us of our 95th anniversary which will be coming up in September. Perhaps he said we would like to have a special service or maybe a committee to pick a special speaker. Mr. Fader would favor a banquet, some food, music, and dancing. The Fellowship Committee will handle the 95th Anniversary; they will draft a letter and send it out to the congregation with a self addressed envelope. Those who wish to attend will simply answer yes on this letter, and in this way the Fellowship Committee can secure an adequate size place to hold the banquet and order refreshments in the proper quantities.

Gussie Becker has requested a transfer to Saint Timothy's Lutheran Church. The Council Board commended her to her new Church.

Two new members will be coming Sunday - John D'Givanmi and Mr. & Mrs. Schqumberg.

Pastor Rasche invited the Council Board members to the Consistory Dinner Monday, February 12 at Saint Mathew's Church at 6:30 p.m.

The prices on the automatic dishwashers at Luskins & Korvettes are high. Pastor Rasche would like to have a Westinghouse. Richard Single would secure same type cabinets at his place of work. The plumber would take old cabinet out and install new one. Lou Smith will get estimate on cabinet and plumbing work.

Pastor Rasche has been offered a marble bench which is presently in Oak Lawn Cemetary. He and Lou Smith will go out and look at it. If they feel it is worth having another party will pay for having it moved here, it would be placed in the backyard of the parsonage.

The Council Board adapted the calendar block which Pastor Rasche made up for the special appeals and events. This would enable us to choose guest speakers well in advance and pre-plan other important matters.

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,

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Recording Secretary