

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on December 5, 1967.

Those in attendance were Albert Fader, George Sauer, Ernest Jones, William Single III, Richard Single, William Bark, Jr., Louis Mueller, William Voelker, and Louis Parker, Sr.

The meeting was called to order by President Albert Fader and the meeting was open with a prayer by Pastor Paul A. Rasche.

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

The Monthly Financial Report was reviewed and accepted as submitted. It is the intent of the Council Board to withdraw the \$15,000.00 from the American National Bank where we are presently getting a  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  return; many board members think we could be getting a  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$  return by buying certificates at a Building & Loan Association. Mr. Bark will write for a brochure on these certificates.

#### Report of Committees:

Property Committee: George Sauer reported that he is getting many of the maintenance items taken care of. William Single reminded us not to forget the walls in Friendship Hall - they will either have to be repainted or covered with glazed tile. Arthur Block informed us that there is a dangerous situation in the Narthex of the Church when the rug is used it slips. Lou Smith is going to contact Peterson Moore about a cloth rug for the Narthex - may get contract where they keep clean rug in Narthex at all times.

Finance Committee: Arthur Block, even though he left the Council, has consented to continue taking care of the Improvement Fund monies and bonds. Mr. Block graciously accepted this task after William Voelker made a motion to this effect and George Sauer seconded it. The motion was unanimously carried.

Membership Committee: Progress

Altar Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Tinsel Day will be December 17 as previously announced. Friendship Hall will have to be set-up Saturday, December 16, and lots of help will be needed for the preparation and serving of the meal on Tinsel Sunday from 12 to 4 p.m. The committee will meet and finalize all plans.

Pulpit Committee: The installation of Dr. Ralph E. Weisser as our Visitation Pastor will be made at the altar by Pastor Rasche on Sunday, January 14, at 10:15 a.m. service. Immediately following this service Doctor and Mrs. Weisser will be honored in a reception in Friendship Hall. Mr. Fader said that the plans for the reception would be worked out after Tinsel Day festivities were over.

Calendar Committee: William Voelker suggested that January's Council meeting be changed from January 2 to January 9.

Ushering Committee: This committee is still interested in securing new Junior Council members.

Music Committee: We are waiting for Donald Schnader to get Mr. Herbert in to approve the recommendations for correcting the acoustics problems.

Audit Committee: Mr. Fader asked this committee to have the audit completed before January's congregational meeting.

Spiritual Committee: Progress - Ernest Jones is waiting on Mrs. DeVaughn on report of Oyster and Sour Beef Supper.

Old Business: Ernest Jones assured us that the pine tree roping would be here by Thursday December 7. Al Fader asked the Council Board members for help in hanging the greens in the Church the same evening.

The Christmas tree will be donated to the Church, and it is a rather large one. William Single said that he would cut it down and Louis Mueller consented to haul it to Church in his truck.

Pastor Rasche contacted Mr. Crowley of the "Guide" concerning the ad we would like to run in his paper. A fifty word ad on a 48-week basis would cost \$5.50 a week - \$264.00 a year. The Council agreed that \$264.00 plus \$72.00 a year which we are now paying through the Chesapeake Association is much more than our budget allows. Lou Smith is going to contact Mr. Crowley to see what kind of an ad he can get for \$150.00 a year.

The United Men's Club, upon recommendation of the Council Board, has made some changes in its constitution. These changes have been brought to us for approval and read as follows:

#### ARTICLE II - Purpose

#2 - Now Reads: "To provide a recreational and social group for the men of the United Evangelical Church and men of other Protestant Churches who desire to become a member of this organization."

Change To Read: "To provide a recreational and social group for the men of the United Evangelical Church and men of OTHER Churches who desire to become a member of this organization."

#### ARTICLE III - Membership

Now Reads: "All men who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older, of Protestant denomination, and who are in sympathy with the purpose of this organization shall be eligible for membership."

Change to Read: "All men who are twenty-one (21) years of age or older, who believe in God, and who are in sympathy with the purpose of this organization shall be eligible for membership."

#### ARTICLE IV - Officers

Section #1 - Now Reads: "The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. Any member in good standing in the United Men's Club, Inc. shall be eligible to hold office."

Change to Read: "The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer. Any Protestant member in good standing in the United Men's Club, Inc. shall be eligible to hold office."

The Council noted that there wasn't always enough men of our Church who were interested in holding office in the Men's Club. The Council also cognizant of the fine job non-members are doing as officers in the Club approved these proposed ammendments to the United Men's Club Constitution. Ernest Jones made the motion that we accept these ammendments as submitted, and Louis Smith seconded it. The motion was unanimously carried.

Pastor Rasche felt that these members would now feel that they are a part of our Church, and that they would have an active part in the Father and Son Banquet. He also informed us that the last dance that the Club held was of high calibre, and that everybody had a fine time.

Pastor & Mrs. Rasche, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Fader, recently attended a meeting at Greenbelt where they were advised of the need of a capital fund drive to enlarge the facilities at the Hoffman Home. The amount needed for this project is one million dollars. Our share according to the break-down would be \$7,886.00 over a three-year period. Pastor Rasche said that we should not treat this project lightly by just sending off a small amount of money by a single check. He went on further to say that if we couldn't meet the share proposed to us, that perhaps we could compromise a bit. It was decided to take this matter up at the next Council Board meeting; we would still be open to present this to the congregation.

The Council Board decided to have William Single call Reverend Francis X. Pirazzini in order to get his consent to circulate the exchange of correspondence between him and our Council Board. Mimographed copies would then be distributed to the twenty or so churches in the Chesapeake Association. This would fill them in on the background and perhaps we could arrange for a forum here.

New Business: Election of officers to the Church Council for year 1968.

President: A motion was made by Richard Single and seconded by Louis Smith that J. Albert Fader be elected the President of the Council Board for the year 1968. The motion was unanimously carried.

Vice-President: A motion was made by Richard Single and seconded by William Voelker that George Sauer be elected Vice-President of the Council Board for the year 1968. The motion was unanimously carried.

Recording Secretary: A motion was made by Ernest Jones and seconded by William Voelker that Louis Parker, Sr. be elected Recording Secretary of the Council Board for the year 1968. The motion was unanimously carried.

Financial Secretary: A motion was made by George Sauer and seconded by Fred Long that Ernest Jones be elected Financial Secretary of the Council Board for the year 1968. The motion was unanimously carried.

Treasurer: A motion was made by George Sauer and seconded by Fred Long that Richard Single be elected Treasurer of the Council Board for the year 1968. The motion was unanimously carried.

Albert Fader thanked William Bark, Jr., Louis Mueller, and Arthur Block for the fine job that they all had done, and expressed the wish for them to run again as members of the Council Board.

Mrs. Patricia Stanton requested a transfer to Epiphany Lutheran Church. Ernest Jones made a motion that Mrs. Stanton be commended to her new church and William Voelker seconded it. The motion was unanimously carried.

Pastor Rasche received a letter from United Church of Christ requesting that we turn over the loose change from our two regular services of Sunday, December 31. This Sunday, it was pointed out in the letter is the 53rd Sunday of the year, an extra Sunday in the year so-to-speak. This money would serve the Christian World Mission well. Fred Long made a motion we turn the loose change over to them and William Voelker seconded it. The motion was unanimously carried.

Envelopes will be mailed with January's "Endeavor" for the gifts to our Hoffman Home.

The question came up - Should Dr. Weisser be at our Council Board meetings. The Council Board voted "yes", as he is a very important part of our organization.

Pastor Rasche informed us that he received a Love Gift from his mother, Mrs. August C. (Theodora) Rasche. This generous gift of \$300.00 will be used to install a dishwasher in the parsonage, which would remain as a permanent fixture. George Sauer will secure prices for dishwasher and matching cabinet work. William Bark suggested we send a letter of thanks to Mrs. Rasche for her generous gift to our Church.

Mrs. Marie O'Donnell, a long-time worker on Teen Nite, has consented to run this Youth group. She will need help and Mr. Fader asked the Council Board members to chip-in. Jerry Myers will be paid \$5.00 each Friday night for looking after the activities in the gym. John Lenning and Fred Long agreed to help when they were able to make it.

We received our envelopes for offering December 4. Mr. Fader was very disturbed about this as December 10 is deadline if everything is to come off as scheduled. He will see that a letter is sent out to these people informing them to send the envelopes to us much sooner.

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,

*Louis W. Parker Sr.*  
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Recording Secretary