

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on November 7, 1967.

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

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 meeting for the month of October were read and approved as written.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and approved as submitted.

#### Report of Committees:

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met Oct. 31 to compile the 1968 proposed budget and Richard Single presented this budget to the Council Board for approval. Pastor Rasche noted that the sum of \$5400.00 was allocated for the Benevolence Fund for Central Atlantic Conference. The Central Atlantic Conference has requested that our Church give \$9330.00 for 1968. Richard Single felt that \$5400.00 would be a realistic figure in view of the recent contribution which we have been receiving. Louis Mueller made a motion that we present the proposed budget exactly as it was prepared by the Finance Committee, to the Congregation Nov. 24 for approval. William Bark Jr. seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

Property Committee: There is heat in the Narthex of the Church now; the Council Board concluded that George Sauer must have done some fixing on the radiators.

Dr. Weisser will be bringing with him an open bookcase. Albert Fader said that he would ask him to put them under lock and key.

William Single would like to see some work be done on the maintenance items on the Church property. The cracks in the Church School wall, bad looking paint on Friendship Hall walls, chipped corners on posts in Friendship Hall, all of these items will have to be taken care of. It was suggested to use glazed tile on walls and rubber corners on posts in Friendship Hall.

Membership Committee: Progress

Altar Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Albert Fader said the Halloween Party was a real success; everybody had a fine time. There were about 300 children and 50 to 75 adults in attendance. The cost was \$87.60 and William Single commented that it was worth every penny of it.

Pulpit Committee: Dr. Weisser will be moving to Baltimore on or about Jan. 2, 1968. The cost for this move will be \$802.00.

It was decided to have a Reception Party for Dr. Weisser immediately after the service on Jan. 7. The refreshments will consist of punch, cake, and ice cream. The Council Board and Pastor Rasche agreed that Dr. Weisser should get a good amount of exposure immediately so that the Congregation will get to know him. It was also planned that Dr. Weisser would participate in the services regularly, possibly assisting in reading the Scriptures or other parts of the service. He would also

preach from the Pulpit on a regular basis; the exact schedule would be made up later. There will be a mailing sent out with an announcement stating that Dr. Weisser is with us. A picture of Dr. Weisser will also be put in this mailing.

Calendar Committee: No dates

Ushering Committee: We have the required amount of Junior Council members now - things are going along well.

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

Audit Committee: The Audit Committee will have a meeting and be ready to report at January's Congregational meeting.

Spiritual Committee: Arthur Block reported that the attendance has been picking up. Ernest Jones does not have report worked up yet for the Oyser and Sour Beef Supper.

Nominating Committee: Richard Single reported that he had just three nominees for November's election of Council Board members, they are - William Voelker, Fred Long, and Louis Parker Sr.

Old Business: Albert Fader, Louis Mueller and Pastor Rasche attended November's meeting of the United Men's Club. The 35 members present, according to Mr. Fader, were very receptive to the Council Board's recommendations. They will make changes to their constitution, and then put these up for Council Board Approval. Pastor Rasche asked why more Council Board members weren't coming out to the United Men's Club meetings.

New Business: Cookies will be sent out to the service men of the Church as they were last year; the cookies will be purchased, at cost, from the Church School.

There was general discontent among the Council Board members with the newspaper ad that our Church is running. William Bark felt that an ad placed in the "Shopper's Guide" would reach the people who are most apt to be interested in attending our Church. Pastor Rasche said that he would contact the Chesepeake Association if we decided to discontinue our present ad.

There will be a Christmas Greeting sent out to the Congregation as usual.

Pastor Rasche said that this will be Reverend Robert Ball's last Sunday with us and that he would thank him during the service for his faithful serving - members should thank him at the door.

Pastor Rasche informs us that the Recreation Council of Baltimore is using our gym for girl's basketball on Tuesday evenings - 3 hour sessions. The games are supervised by qualified personnel.

The Advent Season services will follow the same format as in previous years.

There were complaints about the mess that pine tree roping makes in the Church. Plastic decorations were suggested, but were quickly ruled out, Pastor Rasche did not want anything artificial in the Church at Christmas time.

Hoffman Home Capital Fund Drive for Adventure for Youth. This will be a million dollar venture. It was decided to send a check for \$25.00 to this drive.

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Arthur Block was concerned about the political pamphlets which were in the Narthex of the Church just before the last city elections; these pamphlets he said, might reflect that the Council Board endorses these candidates.

The Council Board members read the answer of our letter to Reverend Frances X. Pirazzini and all agreed that this letter should definitely be answered. William Single was pleased that we felt this way about it because he had already written a reply. He proceeded to read his letter, which was pretty sharp in tone, and rightfully so. Pastor Rasche suggested we tone the letter down a bit and William Single reluctantly agreed to do so. William Single said that he would like to see this exchange of correspondence be published in the "United Church Herald" with the hope that eventually a forum would be established, and there wasn't a Council Board member present who disagreed.

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 Parker Sr.*

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Recording Secretary