

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

Those in attendance were Ernest Jones, Albert Fader, Arthur Block, William Voelker, William Bark Jr., George Sauer, Richard Single, Louis Smith, Alfred Johnson, and Louis Parker Sr.

The meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Paul A. Rasche.

The minutes for the meeting for the month of August were read and with minor corrections were approved.

William Bark reports the closing of the estate of Mrs. Nina Bertha McKean in which she bequeathed our United Evangelical Church \$4500.00. The Council Board is most anxious to place a plaque in the narthex of the Church in memory of Mrs. Nina Bertha McKean. The Council Board also directed the Recording Secretary to send out a letter of thanks to Mrs. Armstrong, the executrix of the will, in care of Miss Margaret Mooney, the attorney. The money from this bequest will go into the Memorial Fund. Mr. Fader suggested that we not put any more money into the same savings account for this fund as this would put it over the \$15,000 bracket and it would not be insured. It was agreed to put this money into a reliable Savings & Loan Association such as Central Federal where we would receive compound interest.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: Property Committee to provide place for Dr. Weisser in the Upper Room by partitioning off a section. There would have to be room for desk, filing cabinet, chairs, etc. Pulpit Committee to inquire as to what office furniture Dr. Weisser would want. Mr. Stumph of Town & County Water Proofing, met with us and reported as follows on the problem of water in the parsonage basement. It was Mr. Stumph's belief that the water that is coming up through the basement floor is under great pressure and it is unlikely that this water would be entering through the side wall. Since the city has done repair work recently on the sewer just outside the parsonage, it is possible that there is still a leak. Mr. Stumph suggested we write Baltimore City a letter explaining our problem - They would send an inspection team out without any cost to us. Richard Single advised us to keep a copy of this complaint so that we would have a record in case severe damage should result later. William Bark will write the letter to Baltimore City - Mr. Stumph will meet with Baltimore City inspectors at the site representing us.

George Sauer informed us that the Dundalk Exterminating Company treated the Church building, and that the parsonage was added to the contract.

The water pipe problem in the kitchen of the parsonage has been taken care of by the plumber.

Membership Committee: Mr. Bark has prepared a list of activities that will spell out Dr. Weisser's function as Visiting Minister.

Altar Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Pastor Rasche asked about setting up Halloween party for Sunday October 29 noting that in past years there has been a fair turnout 150 to 200 people. George Sauer made a motion we have the Halloween party 7 to 9:30p.m. this date. Alfred Johnson seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Pulpit Committee: Pastor Rasche informs us that Dr. Weisser will be down next Tuesday night as guest speaker at our Annual Church School Banquet. The Church School will pay \$15.00 to Dr. Weisser to cover part of his expenses for this speaking engagement. Dr. Weisser will be looking for a place to live while he is down here.

Calendar Committee: Change date of Fashion Show to October 10. The Oyster and Sour Beef Supper will be held October 24 and 25. Mrs. Grace Fader has had the tickets printed - price will be \$1.00 for children, \$1.75 for adults. Ernest Jones will be the chairman of this supper. Ernest is going to talk to Mrs. DeVaughn about buying the food supplies directly from Esskay.

With Christmas Eve falling on a Sunday this year, the 8 o'clock evening service will be omitted. The 10:15 a.m. service will be emphasized as the Family Christmas Eve service. The same schedule would hold true for New Years Eve. December 17 will be Tinsel Day.

Usher Committee: Albert Fader asked Pastor Rasche to make an announcement requesting young boys to join our Junior Council. Al also asked Bill Voelker to get Junior Council members to help with Oyster Supper.

Music Committee: The Council Board met with Donald Schnader before our Council Board meeting to hear his recommendations for his solution to our accoustics problem. Donald suggested we line the Organ Chambers with masmite wallboard and that we seal the overhead of the Choir Loft. The Council Board thought Mr. Schnader's ideas might be worthwhile. Donald asked for and received permission from the Council Board to contact a Mr. Herbst, a man well versed in these types of problems, to pass his opinion on these recommendations. After Donald has Mr. Herbst in we will decide what action to take.

Finance Committee: August 8 there will be a meeting. Richard Single and Ernest Jones to get together and come up with a basic formula for reporting our finances weekly and monthly in the Bulletin. The Memorial Fund will be paid back first and then the General Fund from the Improvement Fund money.

Spiritual Committee: There will be a meeting of this committee August 29 at which time informal discussions will be held regarding the spiritual group life of Church Fellowship.

The following Board members come up for nomination this year, William Bark Jr., Arthur Block, William Voelker, Louis Smith, and Louis Parker Sr. Albert Fader appointed Richard Single as Chairman of the nominating committee.

The Council Board bought Mrs. Conrad a special Bible for \$2.50; she sent us a letter of thanks.

Audit Committee: Alfred Johnson - there will be an audit in October so that the report will be ready for the Congrestional meeting November 24.

Picnic Committee: The final report was turned in on the Church Picnic by Louis Parker Sr. The net loss was \$75.10. The Church School paid \$37.55 as did the Church.

Old Business: Pastor Rasche reports that the Canton Christian Council is in the process of incorporation and that liability insurance is being looked into.

New Business: Mr. & Mrs. Will Ermer have requested a transfer to Messiah United Church of Christ at the Alameda. Pastor Rasche talked to Mr. Ermer about staying on with us, but to no avail. Mr. Ermer wanted to be close to his Church because of his children. They have been commended to their new Church.

Mrs. Bentrup complained recently about wedding receptions in Friendship Hall being too close together and there is not sufficient time for her to clean up properly. Not too long ago Mrs. Bentrup worked as caretaker for two weddings and received only \$12.50 for 6½ hours work. Mr. Bark made a motion that we raise the present caretaker fee from a flat \$5.00 per wedding or funeral to \$10.00 per caretaker. Richard Single seconded this motion and it was unanimously carried.

Urban Laymen have had one meeting.

October 1 World Service Offering - Americans in Need fall association meeting at St. John's Church on Rolling Rd., October 29. Pastor Rasche requests the presence of two Council Board members.

Pastor Rasche wrote to Tri Faith Laymen's Federation requesting additional information. He did not get an answer.

We will keep the Altar and Church pictures on the front of the weekly Bulletin.

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,

Louis W. Parker Sr.
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Recording Secretary