

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on August 1, 1967.

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

The Monthly Financial Report was reviewed and approved as submitted. William Bark remarked again that he didn't like the picture that the weekly bulletin casts in that it shows a large deficit each week. The Finance Committee agreed that the bulletin should be worked over and that they would take care of this at a special meeting.

Report of Committees:

Pulpit Committee: The chairman of the Pulpit Committee, William Single, received a letter from Dr. Weisser in which he accepted the position with our United Evangelical Church as Visiting Pastor. Mr. Single immediately acknowledged his written acceptance with a return letter putting into writing our acceptance of him as Visiting Pastor.

Dr. Weisser will be with us on or about January 1, 1968. William Single thought it would be a good idea to notify the congregation well in advance of Dr. Weisser's coming; the Council Board and Pastor Rasche agreed. Pastor Rasche suggested the Council Board write something up announcing the coming of Dr. Weisser; this along with a photo of Dr. Weisser could be put in the September Endeavor. It was agreed that some type of reception would certainly be in order and that the Pulpit Committee could set up the arrangements - possibly with the formation of a Reception Committee.

Pastor Rasche mentioned also that we should set up an office for Dr. Weisser.

Property Committee: Window broken in Pastor's study - parents of boy would pay for window. Bill Single said get the bill and we will have the insurance policy pay for it.

New locks on Church & Church School doors. George Sauer does not like having same key for the Church and Church School. There would be too many people having access to the Church. It was agreed to change the lock on the Church School door.

The hot water pipe in the kitchen of the parsonage is clogged up resulting in very poor pressure. George Sauer to have this item attended to.

A fire extinguisher has been secured and installed in the parsonage as requested by Pastor Rasche.

William Single calls our attention to the paint peeling off the north wall of the Church School building and also of the many scuff marks on the stair casing. Albert Fader assured us that Miss Bentrup will take care of the scuff marks by washing them off. Al asked George Sauer to look into the matter of the peeling paint.

Finance Committee: Nothing special to report at this time - meeting coming up.

Membership Committee: Progress

Altar Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Lou Parker, chairman of the Picnic Committee, reports the picnic was quite a success. There were 283 children and adults at Kurtz's beach for the affair. The prizes for the children's games were better than usual while costing us less - thanks to Paul Bauersfeld for securing the slightly damaged toys from Hoschild Kohn & Company.

Music Committee: Had an accoustics installer here from John Hampshire Co. to look into our problem. He did not feel that he was qualified to make firm recommendations that would solve our problems. He said he would send another man out from the company whom was more experienced.

Ushering Committee: The Ushering Committee is looking for young men to be brought into the Junior Council.

Audit Committee: Progress

Spiritual Committee: The Spiritual Committee will hold a meeting in a couple of weeks time.

Old Business: Mr. Fader read us a report prepared by Mrs. Lumpkin, the superendant of the 1967 Vacation Bible School. In evaluating the school she remarked that it was quite successful with the following exceptions:

1. Transporting children from one church to another was a problem.
2. Kool Aid drink for refreshment was not very popular.
3. Vacation Bible School was not publicized enough and the publicizing should start sooner.
4. Closing program was too long and drawn out.

The total income to run the school was \$407.50, total cost was \$325.00 - \$82.50 left over. There was \$208.00 in the refreshment fund, \$94.00 was spent leaving \$110.00. The ministers of the participating churches suggest this money be turned over to the Canton Christian Council because it is very probable that this Council will run the Vacation Bible School next year. Mr. Jones was not in agreement with this; he asked if we shouldn't have a say in the school's activities. Pastor Rasche assured Mr. Jones we would have a say in the school's activities by being a member church of the Canton Christian Council. Pastor Rasche was rather pleased with the school and remarked that it was a good beginning, but he could not say whether it would be continued or not.

Canton Christian Council: In a letter from Reverend Larson he assures us that we are not acceded in any way; that each church gives only what it can afford. Pastor Rasche informs us that there is much long planning going on by the representatives of the Council for both the young adults and the senior citizens activities; and that we will be pressed for volunteers. There will be a meeting Thursday night of this week.

Pastor Rasche appointed Trustee at Large until our Church ratifies the Consitution. Pastor Rasche asked the Council Board what specific points it would like to have straightened out before it ratified the Constitution.

The Council Board stated:

1. That the process of incorporation be fully completed.
2. That adequate liability insurance be underwritten by the Canton Christian Council to protect itself in the instance of any cause for liability on the property.

3. That there be a statement in the Articles of Incorporation that the action of the representatives of the churches to the Council do not bind the church which they represent in any manner.

Richard Single moved that these three conditions be met before our church ratifies the Constitution. William Bark Jr. seconded this motion and a council Board vote count showed six members for, four members opposed; the motion was thus approved.

William Single is vigorously opposed to a recent Pronouncement which was drawn up and passed at a General Synod Meeting in Cincinnati by our Church at Large. This Pronouncement has to do with the draft laws where they apply to conscientious objectors. Bill Single read a copy of this Pronouncement to the Council Board and it was in full agreement with him when he stated that it provided the would be draftee with the privilege of selecting the type of war he would be willing to participate in. This privilege, according to Bill, bordered on treason and reeked with cowardice. The Church at Large, our Church of course included, would pay for counseling and information supplied to those draftees choosing to object on these grounds. William Single wrote a letter to the Reverend Francis X. Pirazzini, Editor-in-Chief of the C A C News, pointing out emphatically that we as a congregation wanted to go on record as being strongly opposed to this Pronouncement. The Council Board members, each and everyone of them, put their signature to this letter.

New Business: Pastor Rasche received a folder from the Tri Faith Laymens' Federation urging us to share in their functions. The Council Board agreed to have Pastor Rasche reply requesting additional information.

Pastor Rasche informs us that Dr. Lehmann has had another set-back having dizzy spells periodically; he has been advised to remain quiet. He will not be able to be with us Anniversary Sunday as a guest speaker.

William Bark suggested we get Reverend Francis X. Pirazzini as guest speaker for Anniversary Sunday.

The first Communion of the 1967 fall season will be September 3. September 24 will be Christian Education Sunday at which time the Church School Teachers will be re-dedicated to their work.

Pastor going to Wheeling, West Virginia September 7 and 8.

Fall service, neighbors in need project for October - Pastor received a folder.

Guest Minister for October 22 World Order Sunday - Pastor given permission by Bouncil Board to get a guest speaker.

Pastor Rasche having concluded six years as Minister of our Church asked Arthur Block, our Spiritual Committee Chairman, to schedule meetings where the total life of the Church could be discussed. Arthur Block said he would like to have this meeting the 3rd week of August.

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