

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on June 6, 1967.

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

The meeting was called to order by Vice President George Sauer and the meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Rasche.

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

Review of Monthly Financial Report: William Bark stated that he did not like the picture that the weekly Budget Information in the Bulletin cast. It appears that we are constantly spending more than we're taking in. Richard Single said he would look into this; possibly using a three month span and using more space in the Bulletin to show a truer picture. Mr. Bark also suggested putting the monies we now have in the savings accounts into ninety-one days bills, thus getting a better return on our money. The Finance Committee liked the idea and agreed to discuss it.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: Pastor Rasche said that he would like to have something done about the quiet room window as the visual activity in the room is distracting from the service. Mr. Sauer agreed to check on this.

Richard Single said that he would get the heating engineer from his place of work to survey the complete heating plant at the Church so that we would have time to make necessary fixes before the next heating season begins.

The Insurance man was here to check the Church property. He said that we need a safety valve installed on hot water heater in the kitchen. Mr. Sauer to call the plumber in to take care of this item. George Sauer found plugs in the safety valves for the boilers in the boiler room. He removed these plugs and will have the safety valves checked for proper pop-off pressure; a drain pipe will also be installed from these valves to the sump pump drain.

We received a letter from Melco Laboratories informing us that our Pest Control Contract has expired and that it could be renewed for \$60.00. The Council Board agreed that at one time Melco was turning out good work, but not so anymore. Arthur Block suggests we get our Pest Control Contract from a reputable concern like Terminex or Pied Piper.

George Sauer secured an estimate from Lenderking Metal Products Inc. for the replacement of the tow metal doors at the alley entrance. The two-ply wood stainless steel covered doors would cost \$225.00 a pair. The standard set of hardware and installation would cost \$99.82. Panic hardware, 1 door and installation \$198.86. Panic hardware 2 doors and installation \$287.21. Pastor Rasche suggested we have the tower room doors and the front Church School doors equipped also with this panic hardware. He feels these doors in their present condition are a definite safety hazard. Louis Mueller feels he can save us money on this door work, but he will not be able to start this job for a month. Louis said the doors could be bought for approximately \$140.00 a pair. Arthur Block made a motion we let Louis Mueller take care of the door job and Albert Johnson seconded it; the motion was unanimously carried.

The Council Board approved Carrie's vacation for August 20.

Ernest Jones reports that the choir members would like to have a rear exit from the choir loft in the event one of them gets sick. George Sauer said we would have to cut a well in the choir loft. William Bark suggested all the Council Board members look at this situation Sunday.

Albert Johnson requested we have the markings removed from the rear of the Church property and the Church School door.

Pastor Rasche asked if we could have the fire extinguisher service extended to the Parsonage. The Council Board favored an outright purchase of an extinguisher and is going to look into it.

Finance Committee: Progress

Membership Committee: Mrs. Grace Fader gives Pastor Rasche a list of persons who have requested a call; these are taken from the attendance cards. Pastor Rasche has been making these calls in the evening.

Altar Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Progress

Pulpit Committee: William Single, the chairman of our Pulpit Committee, reports the following developments in our quest for an assistant pastor. The search to date has not been fruitful, evidence of this is the ten open pulpits existing in our Association today. Reverend Hilfiker has brought to us Dr. Ralph Weisser; on June 5 our Pulpit Committee and other members of the Council Board along with Pastor Rasche met with this man here at the Church. He is presently preaching in Buffalo N.Y. and intends to retire Jan. 1, 1968. Dr. Weisser is an ordained minister and has been given an honorary Doctor of Divinity Degree. He is 65 years of age and is apparently enjoying good health. The ideal part about the situation is that Dr. Weisser is looking for exactly the same type position that we have to offer; that is assistant pastor dealing primarily with visitation. There would be no housing problem as he has relatives here with whom he would live. He is going to receive his pension as of January 1968; this makes him amenable to a salary of \$2700.00 yearly. There would be a car allowance of approximately \$400.00 and health insurance to be secured. This total expenditure would approximate \$3400.00. In the event Dr. Weisser comes with us we would have to pay the moving bill for his belongings from Buffalo, N.Y. this would be in the amount of \$500.00 to \$600.00. It was agreed that a ninety day notice would be served should Dr. Weisser be leaving us. If we decide to secure the services of Dr. Weisser he would like to be notified three months in advance. The Council Board was favorably impressed with Dr. Weisser's credentials, his state of health, and the manner in which he presented himself. The Pulpit Committee's request for permission to continue contacting him was unanimously approved.

Calendar Committee: No dates to approve.

Music Committee: Youth Choir at 8:00 A.M. service consisting of three is doing very well. Mr. Bark said that he would like to see some action be taken on our choir loft acoustics problem. William Bark, George Sauer, and Richard Single volunteered to serve on a special committee headed by the Music Committee Chairman, Louis Parker, to tackle this problem. Donald Schnader would like to have the confirmation class choir run on a volunteer basis.

Audit Committee: Paul Bauersfeld asked Albert Johnson for an audit of the Church School books. Mr. Johnson and Louis Mueller will take care of the audit in the near future.

Spiritual Committee: The Council Board was given a copy of the proposed Constitution of the now-forming Canton Christian Council. The members were told by our President, Albert Fader, to read it over and be prepared to discuss it at June's Board meeting. The Council Board as a body were wholly in favor of this cooperative endeavor of Christians in our community of Canton. Pastor Rasche pointed out the progress that had been made to date in the formation of this Council and this included the afore mentioned proposed Constitution. The Council Board noted that the Constitution was not at all specific as to the member Churches' financial commitments. There were several other items that the Council Board would like to have clarified. Therefore, the Council Board did not ratify the proposed Constitution, but instead agreed to send its Delegates to the next Council meeting (June 27) with the following resolution: Resolved that, United Evangelical Church expresses its definite interest in the program of the Canton Christian Council, but reserves unto itself the right to study in depth the proposed Constitution, and to bring forth suggestions thereon, through its authorized representatives to such Council, it being understood that no financial commitments and/or obligations are undertaken or assumed.

Old Business: Mr. Fader reports that Vacation Bible School will start June 19. The financing of this School was discussed at last meeting. The total cost will be \$450.00. United Evangelical Church will pay 4/10, the three other participating Churches 3/10, 1/10, and 1/10. Our share would be \$180.00 - \$90.00 from Church treasury and \$90.00 from Church School. Ernest Jones asked what would happen to the money left over - Pastor Rasche said it would be returned to participating churches in same proportions as it was handed in. Contributions will go to Church World Services. The \$450.00 would be for securing the necessary teaching materials. Council Board approved the complete program.

New Business: The Finance Committee extends open invitation for Sub-Committee studying proposed Constitution.

Teen nite - Dave Dickson, our recreation counselor, will not be with us next year. Mr. Fader will interview new prospects for this job - so far they are: George Hallimeyer choir member assisted by Donald Schnader and John Frank assisted by a graduate of Towson State Teachers College. William Single suggest Council Board members be invited to interview these men.

The Chesapeake Association would like to pick up our newspaper ad contract when it expires, and they hope to do this with all our churches in the Baltimore area. They feel they can get us more information in our ad at a better price. The Council Board was in favor of this.

Mrs. Elizabeth Zinkhand has requested a transfer to Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church. The Council Boards commends her to her new Church.

Pastor Rasche informs us he will take only two weeks vacation this year, saving the other two weeks for next year when he goes to England. This years second week would be taken by the Pastor July 9.

Pastor Rasche reminds us about the rider that would be required on the car insurance policy for the Minister from England.

Respectively submitted,

Louis W. Parker, Sr.