

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on May 2, 1967.

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

The meeting was called to order by President Albert Fader. Pastor Rasche did not meet with us as he was visiting relatives out of state.

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

Report of Committees:

Finance Committee: Our Finance Committee Chairman, Richard Single is in the process of getting us a property owner's policy in lieu of our present split coverage policy. He informs us that our stained windows in the Church are presently insured for \$14,700, where \$30,000 would seem to be a more realistic figure based on today's fair market value. Richard requested we get an appraisal on these windows; the fee would be \$25.00. William Single made a motion we have the appraisal made for the \$25.00 fee and William Bark seconded the motion.

Mr. Single will contact insurance people to find out exactly what they need from us for a complete re-appraisal so that we can secure this package deal at lower premium rates.

Membership Committee: Progress

Altar Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Progress

Calendar Committee: No new dates to report.

Ushering Committee: Progress

Music Committee: Microphone in front of choir seemed to help some, however voices in front row did come through a little louder than the others. Donald Schnader suggested moving the console of the organ and the choir loft to the balcony. The Council Board, while certainly not opposed to anything for the improvement of the music, agreed that costly items of this nature would have to wait until the budget was not heavily loaded.

George Sauer would like the organist to play the Prelude Music softer. He feels this is a time for mediation - so soft music. Mr. Fader to talk to our organist on this matter.

The complaint is still heard from the choir that the organ cannot be heard properly toward the rear of the choir loft. Ernest Jones suggested installing a speaker in the rear of the choir loft. Albert Fader said he would contact Mr. Witzke on this matter.

Audit Committee: Progress

Spiritual Committee: Gabriel Jorio requested a transfer to Saint Matthew's Lutheran Church and Karen Rund a transfer to North & South Hampton Reformed Church. The Council Board agreed to commend both people to their respective churches.

Picnic Committee: July 22 date confirmed at Kurtz' Beach - all other phases going along fine.

Property Committee: Mr. Sauer informed us that the mirror glass was installed in one of the small rear windows. The Council Board agreed that it worked fine, but did not recommend that it be installed in the large quiet room window. Council Board is undecided at this time about the quiet room window. It was, however, decided to install the mirror glass windows in all four of the doors in the rear of the Church. Mr. Louis Smith said that he would have these installed as a gift to the Church.

New carpeting has been laid on altar steps. The carpet man requests we store old and new carpeting away for patches, that is after cleaning it first.

Toilet in men's room (alley entrance) is broken, also a broken glass in door. Mr. Sauer said he would check on this.

Stage curtain needs repair - pilot light in steam table needs adjusting - furnace in boiler room must also be adjusted so that hot water is available and heat remains off. Mr. Sauer said that he would look into these items.

Pulpit Committee: This committee held a meeting April 11 concerning the acquisition of an assistant pastor. William Single informs us that Fredrick Suedemeyer seems to be the most interested of the two seminarians we are considering for our assistant pastor. Mr. Suedemeyer would come down from Bangor, Maine May 6; the fare would be \$180.00. Members of the Council Board would have to meet with him this date to outline his duties and fully discuss the matter. Reverend Hilfiker, after talking to Mr. Suedemeyer by phone, informs us that Mr. Suedemeyer is not certain he would like to be an assistant pastor. He seemed to be interested in talking to the people at Bethal Church. The committee told Reverend Hilfiker we would be willing to split the fare for Mr. Suedemeyer with Bethal and Trinity Churches. William Single made a motion we make available \$200.00 for this fare and Arthur Block seconded the motion. There was one dissenting vote by George Sauer on this motion.

Mr. Fader suggested we come up with a set figure when we discuss salary terms with our prospective asst. pastor and let him provide his own housing, car expense, and etc. The Council Board agreed that this was a good idea and came up with the figure of \$8000.00 plus provisions for a pension.

Old Business: Mrs. Grace Fader wrote away for 1968 envelopes - there will be one change in these. Instead of a Good Friday envelope, there will be a Holy Week envelope.

Vacation Bible School Superintendents meet regularly and are doing fine.

Mr. Ernest Jones has been provided with an adding machine to facilitate the job of bookkeeping.

Mr. Fader asked if we should continue sending out offering statements quarterly; all agreed that we should.

Mr. Fader reminds us that there is a Central Atlantic Conference meeting at St. Luke's Church, Sunday, May 7, 3 to 8PM.

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,

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Recording Secretary