

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

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

The meeting was called to order by President, Albert Fader, and the meeting was opened with a prayer by Pastor Rasche.

The minutes for the month of January were read and with minor corrections, were approved.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: Leak in the Church roof where it leaked into the organ chambers has been fixed. The cost was \$128.00 and the bill has been paid.

Mr. Mueller informs us that Mr. Minakowski, the contractor, has agreed to make the following repairs to the northwest wall of the Church School Building at an approximate cost of \$125.00. Mr. Minakowski would cut out cracks in mortar and point up all cracks. The area covered by this job would extend from concrete coping at the roof down to the ground level for the 20 ft. width of the scaffold. The 3rd floor window would be included in this area and would be pointed up.

Louis Smith made a motion to let out this job to Mr. Minakowski, and the motion was seconded by Arthur Block. The motion was unanimously carried.

Louis Smith to check on new tables for Friendship Hall in Odenton. These tables will be the same as the regular tables 3 x 8ft. by 29" in height - only these will be formica tops.

Albert Fader brought a sample price of one-way see through mirror plate glass, to show us what could be used in the five small door glass panels and also for the large window in the quiet room. Mr. Fader had an estimate from A. Chandron & Sons for the five small glass window panels and the one large window in the quiet room - the cost was \$275.00. The cost of 3/4" thick plate glass doors for the front Church doors was \$3900.00. Art A. Plate also gave us an estimate on this work. The large window in the quiet room using the original wood molding would cost \$191.25 and \$8.90 for each of the five small door-window panels. The total price for the six windows would be \$235.75. The glass doors for the front church doors would be \$1900.00

George Sauer asked us what we intended to do about the worn carpeting on the altar steps. Lou Smith suggested getting Mr. Anderson to look into this matter; he is the man that made the original installation.

Mr. Fader asked Donald Schnader what he thought of the music situation. He responded with a written report listing many physical changes to the interior of the Church which he thought would improve the acoustics. Mr. Schnader also mentioned that the organ was a little less than adequate and that this could be taken care of by adding some additional stops. Mr. Voelker suggested getting an acoustics man in to look at our problems and have him come up with some recommendations. Mr. Fader and Mr. Sauer are to meet with Mr. Evans and Mr. Harp. They are going to try to contact an acoustics man.

Bill Voelker made us mindful of the excessive heat problem we have in the quiet room. It was suggested to block off the heat coming into the quiet room and to rely solely on the hot pipes running unuer the floor to heat the room. Lou Smith to get estimate for an air conditioning unit for the quiet room. Bill Voelker also asked for a drop leaf table to be installed on the side wall so that babies could be cared for - changing and etc. Mr. Fader asked Lou Mueller to take a look at this job.

Al Fader brought up the plumbing problems we are having - defective valve on toilet bowl in the rest room of Men's Church School Room, leaky faucet in kitchen, partially clogged up trap in wash room by Pastor Rasche's office, new trap on dish washer in kitchen. Pastor Rasche to call Mr. Bohr the plumber to take care of these items.

Mr. Sauer called our attention to the planter in front of the parsonage and the problem we are having there with the water running in the basement windows, and also the mess which always accumulates there. Mr. Block made a motion and Louis Smith seconded it that we cement the whole area in flush with the pavement putting a raised ledge around the window wells and removing the cement from the base of the wells, filling the bases with gravel, thus providing drains.

Finance Committee: Progress

Membership Committee: Mr. Fader was very much concerned about the steady decline in Church attendance. He had attendance figures for the last 5 years of Lenten Services which clearly pointed up the problem. While bad weather and an early Easter Season this year did hurt our attendance, they were not wholly responsible for the overall drop-off of attendance.

Albert Fader felt a letter sent out to an inactive member, no matter how mild, does not have the proper affect. He would like to have Pastor Rasche contact these people personally making perhaps five visitations a week and then report back on the progress. Pastor Rasche prepared a letter to be sent out to the people who did not contribute in any way, either by offering their services or increasing their giving. The Council Board expressed the belief that the letter would do us more harm than good; and that it would be unwise to mail it out.

Altar Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Progress

Pulpit Committee: The Pulpit Committee met with the men representing Trinity Church and the Reverend Hilfiker. They decided just what type of man that they were after. The men that Reverend Hilfiker had in mind were too old.

Calendar Committee: Chicken Supper and Bazaar, Wednesday, April 12.

Leprosy Mission Supper, Tuesday, April 25.

Wedding Reception for Church member - Friendship Hall, Saturday, August 5, 1:30 PM to 3:30 PM.

Pastor Rasche informed us that he would be on vacation July 17 thru July 30, the same period Mrs. Grace Fader would be on vacation.

Ushering Committee: Progress

Music Committee: Received a check for \$400.00 from the choir for their robes; the rest of the money was added to this sum and the bill has been paid in full.

Audit Committee: Progress

Spiritual Committee: Publicize our Portrayal of "The Lords Supper" in the "Guide" and also to all churches in the community.

Old Business: We received a letter from our Pastor Emeritus, Dr. Titus Lehmann. In the letter he stated that he would have been with us for the celebration of our 93rd Anniversary, but prior committments to preach in Philadelphia kept him from doing so.

New Business: Carl & Julie Schroeder have requested a transfer from our church. William Bark Jr. made a motion we grant it, and William Voelker seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously carried.

Permission given to Pastor Rasche to contact Reverend Ball as his replacement during his 1967 vacation.

Pastor Rasche informed us that he has been selected to participate in an exchange Program within our Denomination. The exchange would not take place until 1968 and would be with a minister in London, England. Pastor Rasche would reside in the English Minister's parsonage and conduct the services in his church, and the Minister from London would do the same thing here at our church. We would have to pay for the English Minister's transportation to and from New York, the port of entry. Albert Fader mentioned the problems with auto-insurance and the possible reluctance of the congregation to have this Minister baptize and marry its members. The Council Board seemed to think it would be a unique experience for all parties involved, however nothing was resolved. Mr. Fader asked Pastor Rasche to get more details so we could look at it closer.

Our Financial Secretary, Ernest Jones, asked whom we were going to get to assist with communion during Holy Week and what amount would we pay him. William Bark Jr. made a motion that we secure the services of Reverend Ball and pay him \$65.00. Arthur Block seconded the motion; it was unanimously carried.

As there was no other business to come before the Council Board at this time, a motion was made by William Bark Jr. and seconded by Ernest Jones that the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was closed with the "Lord's Prayer".

Respectfully submitted,

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