

OPENING

A special meeting of the Church Council was called to order on Sunday, August 23rd, 1964 at 11:15 PM with the following members present:

Messers F. Long, E. Myers, E. Weidel, A. Block, W. Bark, W. Single, G. Hoffmann, G. Sauer and N. Fritze.

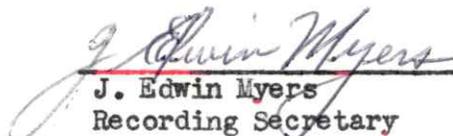
BUSINESS

The sole purpose of this meeting was to discuss the letter dated August 10th, 1964 Pastor Rasche mailed to all Council members regarding the use of our Auditorium by the Canton Recreation Council.

CONCLUSION

After a lengthy discussion on the matter a motion was made and seconded that we defer giving permission for use of the Auditorium until after the floor has been properly repaired and the Council feels that it will be safe for use again. Pastor Rasche was so directed to Write to Mr. Charles Killman of the Canton Recreation Council and so advise him of our discussion.

Respectfully submitted,


J. Edwin Myers
Recording Secretary

cc: Pastor Rasche
Mr. F. Long

August 10, 1964

Council Members -

There is an important matter which I forgot to bring up at the monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 4, but which I should like a decision on prior to my departure for Europe, so that proper arrangements may be made.

It has to do with the inauguration of a community program for youth in our Gym by the Recreation Council of the city, represented by Mr. Charles Killman of the Canton Recreation Center. We have had conversations together and this is the plan, if acceptable by our Council and his supervisors -

A beginning would be made in the 1st or 2nd week of October to inaugurate a program of activity in our Gym for youth of the community. The beginning would be in the form of a basketball league for young men 12 to 15 yrs of age, to meet every Tuesday or Wednesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Mr. Killman would be responsible for beginning this and the setting up of the rules, and then gradually would train several of the young men of our own providing to be in charge. He has stated definitely that there would be no fooling around, no improper conduct, and that the league would be on a firm basis as far as rules were concerned. The responsibility for the care of the property would be their responsibility.

If this beginning is successful, then perchance another night would be chosen for activities for girls, either of the same age or of younger age. Depending upon the results, the program will either grow or diminish.

Our responsibility would be to provide the place, the heat and the light, to permit the use of our Gym facilities (with use of the toilet off the stage) and with entrance through the Church School entrance. This might necessitate the installation of the iron gate at the foot of the stairs at the entrance, so that we have no roaming up the stairs, and also the renovation of the water fountain on the side wall of the gym. Further it probably would also necessitate the provision of a key to responsible personnel. Also we would need to know that the night chosen would be put on our calendar and would not be abrogated for any other purpose save Lenten services, if the night of Wednesday would be the chosen one. There would be no running in and out of Friendship Hall for use of toilets, water, pop, etc. to disturb any meetings being held there.

In the matter of local leadership, there are one or two young men to whom I have spoken and whom I know would be interested in being trained and could be used in this program.

I should like for you to consider this matter and come to the service on August 23 prepared to meet in Friendship Hall after the 10:15 a.m. service to make only this one decision, whether to permit the use of our property or not. I have checked with the proper officer of the Council, and have been given permission to issue this invitation to this special Church Council meeting.

Sincerely,

Paul A. Rasche
Pastor