

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on September 7, 1971.

In attendance were Fred Long, George Sauer, Ernest Jones, Arthur Block, William Voelker, John Lenning, George Tuerk, William Single III, Richard Single, Ray Schmitt, Louis Parker, Sr.

The meeting was called to order by President Fred Long and opened with a prayer by Pastor Paul A. Rasche.

The minutes for the meeting for the month of July were read and approved as submitted.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and accepted as submitted.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: George Sauer reported that the parsonage basement wall is leaking water again. The last repair was made on the inside and lasted for just three years. The Council Board agreed that it would have to be repaired from the outside where the pavement next to the parsonage wall would have to be taken up. The roofer will come to look into the leaks in the parsonage roof, a couple of ceilings will have to be repainted because of these leaks. The washing machine in the parsonage will have to be repaired; the estimate to put it in working order was \$75. George Sauer repaired the clock bell in the tower. After taking it apart George found a part broken which he took and had welded. The short curtain at the base of the stairway in the narthex to muffle the sound is in the making.

Membership Committee: Pastor Weisser in thinking about matters concerning the Membership Committee projects asked the Council Board to consider the possibility of the lay people of the Church making personal contacts and telephone contacts to the congregation of the Church. The 500 or 600 families that show spotty attendance and contributions, of course would be approached, the contacts however, would not be limited to these people. Pastor Weisser thought the regular attending and contributing members could also be contacted in an effort to stir their interest in the various organizations of the Church and general stewardship. Pastor Weisser said that he realized that this would be a big task requiring about 100 people to serve the 1000 or so families; it would also require a lot of planning. House calls would have to be made with a lot of tact, and also knowledge about that particular family in order to achieve good results. This type of program would require a lot of follow-up. Pastor Weisser said that he would be available to assist us at times, as Silver Springs is not that far away. Dr. Weisser expressed the opinion that a lot of good in the way of increased attendance and contributions has resulted in the last five years as a result of his visitations. Pastor Rasche asked Pastor Weisser to put some of the information down on paper which he had accumulated through this period. Pastor Weisser consented to do so, and suggested a session with the membership committee so that he could give them a good tie-in.

Fellowship Committee: Fred Long said the Oyster and Sour Beef Supper will be held October 26 and 27 with George Sauer and Ernest Jones looking after things.

Calendar Committee: No dates to approve.

Ushering Committee: Progress

Youth Committee: Fred Long said that he expects the Youth Group to start up in about two weeks. Fred asked Pastor Rasche to make an announcement to this effect. George Sauer said that some one or a group is using the gym and messing things up. Fred Long said that he would check into this. The coke machine was opened up and all the money and the coke was taken out; the key was also taken. George installed a new lock on the coke machine.

Music Committee: Louis Parker, Sr. informed the Council Board that Mrs. Barbara Irons will be resigning as Music Director at the end of October. Mr. Parker suggested that we contact Donald Schnader in an effort to get him to come back as our organist and director. Bill Single said that we perhaps should be looking for more than just an organist. If we could get an ordained minister who was also an accomplished organist we would be fulfilling our long range plans of securing an Assistant Pastor as well as a Music Director. William Single motioned that we contact Donald Schnader to take the job as Music Director for perhaps a period of six to eight months until we get our organist/assistant Pastor; if this is possible. George Tuerk seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. Fred Long said that he would contact Donald Schnader. A motion was made by Arthur Block and seconded by Ray Schmitt that we secure Kenneth Meyers as our new organ maintenance man, and it was carried.

Spiritual Committee: Pastor Weisser said that he and Pastor Rasche had been talking about our Annual Retreat. The plan would go as follows:

The retreat would be held at New Windsor again Friday and Saturday, Nov. 20 and 21. The cost would be \$10 per person. The purpose would be for long range planning for our Church. The Council Board and their wives would be invited as well as all the Centennial Anniversary Committee, and some others with potential leadership. Fred Long suggested that we underwrite this worthy mission by paying up to half the bill of those who for any reason did not pay the entire fee. William Single put Fred Long's suggestion in the form of a motion and Ray Schmitt seconded it; the motion was unanimously carried.

Old Business: None

New Business: William Voelker accepted the Chairmanship of the Nominating Committee for the Church Council Elections coming up at November's Congregational Meeting. William Single, Richard Single, and Ray Schmitt will be serving on this committee assisting Mr. Voelker.

Pastor Weisser will be leaving Nov. 1, 1971 and as per our original agreement, we will pay his moving bill to Silver Spring.

Pastor Rasche announced that Tinsel Day would be held December 12 this year. This year there will only be one service at Christmas Eve at 8:00 p.m. and just one service at 10:15 a.m. Sunday - following; the same schedule will prevail at New Years. Communion will be held the second Sunday in January.

The Council Board agreed to hold November's Congregational Meeting on December 3 this year. The exact date would be Friday, Dec. 3. This action was made official by a motion from Ray Schmitt, seconded by Arthur Block and carried unanimously by the Board.

The Choir will present their Christmas program after Christmas if they so desire.

Pastor Rasche informed the Council Board that after preaching at November 7 late service, he would be leaving on official church business at the Annual meeting of the Board of World Ministries. These meetings would continue on through Wednesday of that week and he would be back that Wednesday evening. Arrangements would be made for another pastor to take care of hospital visitations and etc. Ernest Jones motioned that we grant Pastor Rasche permission to attend these meetings, Ray Schmitt seconded the motion, and it was unanimously carried.

Pastor Weisser turned over the fees he received for one wedding, two Funerals and one Baptism through the month of August while Pastor Rasche was on vacation. The total amount of \$70 was turned over to Mr. Jones for the General Fund.

Cognizant of the fact that Dr. Weisser will be leaving in November, the Council Board agreed to appoint a Pastorial Committee. Richard Single accepted the chairmanship of this Committee with William Single, Ernest Jones, Ray Schmitt and Arthur Block also serving on the committee.

There being no other business to come before the Council at this time, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker Sr.

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