

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held October 3, 1972.

In attendance were Arthur Block, George Sauer, Robert Logue, Ernest Jones, George Tuerk, John Lenning, Ray Schmitt, William Single III and Louis Parker, Sr.

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

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

The monthly financial report was approved as submitted.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: Our property committee chairman reported the following: All repairs are now complete on the boilers. A bolt was put on the rear doors of the Church School building. George informed the Council Board that the parsonage roof is leaking again towards the front of the building. This present roof is 11 years old and George advised us to have a new roof installed. Mr. Sauer secured an estimate for the installation of a new roof on the parsonage by the Pleasant Roofers; there would be 2 sheets of 30 lb. roofing paper applied and of course it would be coated. There would be a 10 year guarantee on the job providing we have it re-coated every 4 years; the cost would be \$300.00. The Council Board was very pleased with the \$300.00 quote and Ray Schmitt moved that we have the new roof installed by the Pleasant Roofers at a cost of \$300.00; William Single seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried. George informed us that Mrs. Carrie Bentrup, one of our sextons, is leaving at the end of the month. Mrs. Bentrup said that she is just getting too old to do the job any longer. Mr. Sauer will be looking for a replacement in this job which consists of a four-day week, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. @ \$15.00 a day. The windows in the parsonage are in very poor condition; Mr. Sauer recommended that we have new sashes installed, possibly the new vinyl type which require very little maintenance if any; Otts suggested that the property committee look into the matter. George Sauer will check into the possibility of venting the rheostat box in the narthex of the Church as it gets very hot when the Sanctuary lights are dimmed for any appreciable length of time.

Spiritual and Pastoral Committee: Chairman George Tuerk reported that he mailed three letters off in quest of an Associate Pastor for our Church. One went out to Associate Conference Minister Rev. Warren Hilfiker, another to the President of Eden Seminary, and the third to the President of Lancaster Theological Seminary. There was a response from Rev. Hilfiker and Eden Seminary which pointed up the

following:

- a. There are always young ordained Ministers available to serve as Associate Pastors.
- b. The salary range for an Associate Pastor would probably be in the range of \$8,000 to \$10,000 with some fringe benefits.
- c. The fashionable word is now Associate not Assistant when seeking an additional Pastor.
- d. It would definitely pay to interview quite a few applicants and especially the young men immediately out of the Seminary.

Mr. Tuerk was particularly pleased with the interest and cooperation which Reverend Warren Hilfiker displayed in a 3/4 hour phone call he made to him; Reverend Hilfiker promised a follow-up letter with additional information. President Block said that George Tuerk would deliver three briefings to the Congregation as originally planned, concerning the acquisition of an Associate Pastor on three consecutive Sundays - Oct. 8, 15 and 22. Mr. Block mentioned also that he thought it would be a good idea for the President to communicate more with congregation, perhaps once a month; as too often items are thrust upon the congregation with quick answers expected. Mr. Block asked the Board what it thought of the monthly briefings to the congregation - the Board approved unanimously.

President Block said that we should have our special Congregational meeting Sunday on Oct. 29 to get the approval of the Congregation for the acquisition of an Associate Pastor. The Council Board agreed, however before we have this meeting the Finance Committee should get together and discuss the whole matter of salary, etc. so that if a discussion comes about at the meeting we know our capabilities. The Council Board approved the special Congregational meeting immediately after the 10:15 a.m. service Sunday, Oct. 29 in the Sanctuary.

Music Committee: Louis Parker, Sr. informed the Council that the Choir would be using the \$100 in the budget for the Choir not for an outing as indicated, but for a dinner party.

Finance Committee: Chairman not present, but Ernest Jones in reviewing the monthly financial report pointed to the fact that the General Fund is very low and will have to be built up. Ernie suggested that we take all the money that is coming into the Church and apply it to the General Fund until it reaches \$2000.00; then we could go back to just taking the offering envelopes. The Council Board gave Ernie the approval to apply all money including memorial money until the shortage in the general fund was alleviated. Ernie requested the Council Board to approve \$1000.00 in the budget for 1973 for the 100th anniversary; Arthur Block said that the Finance Committee would work it up. Mr. Jones recommended that the \$200 account of the Youth Group Teen Nite of approximately three years ago be turned over to the present Youth Group. Ray Schmitt moved that we approve Mr. Jones' recommendation and transfer the \$200 account over to the present Youth Group, George Tuerk seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

Calendar Committee: Council Board approved rescheduling November's meeting of the Board from Tuesday Nov. 7 to Monday Nov. 6 because of the Presidential Election.

Ushering Committee: Progress

Youth Group: Arthur Block reported that the Youth Group would meet Friday night and that there was a possibility of the present Youth Group merging with the new confirmation group; if this does not jell, the groups would be separated.

Old Business: President Block asked Ray Schmitt how the meeting turned out, the one in which his special Youth Church Services Committee had scheduled. Ray Schmitt said that he cancelled the scheduled meeting because of the inability of Paul Bauersfeld to attend; Ray rescheduled the meeting for Thursday evening, October 12.

Ernest Jones said that the first meeting that the Oyster Supper group held was very helpful in straightening out the problems they usually have at these suppers, and since there were only 12 ladies present at the first meeting he would like to schedule another meeting. The group that met at the first meeting voted to eliminate oysters from the menu of the supper because they are too expensive. The prices for the supper would be \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children; all tickets would be purchased as the door so the waitresses would not have to fool around with cash at the tables; there would be not carry out orders without a ticket.

Nominating Committee: Lou Parker Sr. and George Sauer reported the following six nominees for November 1972 Council Board election: George Tuerk, William Single III, William Voelker, Alfred Fader, Fred Long and William Bark, Jr.

New Business: Pastor Rasche received a letter from Mrs. Mae Getz thanking everyone who participated in the Daily Vacation Bible School which the Church School conducted last July.

Pastor Rasche suggested that in the future when we take the Fall charitable offerings we ear mark it for World Service and Flood Aid, as Neighbors in Need seemed to point contributions at one minority group. Ray Schmitt moved that future Fall charitable offerings go to World Services and Flood Aid, Robert Logue seconded the motion and it was carried.

Pastor Rasche reported that there will not be any denominal support for our Seminary and that naturally in a short while we are going to be in dire straits; he proposed that we take up one or more special offerings for our own Seminarys where we really need help and where we will really benefit by it.

Marie O'Donnell was granted a transfer to a Methodist Church on the Eastern Shore where she has been residing now for a couple of years. Donald Schnader was recommended to St. Michael's Lutheran Church.

Pastor Rasche said that he would be leaving Sunday for the World Board of Ministries meeting in Columbus, Ohio and would return Thursday noon.

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

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker Sr.

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Recording Secretary