

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held February 6, 1973.

In attendance were Arthur Block, George Sauer, William Bark Jr., William Voelker, Randy Schmitt, Ray Schmitt, George Tuerk, William Single III, Louise Parker Jr., Fred Long, and Louis Parker Sr.

The minutes for the meeting for the month of March were read and approved as written,

The monthly financial report was reviewed and approved as submitted.

#### Committee Reports:

Property Committee: Council Board approved the repair of the garbage disposal unit in the kitchen of the parsonage; repair will cost approximately \$45.00.

Screen guards will be installed over the five windows at ground level just off the sidewalk in the front of the gym.

The installation of the five screen guards will cost \$575; authorization came by virtue of a motion by Ray Schmitt, seconded by William Single and it carried.

George Sauer secured an estimate of \$2,075 for the installation of nineteen new aluminum windows and two aluminum doors. There is much other maintenance work which has to be done in the parsonage according to George Sauer. Two bedrooms and two bathrooms will have to be painted because of the leaky roof.

There is also the carpeting in the Church which will have to be replaced because it is badly worn. The Council Board decided to make a list of the aforementioned items and present them as a package to the congregation for approval.

The lower hallway at the front entrance of the Church School Building has been paneled; iron folding doors according to Mr. Sauer should be painted to match as should the ceilings in the area. The Council Board approved the painting of the iron doors and the ceilings.

President Block said that he received a letter from our sexton, Chris, requesting help as the work load is too heavy; Mr. Block said he would arrange a meeting with the property committee and Chris to get the problem taken care of.

Membership Committee: Mr. Voelker said that our giving to the Central Atlantic Conference was determined by our last years membership count. There will be a meeting of the membership committee sometime in the next couple of months to up-date our membership count, according to Bill. The attendance of the New Years Eve service has been very poor now for the last six years; one of the last six years service, even with the help of good weather, showed an attendance of 69 people.

Pastor Rasche read a list which was prepared from our Church records by our Church secretary which named all the church members who did not use

their 1972 envelopes. The list was a lengthy one and prompted Pastor Rasche to write a letter, which he presented to Council for approval. The letter spelled out the action which the church would take if the attendance of these people did not pick up. The Council read the letter and William Single took the copy and said that he would study it and make appropriate changes.

Music Committee: Louis Parker Sr. notified the Council that the Junior Choir had been, for the present, disbanded because of the disciplinary problem in maintaining order at rehearsals; and also for the total disregard of our church property that they displayed, even though they knew adults were on the premises. Our organist and choir director will be trying in the future to rebuild this Junior Choir by starting with a disciplined nucleus.

Calendar Committee: Council approved use of Friendship Hall Monday, February 26 by the Boy Scouts for their annual Blue and Gold banquet.

Youth Committee: Fred Long told of the planned trip of the Youth to Williamsburg, Virginia Saturday and Sunday. This venture was worked up by the Committee and promised to be an enjoyable one with 30 youth and 19 adults scheduled to go.

Audit Committee: The Young Women's Guild has requested an audit of their books by Church Council audit team. Mr. Bark thought it a good idea to make this audit near the end of the year.

Pastoral Committee: George Tuerk announced a meeting here Thursday at the church where he invited all church council members to attend. The purpose of the meeting would be to prepare a job description to pass out to the people who were selected as Associate Pastor. George told of the application which he had received from Rev. Edward Werner for Associate Pastor. The Council Board agreed that Reverend Werner had very impressive credentials and abilities which would definitely qualify him for the job; unfortunately the one item which we attached the most importance to Reverend Werner had too much of - this being age. Mr. Tuerk said that he wrote Reverend Werner acknowledging receipt of his application and thanked him for the interest which he had shown.

Youth Service Committee: Ray Schmitt said his committee held two meetings in the past month. The first meeting spelled out just what the youth service would be like. The Youth Committee was present as was Robert Gundlach. Ray Schmitt said that Robert Gundlach did a terrific job in preparing for this service. The second meeting dealt more with the details of the service. Every effort would be made to have the service ready for Sunday, February 25 with a back-up Sunday of March 11. Mr. Schmitt said there would be another meeting here tomorrow night; one in which Reverend Bartell would be present to assist in the planning for the first service. Ray was pleased with the progress to date and with the enthusiastic nucleus that he has working with him.

Old Business: None

New Business: Pastor Rasche asked that we make special effort to post an amount on each offering envelope so that offering entries can be made properly by Mrs. DeVaughn. We will again put notice in "Bulletin" requesting people to mark offering envelopes.

Permission was granted for use of Church for wedding in the family of Mrs. Nancy Elgert. Their whole family background relates to our church and their church in Parkville is not complete yet. This wedding would take place the third of June. The motion was made by William Bark Jr. and seconded by Ray Schmitt, it carried.

A party called and offered our church a used pool table. George Tuerk said he would take a look at it and advise.

We received a letter from the Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church announcing their 100th Anniversary.

Lenten plans - Pastor Rasche said that we are all ready for Wednesday night Lenten service with a Hymn Sing; Pastor Rasche doing the preaching. The coffee hour will follow as usual with the Church providing the coffee.

Confirmation Review of the Confirmands will be here at the Church on Thursday evening, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. Council members are requested to attend.

The "Holy Week" schedule will be the same as usual according to Pastor Rasche with the "Passion Story" presented Wednesday of "Holy Week."

There will not be any communion held on Sunday, April 1 because of the closeness to Easter on April 22.

Pastor Rasche's tentative schedule plan for 1973 special offerings was approved with the exception of "Neighbors in Need" which was scratched.

Pastor Rasche requested that we return to the custom of securing a guest speaker for Sunday, March 25 and announced Mr. George Grant as the guest speaker.

The General Synod meetings will be held June 24, 25 and 26 this year. Pastor Weisser has been contacted and will preach both sermons Sunday, June 24 in Pastor Rasche's absence.

Reverend Wayne Moulder and the Reverend Gene Bartell will be two of the three preachers we will need here to preach Sundays, July 8, 15 and 22 while Pastor Rasche is vacationing.

A request for transfer was granted to Mrs. Glayds Phillips to Salem United Methodist Church in Fallston.

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The Council approved sending of two Non-Council members to act as official delegates of our church to a meeting at Messiah Church on February 18. Their mission would be to get all the information possible on the 10 1/2 acres of land which was given to our United Church of Christ at Large. The land was given for the express purpose of building a home for the elderly. This home, when constructed, would house 185 beds and unlike most other homes for the elderly, these people would not be turned out when they became sick. Our delegates to this meeting while representing us would not be empowered to commit our church to any money.

Permission was given to the Boy Scouts for the use of the third floor of the Church School Building on Monday nights. This permission would be on a probationary basis to be withdrawn if there is damage to the area or if it is not kept clean. Mr. Pate according to Pastor Rasche would personally be responsible in making certain that the area be kept clean and in order. Otts said that he would talk to William Hoffman of the Scouts in regards to the keeping of the property.

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

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

*Louis W. Parker Sr.*

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