

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

In attendance were Arthur Block, George Sauer, William Bark, Jr., Ray Schmitt, Randy Schmitt, Robert Logue, William Single III, George Tuerk, William Voelker, Louis Parker, Sr.,

The minutes for the meeting for the month of February were read, and after minor corrections were approved.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and several questions came up that no one was able to answer. The Council Board agreed that it would be a good idea to have Ernest Jones, our Financial Secretary, here at Council meetings if just for this portion. Arthur Block said he would ask Ernie to come to the meetings.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: George Sauer reported that the protective screening has been installed over the windows in front of the Church School Building at sidewalk level; and that the garbage disposal unit in the parsonage has been repaired. Arthur Block said that he had a meeting with the Property Committee in which they discussed the many expensive items that the church is confronted with such as - new window frames and storm doors for the parsonage \$2075.00; storm windows for parsonage \$1000.00, painting of the interior of the parsonage \$790.00, money counter \$500.00, carpeting in the church \$2700.00 to \$3400.00. Mr. Block said the Young Women's Guild promised that they would raise the money for the carpeting of the Church. All of these items totaled approximately \$10,000.00; according to Otts and he mentioned the possibility of borrowing this money and just paying 1% interest as we have the funds in the bank. In this way we could get some of the items right away, for instance the carpeting. The fact that we are borrowing the money for these items could serve as an incentive, according to Mr. Block.

Pastor Rasche said we could also use a couple of parking stands to reserve space in front of the church for weddings and funerals at \$100.00. Then too, we could have the one bell that is inoperative in the tower reactivated and electric controls installed at a cost of \$1025.00. Pastor Rasche said we could also use aisle candelabras - 16 of them at \$25.00 for a total of \$400.00.

Finance Committee: William Single III promised a meeting of this committee at which time it would study the whole \$10,000.00 package and come up with recommendations. The Council Board agreed that the church should have a special account to take care of all the financial needs of the 100th anniversary.

Pastoral Committee: George Tuerk read the letter which he wrote to Reverend Edwin Werner informing him that we had taken his application as Associate Pastor into consideration, that it was because of the strong feeling here at the Church for a youthful man that George left

the door open for future consideration should there be a change of feeling in the future. George said that he and Pastor Rasche had gotten together and talked informally about the job description of Associate Pastor so that we will be ready for our meeting with Reverend Warren Hilfiker in ten days time.

Calendar Committee: The Women's Guild will hold a flea market May 19. The Scouts asked for use of Friendship Hall on May 7 for a Mother and Daughter Banquet. May 9 is the Women's Guild Mother and Daughter Banquet. Mr. Block said these dates are too close together and would conflict. Otts said that he would ask the Scouts to move their date out. The Council Board approved use of a room in the Church School building for the Boy Scouts to practice Indian dancing.

Ushering Committee: George Sauer reported that everything is fine.

Youth Group: Otts said a good time was had by all at the youth's last outing, which was roller skating.

Youth Service: Ray Schmitt reported that the first Youth Service was held Sunday, February 25 and all the reaction he heard was pretty good. Reverend Bartell according to Ray Schmitt has been very cooperative, and he consented to participate in future services. Ray said he would like to continue on a month to month basis. At this point Arthur reported that he had received a letter from Church School. In the letter it stated that the Church School should have been sounded out more about the scheduling of the Youth service; and suggested having the Youth service on Sunday evenings. Otts said that he would attend next week's Church School meeting and Ray Schmitt said that he would go with him. Otts said that Carole Anne Rowell consented to bringing the Church School children to church on Youth Service Sundays. Mr. Block asked for permission to suggest moving the Sunday youth service out to 10:15 a.m. if necessary to satisfy the Sunday School; then the late service would be held 11:45 a.m., Council Board concurred.

Old Business: A message from our two delegates from the proceedings of the planned construction of a home for the elderly revealed the following - There would be 190 units (1 bedroom apartments and efficiency apartments) and a nine bed infirmary with a 100 bed addition later. Application has been made to HUD for funding of the project. To date \$975.00 has been requested in the way of funding to keep things going; this amount came from the Chesapeake Association. In time we would have to come up with \$50,000.00, that is all UCC churches in the area, either as a loan or a gift. Loan money would have to be available by June; it would be a 1% loan government subsidized over ten years. Mr. Block said that he was pleased to date with the proceedings and informed Mr. Albert Fader to go right on.

New Business: Otts said that he held a meeting with the heads of all the Church Organizations so that he could sound them out about their plans for the 100th anniversary, and also to establish a line of com-

munication. The Young Women's Guild plan a "Flea Market" with proceeds going to the 100th Anniversary. The Church School again plans to hold their "Fun Fair" with proceeds going to the 100th. The Young Women's Guild plan to have a Crab Cake Supper on July 13 and the Youth Group a Spaghetti Dinner with a show in the round.

Mr. Block informed the Board that the Package containing the Patron List card, Ad Book paper, and Banquet Reservation card would be ready soon and mailed out to all church members and ad takers. William Bark, Jr., and Edward Davis and a few others have consented to work on the 100th Anniversary booklet committee. This 100th Anniversary Booklet would be ready by July 1st.

The Council Board agreed to hold the Special Congregational meeting April 1, 1973 immediately after an abbreviated 10:15 a.m. service; this would be the meeting which we challenge the members of the Congregation to raise the sum of \$10,000 for our priority list of must items such as: carpeting for the church, office, quiet room, Narthex; then there is the parsonage windows painting and papering, Church tower bell reactivation and electric controls, piano for "Upper Room" and other items.

A "Go Ahead" was given on the installation of the carpeting for the Church so it could be down in time for Easter.

Pastor Rasche reported that through his meetings with Barbara Mikulski and Mimmie DePietro we will be getting a light in the area of the Church; there was some progress on the removal of the "Bus Stop."

Review of Confirmands will take place April 5th instead of April 12

Mrs. Grace Fader will take both weeks of her vacation together this year from Aug. 13 thru Aug. 27. Grace requested that all 100th Anniversary mimeographing be done well in advance of her vacation.

A gift from the Pleasant Roofers to the amount of \$20.00 was received by the church; this is the roofing contractor who recently completed installing the new parsonage roof; secretary will send not of thanks,

Cheseapeake Association meeting Sunday, April 1, 1973 at Bethel Church. By association law we can have two delegates, and one delegate under 21 he/she would be voting delegate.

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 Parker Sr.

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Recording Secretary