

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held January 15, 1974.

Attending were George Tuerk, George Sauer, William Single III, Arthur Block, Albert Fader, William Voelker, William Bark, Fred Long, Randy Schmitt, Ray Schmitt, Ernest Jones and Louis Parker, Jr.

President George Tuerk called the meeting to order and Pastor Paul A. Rasche opened the meeting with a prayer.

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

The month Financial Report was reviewed and approved with minor corrections. It was also noted that a check for \$425 was sent to the John Hooper Fund.

The new committees were reviewed and explained by George Tuerk. Al Fader requested that Bill Voelker assist him as Co-chairman of the Membership/Stewardship Committee, as Al has been off the Council and Bill is very familiar with the workings of this committee having been chairman of that committee for the past several years. The Pastor requested that the Spiritual/Pastoral Committee, which is currently comprised of the full Council, be given a sub-committee to act as a liasion with the Pastor. Al Fader pointed out the fact that the Church Constitution calls for a five man committee. George Tuerk and the Pastor will get together to appoint a five man committee.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: George Sauer suggested that the 100th Anniversary sign on the front of the Church School Building be taken down. He suggested that Lou Parker, Sr. contact the company that erected the sign to have them remove it. Mr. Sauer, also suggested, that we erect screens over the inside of the five new windows in the gymnasium to prevent basketballs from breaking them. Otts Block made a motion to have George erect the screens; Ray Schmitt seconded the motion and it was carried.

Finance Committee: Bill Single made a study of our savings deposits and various savings certificates and reported the following: 1) the American National Bank \$20,000 deposit yielding 5% per annum computed and compounded quarterly - Bill Bark assured us that this account could be converted to 7¼% Certificates of Deposit. 2) the American National Building & Loan Assoc. \$24,000 Certificates - one \$12,000 certificate maturing 9/9/74 and the other \$12,000 certificate maturing 4/26/75 both of which yield 6%; Mr. Single suggested that we convert these certificates to the new 7½% 4 year certificates offered by American National Savings & Loan Association even if we lose the current quarterly interest. Initial probes, however, by Bill to determine if the current certificates can be converted revealed that this could not be done - Bill will investigate further. 3) the Vermont Federal 5 3/4 Savings Account Certificate which matures 7/28/74.

The general consensus of opinion was to leave the Vermont Federal Certificate alone, convert the American National Bank \$20,000 certificate to the 7¼% certificate, and convert the American National Savings & Loan certificate to the 7½% certificate. If, that \$24,000 at American National Savings & Loan can not be converted, we will withdraw those funds completely and deposit them in the American National Bank 7¼% certificates.

Membership/Stewardship Committee: Progress

Spiritual/Pastoral Committee: President Tuerk read the letter received by Pastor Rasche from ^{REV.} Foltz declining our offer, stating that he felt our associate position would not adequately fulfill his future plans. The Conference Minister in Arizona with whom we have been corresponding informs us that the young man he had suggested does not wish to come to the East Coast. Mr. Tuerk has written letters to Eden and Lancaster Seminaries and will call on Lancaster in person this coming week to state the urgency of our need to acquire the services of an Associate Pastor. The Pastor will inquire as to placing an advertisement in A.D. Magazine (our denominational magazine) for this position. We will, however, await the results of Mr. Tuerk's letters and inquiries before placing such an ad.

Calendar Committee: The Lenten Bake Sales will begin February 27th. The Feb. 27th sales will be held by the Ladies Aid Society, the March 6th Sales by the Church School, the March 13th sales by the Sewing Group, the March 20th sales by the Young Women's Guild, and the March 27th sales will be held by the Boy and Girl Scouts.

Music Committee: Lou Parker, Jr. reported for out-going chairman, Lou Parker, Sr. that a used piano in excellent condition had been purchased at a cost of \$800. The old piano, which was to be moved to the Church School Building, is still in the Upper Room, but will require a separate contract for its moving. Randy Schmitt, our new Music Committee Chairman, stated that the soloist used Jan. 13th at the early service would be interested in singing each Sunday at the Early Service and that he would be paid \$5.00 per Sunday. It was first suggested that the Special Music be eliminated at the early service; much discussion followed and Ray Schmitt made a motion that this soloist be used on a trial basis for the next three months at a cost of \$5.00 per Sunday. Bill Single seconded the motion and it was carried.

Auditing Committee: Bill Bark stated that the Auditing Committee would meet Jan. 24th at 7:15 p.m. to perform an audit of the financial records of the church.

Ushering Committee: Progress

Youth Committee: Fred Long reported that the Youth Group now has \$1,350 in its Treasury, and that the group has purchased many new games. The group will go on a bus trip to Williamsburg, Va. on Feb. 9th & 10th. The

Youth have also drawn-up and adopted a set of By-Laws to govern their actions as a group.

Fellowship Committee: Al Fader stated that he will make arrangements for the Coffee Hours which will follow the Lenten Services.

Youth Service Committee: Randy Schmitt reported that the Youth are now preparing for the last Sunday in January when they take over both services in their entirety, with Pastor Bartells conducting both services.

Church School Liaison: Arthur Block reminded the Council of the Church School "Open-House" this coming Sunday, Jan. 20th.

New Business: Pastor Rasche stated that the series of messages for the month of February will be on the Biblical background of Evangelism. Pastor suggested the possible use of an Evangelistic service offered by the Presbyterian Church or speakers suggested by our own denomination. The Pastor stressed the importance of the "homes visitation evangelism" program in relation to our total evangelistic program this year.

The Council discussed at length the program, whereby we would secure the services of an Evangelist provided by the Presbyterian Group headquartered in Georgia. Under this program we would have the use of an evangelist for a full week. We would make a contribution to the group based on collection received from the services throughout the week, and would pay for all the evangelist's expenses. Bill Voelker made a motion that we have a revival type program, Ray Schmitt seconded it and it was carried. Bill then motioned that the Pastor be empowered to seek a tentative date (for a week) for the evangelist. Ray seconded the motion and it was carried. Programs will not be printed for

Programs will not be printed for the Wednesday evening Lenten Services, as the informal order will prevail.

Pastor, also, stated that the Central Atlantic Conference wants delegates to be prepared to go to the planning session prior to Conference in June; they would like to have 5 delegates from our congregation.

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, Jr.
Recording Secretary