

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held February 5, 1974.

Attending were George Tuerk, George Sauer, William Single III, Ray Schmitt, Randy Schmitt, Arthur Block, Al Fader, William Bark, Ernie 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 January were read and approved as submitted.

The monthly Financial Report was reviewed and approved as submitted. It was noted that the Pastor's honorariums are now being reported as income; just how the honorariums will be handled will be discussed at the next Finance Committee meeting.

#### Report of Committees:

Property Committee: George Sauer reported that the electric range in the parsonage blew-up about a week ago, and a new stove has been purchased at a cost of \$298. Due to the emergency nature of the purchase, President Tuerk received the approval of two other officers and allowed Mr. Sauer to make the purchase.

Randy Schmitt brought to the Council's attention the fact that the Dillon St. door can be opened by inserting a knife, comb or other such object and tripping the lock; George Sauer will get a new lock for the door.

Al Fader had secured a list of the Tableau items that Al Witzke had reported the group needed. Mr. Fader read this list and the respective costs to the Council. The items that the Lord's Supper Tableau group needed came to the cost of about \$100. Arthur Block made a motion to allow Al Witzke to purchase the items needed at a cost of about \$100; Ray Schmitt seconded the motion and it was carried. The Pastor will handle the advertising with Al Witzke to promote the Tableau.

George Sauer requested that an appeal, by the Council, be made to the Boy Scouts to clean up their room after their meetings; George Tuerk will call Ken Lockhardt on this matter.

Lou Parker, Jr. reported that Lou Parker, Sr. had taken down the 100th Anniversary sign on the front of the Church School Building.

Pastor Rasche sited the large amount of trash that accumulates in front of the Church throughout the week. After discussing the matter, it was decided to let the Pastor call our City Councilman to request that a trash basket be placed in front of our buildings.

Finance Committee: Bill Single reported that American National Savings

& Loan Association says that we can convert our 6% Certificates to a 4 year - 7½% Certificate, but we must forfeit 90 days interest. This, of course, means that the 90days lost at 6% interest will nullify the 1½% annual gain, such that no gain will be realized this year, but the gain over the next three years will be at least \$1,080. Lou Parker, Jr. made a motion to convert the certificates and Arthur Block seconded the motion. Ernie Jones suggested that we add \$1,000 from our checking account to make the certificate a \$25,000 Certificate. It had been noted earlier in reviewing the Financial Report that due to Anniversary Fund monies, our checking account balance was \$5,000 to \$6,000 in excess of our needs. The motion to convert the Certificate was carried.

It was then motioned by Otts Block that \$5,000 of the excess checking account money be placed in a short-term certificate; it was decided that a one year 6% certificate for \$5,000 be purchased from American National Bank. Bill Single seconded Arthur's motion and it was carried.

Membership/Stewardship Committee: The Evangelistic campaign will be mapped out at the next meeting of the Committee.

Youth Committee: Arthur Block stated that the Constitution of the Youth Group was ready for presentation to the Council for approval, and proceeded to read the same to the Council. The Council had only one recommendation concerning the instrument, and that was that money could only be disbursed by the approval and signature of the adult advisors. Al Fader motioned that the Constitution be approved as amended. Ray Schmitt seconded the motion and it was carried.

Arthur Block regretfully reported that due to the death this week of William Laukemann, the Youth trip to Williamsburg, Va. for the upcoming weekend had to be cancelled. This was due to the fact that several of the adult chaperones would be involved with the funeral.

Spiritual/Pastoral Committee: George Tuerk reported that the following Council members will constitute this committee: Ray Schmitt (chairman), Bill Voelker, Arthur Block, Al Fader and Bill Single.

George Tuerk has contacted several Pennsylvania conference ministers to get resumes of candidates, and has spoken to Dr. Glass of Lancaster Seminary who will refer interested members of the graduating class to us. George will also meet with Rev. Lovett, our conference minister at Silver Spring, Md.

Music Committee: Progress.

Auditing Committee: Bill Bark reported that the Audit Committee had found the books to be in order, with one minor correction concerning the carry over of a 1972 Anniversary expenditure into the 1973 statement. Bill suggested that in the future the audit be performed in November to allow the Committee to do a more comprehensive job before the January

Congregational Meeting.

Ushering Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Progress

Calendar Committee: The following dates were put before the Council for approval: 1) Scouts - Blue & Gold Dinner - February 25th, 2) Feb. 26th meeting for Girl Scout leaders, 3) Girl Scout Dinner - June 10th; Ray Schmitt made a motion to approve the above dates; Al Fader seconded the motion and it carried.

The Pastor conveyed Dr. Weisser's request to the Council that he be given the use of the Church for a service commemorating the 50th Anniversary of his ordination on June 9th. Ray motioned that Dr. Weisser's request be granted. George Sauer seconded the motion and it carried. The Fellowship Committee will discuss the possibility of holding a reception for Dr. Weisser that day.

Youth Service: Randy Schmitt reported that all went well on Youth Sunday and that his group is now preparing the February Service and a Special Easter Youth Service for April.

New Business: Pastor Rasche reported that the Presbyterian Evangelistic group responded to his inquiry by stating that one of their evangelists would be available to us May 19-24. Bill Single motioned that we accept this date, and the obligation to pay the group for the Evangelist's services including all of his expenses; Bill Bark seconded the motion and it carried.

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