

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

Attending were George Tuerk, George Sauer, William Single III, Ray Schmitt, Randy Schmitt, Arthur Block, Al Fader, Fred Long, Ernie Jones, William Bark, and Lou Parker, Jr. Ed Myers, our 100th Anniversary Committee Chairman, was also in attendance.

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

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

The monthly Financial Statement was read and approved as submitted. Arthur Block noted that the \$5,000 short-term certificate had not yet been purchased. The \$4,556.91 in Anniversary Fund excess receipts over expenditures was still being carried as Anniversary monies. Bill Single motioned that this money be placed in the General Fund. Ray seconded the motion and it was carried.

Report of Committees:

Property Committee: George Sauer reported progress on all projects.

George Tuerk conveyed Grace Fader's request that new dish towels and dish pans be provided for the Lenten Sales. Al Fader motioned that two dozen towels be bought for immediate use and toweling be purchased to be made into dish towels by the Sewing Group. Also, that baby bath size dish pans be purchased, along with a laundry stamp saying, "United Evangelical Church," and indelible ink to identify our towels. Ernie seconded the motion and it carried.

Arthur Block reported a bid of \$282 for the Anniversary Board for the Narthex; other bids will be solicited.

Finance Committee: Ernie Jones suggested that due to difficulties encountered in depositing change and other difficulties with Equitable Trust, we close our account with them and open a checking account with American National Bank who would accommodate us in a more adequate manner in regard to the handling of our deposits. Lou Parker Jr. motioned that we change the account over; Randy seconded the motion and it carried.

Membership/Stewardship Committee: The committee has gone through the inactive portion of the Church Membership records. They came up with 237 names which would require a total of 99 visits. At their next meeting the committee will go through the remaining 131 names.

Pastoral Committee: George Tuerk reported the inquiry of Mrs. Mary Ellen Kitchen as to the position of Associate Pastor. George asked if we would like to meet with Mrs. Kitchen as a group. Otts motioned that such a

meeting be arranged. Ray seconded the motion and it carried. George will seek to tentatively set up a meeting on March 26, 1974 between the Council and Mrs. Kitchen at the Church.

Music Committee: Progress

Ushering Committee: Progress

Youth Committee: Arthur reported that the Youth will take their Williamsburg trip on March 16 & 17. On April 21, pending the decision of the group the group will present a representative service as the youth of our church present the Youth Service here. The presentation will be from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and would be for area denominational youth groups such as our own. Otts relayed Bob Gundlach's request to allow Junior Council members to attend Council meetings. An effort will be made to formally reorganize the Junior Council.

Fellowship Committee: Progress

Youth Service: Randy reported that a Special Easter Service dealing with the Resurrection has been proposed for the last Sunday in March (the 31st) and is now being planned. Randy requested the purchase of a music stand, autoharp and tambourine for use in the Youth Service. Ernie motioned that these items be purchased; George Sauer seconded the motion and it carried.

Old Business: Ed Myers read his final report to the Council and turned his records over to the Church archives. Bill Bark motioned that the Council formally thank Ed Myers for a job well done. Bill Single seconded the motion and the Council offered its most appreciative thanks to Ed for his handling of the Anniversary Committee.

In regards to Ed's suggestion, Bill Bark motioned that Anniversary Plates be sold for \$3.00 each and the History book be sold for \$2.00 each at all subsequent Church affairs until they have been disposed of completely.

Bill Single recalled to us the fact that Mayor Schaefer had expressed a desire to see the Lord's Supper Tableau this year. Lou Parker, Jr. will prepare a letter inviting the Mayor to be present.

New Business: Canton Christian Council has about \$1,100 remaining in its Treasury. The Pastor requested that we give our approval for them to expend \$300 toward support of the area's Pre-school program. Fred motioned that such approval be given; Ernie seconded the motion and it carried.

The United Church Women of Canton wish to hold the World Day of Prayer Service here on February 14, 1975. The general consent of the Council was given to this request.

Pastor Rasche wrote to Dr. Sartell concerning the Evangelistic Program to confirm the tentative date. Sartell will confirm the date as soon as possible.

Bill Single read a letter from Pastor Bartell thanking us on behalf of the Chesapeake Association for Epilepsy for the use of our coin counter and the cooperation of our Youth.

Mr. Single expressed concern at the "roping off" of the rear portion of the downstairs of the Sanctuary during the Wednesday Night Lenten Service, as he had heard several adverse reactions to this procedure. The Pastor maintained that this "close contact" was necessary to produce the desired effect of this informal format. It was mutually agreed to close off only the balcony during these services. Ernie motioned that only the balcony be closed off; George Sauer seconded the motion and it was carried.

Ed Myers expressed concern that Sunday School Bible Memorials are not placed in the bulletin. Al Fader pointed out that this has always been the case with Church School Memorials. Ed was assured that the matter would be brought up at the next Finance Committee meeting.

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