

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held May 7, 1974.

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

The monthly Financial Statement was read and approved as submitted. The Council decided to have Ernie write a check (\$2,745.06) to clear out the remaining balance in our Equitable Trust checking account. Due to large collections in April there is an amount in excess of our current needs in the American National Bank checking account, so Ernie will put \$5,000 in the American National Bank savings account.

#### Report of Committees:

Property Committee: Mr. Sauer requested the Secretary to send a letter of thanks to the Youth Group for painting the gym.

George presented a price quotation of \$136 to clean the parsonage rugs and walls. Al Fader motioned that approval be given to have the work performed and that George be given general approval to proceed to get the rear bedroom wallpapered at a reasonable cost. Bill Bark seconded the motion and it carried.

George mentioned that the door check on the fourth floor of the Sunday School Building is bad and he will have it fixed.

Al Fader brought up the condition of the Dillon St. doors and the front doors of the Church. George will look into staining and varnishing the doors with a weather-resistant synthetic varnish.

Bill Bark reported that Ken & Ray Office Machines is sending him their newest brochure on coin sorting and counting equipment.

Mr. Sauer reported that the part-time janitor has resigned. We have been advertising the position in the Sunpaper, but have received no response.

Finance Committee: Bill Single reported that he received a donation of three cemetery lots. These lots, which are worth \$300, may be sold by the Church to any party wishing to purchase them.

Mr. Single reported that the Finance Committee has met with Mrs. Kitchen and she has agreed to accept our call, if issued, for a compensation package totaling \$10,010.

Membership/Stewardship Committee: Al Fader reported that Ray and Randy are handling the publicity for the Evangelistic Program and that posters and flyers will go to area stores and churches. The special music for each evening has been arranged, and John has stated a desire to receive additional compensation for each evening that he plays. It was generally agreed to give him \$10 for each additional evening.

Cards for the home visitations will be given out Sunday and the visitations will begin. Al expressed disappointment that more Council members have not volunteered.

Spiritual Committee: Ray reported that at their recent meeting concerning the work of the Pastor and the proposed Associate Pastor, the Pastor agreed to give a monthly report of his activities to the Chairman of this committee. The Associate Pastor will be required to do the same, and the Chairman will give a summation of the two reports each month to the Council.

Music Committee: Randy reported that as we agreed, April ended the three month trial period for the paid soloist at the Early Service. The general consensus of opinion was to discontinue the anthem at the Early Service. Al Fader motioned that the special music or anthem at the Early Service be discontinued, George Sauer seconded the motion and it was carried.

Randy also reported that John had requested permission to use three paid voices at the special June 9th Ordination Anniversary for Dr. Weisser. Ernie motioned that the request be refused and that John be told to utilize the Choir as best he can. Ray seconded the motion and it carried.

Ushering Committee: Progress

Youth Committee: Progress

Fellowship Committee: Al Fader asked the Council to what extent they wished to provide a reception following the June 9th Service commemorating Dr. Weisser's 50th Ordination Anniversary. Considering all the factors, the Council decided to provide light refreshments, such as cake, squares, cookies, nuts, coffee and tea to be served in Friendship Hall following the service.

Youth Service: The Pastor was asked by Randy to appeal to the Congregation to keep noise among those waiting for the Late Service to begin to a minimum. The noise in the Narthex at the latter part of the Youth Service is disturbing to those in attendance at that Service.

Calendar Committee: The date of Friday, June 28th was requested by the Church School to hold its Fun Fair. Al motioned that this date be approved. Ray seconded the motion and it carried.

Old Business: Rebecca Lodge (Order of the Eastern Star) requested to rent Fellowship Hall for its activities for the sum of \$300.00 per year. Ray

motioned that their offer be refused. Al seconded the motion and it was carried.

The balloting upon the question to be put before the congregation at the upcoming Special Congregational Meeting as to whether or not the congregation will call Mrs. Mary Ellen Kitchen to be Associate Pastor here, was discussed. It was decided that the ballot will be by secret ballot, and that the ballots taken at each service will be placed in a locked box. At the conclusion of the second service, the box will be taken to Friendship Hall and publicly counted by two members at large from the Congregation and by two members of the Council. Mrs. Kitchen will then be notified by telephone as to the outcome of the vote and told that a formal call will follow if the ballot is favorable.

New Business: Randy stated that the Youth are concerned about not being able to vote in this special ballot. Our Constitution states that voting is reserved for members in good standing who have attained the age of eighteen years. In accordance with our stated means of amending the By-Laws, which as stated in Article VIII, provides that, "Proposed amendments to these By-Laws shall be submitted to the President of the Church Council in writing signed by three voting members of the Congregation for consideration by said Council. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the members of the Church Council shall be required for adoption."

In accordance with this procedure, Mr. Tuerk read the following proposed amendment which was signed by three voting members of the congregation: Article II Section 3 By Laws- Members of good and regular standing shall be qualified voters at any congregational meeting of this Church. A vote was taken and the proposed amendment was defeated by a vote of 11 to 0.

With the failure of this proposed amendment, the following proposed amendment was introduced: Article II Section 3 By Laws - Members of good and regular standing who have attained the age of fourteen years shall be qualified voters at any congregational meeting of this Church. A vote was taken and the proposed amendment was defeated by a vote of 11 to 0.

Upon the failure of this proposed amendment the following proposed amendment was introduced: Article II Section 3 By Laws - Members of good and regular standing who have attained the age of fifteen years shall be qualified voters at any congregational meeting of this Church. A vote was taken and the proposed amendment was defeated by a vote of 11 to 0.

With the failure of the previous proposed amendments the following proposed amendment was introduced: Article II Section 3 By Laws - Members of good and regular standing who have attained the age of

sixteen years shall be qualified voters at any congregational meeting of this Church. A vote was taken and the proposed amendment was defeated by a vote of 11 to 0.

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