

Minutes from Council Meeting July 2, 1974

I. Reading of Minutes and Financial Report

The council meeting of United Evangelical Church was called to order on July 2, 1974 and opened with a prayer by Pastor Rasche.

Present at the meeting were George Tuerk, Arthur Block, William Voelker, Ray Schmitt, William Single, Albert Fader, William Bark, Ernest Jones, George Sauer, and Randy Schmitt.*

Minutes from the June meeting were read and approved.

Reading of the minutes was interrupted by two men who came to demonstrate the coin counter which we had been considering. They icily explained the workings and features of the machine and offered it at a price of \$1050. We were told that \$50 would be deducted if we did not want the stand. It was decided to discuss the matter under "Old Business."

The financial report from June was studied. An item of forty seven cents under the heading of tax collected/not due was questioned and fully explained by Ernie.

It was noted by Bill Single that the money received after six months was almost one-half the amount budgeted for the year.

II. Committee Reports

A. Property

George Sauer reported the ladies had requested the kitchen be air-conditioned. Eckes was contacted. A man came down, looked into the situation and gave three different prices. Arthur Block stated that several years ago someone also examined the problem and stated that the process was impossible because of the heat in the kitchen.

Al Fader suggested that we not turn the request down but have it looked into by someone professional in order to report to the Ladies Guild.

A heated debate followed as Ray Schmitt disagreed. It was decided to investigate the matter over the period of one year.

During the discussion the question of the purchase of the freezer was brought up. Mr. Tuerk took full responsibility for the matter.

Mr. Block asked George Sauer about the poor condition of the outside doors. George explained that the painters were supposed to come that day but did not.

*Pastor Rasche, Pastor Kitchen

Mr. Tuerk mentioned that a chair and desk were needed for Pastor Kitchen's office. Mr. Block got a price of \$175. Ray motioned that we buy it and Ernie seconded it. The motion was carried unanimously.

Pastor Rasche stated that Pastor Kitchen needed a typewriter of the same type as Pastor Rasche and Mrs. Fader have. Al Fader explained how the typewriter in Pastor Kitchen's office could be modified to conform to the standards of Pastor Rasche's and Mrs. Fader's.

It was noted that the typewriter in Pastor Kitchen's office is not in good shape. Bill Single then motioned that we buy a typewriter and Ray Schmitt seconded it. Mr. Fader added that we trade in the used typewriter. The motion was carried.

Mr. Block and Pastor Kitchen were to get together and decide on a model. Otts stated that a price of \$150 would be likely for a typewriter and stand.

B. Finance

Mr. Single stated that the Savings Certificate at Vermont for \$12,000 expires on July 28, 1974. We were not going to renew the certificate. Ernie suggested we turn it into a ninety day government bill paying eight percent or more at American National. Bill Voelker made the motion and Bill Single seconded it. The motion was unanimous.

C. Membership and Stewardship

Al Fader reported on the eighty visitations that had been made. Seven could not be contacted. The rest of the visitation cards were due in within the week. When all the cards were in, Mr. Fader wanted to have a meeting with the full council to decide what course of action to take.

Pastor Rasche read a letter from the Presbyterian Association thanking us for our \$300 contribution.

D. Spiritual and Pastoral Committee

Ray Schmitt reported that Pastor Rasche made thirty two sick calls, thirty four house visitations, eight calls concerning funerals and fourteen about personal problems in June.

Consultation consisted of six on weddings, one on a funeral and two about baptisms.

Pastor Rasche was scheduled to go on vacation on July 29th and return at the end of August.

On the 15th of September we will celebrate our 101st anniversary with special church services.

September 22nd was tentatively proposed for Pastor Kitchen's installation.

During Pastor Rasche's vacation the committee suggested that the Council recommend use of Associate Pastor to anyone in need of a minister. If that person does not want to do that then he must go and find a minister on his own. After a discussion this course of action was decided on.

Mr. Tuerk reported that Mrs. Fader asked what to do if a pastor's services are needed for a funeral from July 29th to August 4th when Pastor Kitchen was to be ordained. Pastor Rasche said that Pastor Kitchen could conduct a funeral without being ordained.

Mrs. Fader felt that if a long standing member should want an ordained minister during that time that we should try to get one.

Ray said that he did not think we should do so as not to set a precedent.

Al said that we should give the people the facts that Pastor Kitchen was not ordained. Several council members disagreed.

The question of whether or not she should be called pastor until she was ordained was also brought up. Most council members felt that it would be better for the congregation if she was called pastor.

The next meeting of the Spiritual Committee was scheduled for July 23rd. Pastor Kitchen was asked to come and submit a report.

E. Music Committee

Randy reported that John Bankett requested to take his vacation on the last two weeks of August and said that Robert Gundlach would play the organ.

F. Ushering Progress

G. Youth

Fred Long was not present to report.

H. Fellowship Progress

I. Youth Service

Randy reported that the Youth Service at First United was a success.

June's Youth Service at our church went well with 125 people attending.

Pastor Kitchen was given the schedule of Youth Service meetings.

J. Sunday School Liaison

Mr. Block said that no meeting had been held. He also stated that he would like to see better entertainment for the Fun Fair next year.

K. Calendar

Pastor Rasche said the Girl Scouts would like to have a flower and bake sale on the sidewalk on July 20th.

Our 101st anniversary will be celebrated on September 15th.

Pastor Kitchen's installation will be on September 22nd. However there is a bus trip planned for that week and we will have to look into the number of people going.

III. Old Business

A letter was read from Mrs. Fader thanking us for extending her vacation. She stated that she would like to take the other two weeks off in days and requested July 10th and 25th as two of these.

Bill Single asked if the four weeks vacation was to begin this year or next. June's minutes stated as of January 1975. It was decided to amend the last month's minutes to state this year.

The question of who was going to answer the telephone during Mrs. Fader's vacation days was brought up. We were told that Kelly Girls would cost \$125 a week for four hours a day. Mrs. Fader suggested that we pay Mrs. DeVaughn ten dollars a day extra to do the job.

Ernie brought up the matter of additional office help. He felt that we need someone with skill. He said we should advertise more.

Al said that August was fast approaching and we should consider an immediate solution.

Ernie motioned that we advertise in the newspaper for a part-time secretary to serve twenty five hours a week. Ray seconded it. The motion was carried. Al asked if we should consider a rate of pay. The council decided to think about that later.

Bill Single brought up the matter of the coin counter. Al said that \$1,050 was a lot of money to pay for the machine.

8 Otts stated that he has looked around for a money counter with no results. He also said that the coin counter was an item for the One Hundredth Anniversary and the four thousand dollars was still left in the fund.

Bill Voelker made a motion that we purchase the counter and the stand and Bill Single seconded it. The motion was carried.

IV. New Business

Pastor Rasche brought up that a lady, Bessie Drury, 77 years old made application for admittance to the Hagerstown Homewood Home. She is not a member but said that she had come to the church all of her life. Pastor Rasche made out the admittance forms, but a recommendation from the council was needed. Pastor Rasche suggested that we say she is not a member, but has attended the church and let the board decide.

Al Fader motioned that we commend Bessie Drury as a resident of Homewood Home by attendance not membership. Bill Single seconded it and the motion was carried.

George Tuerk asked if we should insure the coin counter. Bill Single said that it was covered by our present insurance.

Ernie said we recommend to the people of Vacation Bible School, they use the air-conditioners only if necessary and combine classes if possible to save on electricity.

Al said we should try to make the people conscious of the amount of electricity they are using at the church.

It was decided for Mr. Tuerk to tell Mrs. Getz to use the air-conditioners as little as possible.

George Tuerk wanted to know if we were going to have an August meeting.

Bill Bark moved that we cancel the August meeting and meet the Tuesday after Labor Day.

Bill Voelker suggested that we have the meeting because of Pastor Kitchen being new on the job in order to deal with problems that may arise.

Bill Bark withdrew his motion.

The question of the Oyster Supper was brought up. George Sauer said we should decide on a date so as not to run into problems. The date was set for October 29th and 30th.

There being no other business to be brought before the board, Bill Single made the motion to adjourn and Ernie seconded it. The motion was carried. The meeting was brought to a close with a prayer by Pastor Kitchen.

Respectfully submitted
Randy J. Schmitt