

Minutes from Council Meeting, August 6, 1974

I. Reading of Minutes and Financial Report

The council meeting of United Evangelical Church was called to order on August 6, 1974 and opened with a prayer by Pastor Kitchen.

Present at the meeting were George Tuerk, William Voelker, Ray Schmitt, William Single, Albert Fader, Ernest Jones, George Sauer, Randy Schmitt, and Pastor Kitchen.

Minutes from the July meeting were read with one correction made by Mr. Fader. He said that the names of the Pastors should be added to those present at the June meeting.

The financial report from July was studied. Bill Voelker asked if the \$500 under the heading Central Atlantic Conference belonged. Ernie said that it was a mistake.

Ernie mentioned that expenditures were up due to the purchase of the coin counter and the desk for Pastor Kitchen's office and Pastor Rasche was paid an additional month's salary making the total \$3,111.36 under Expenditures over Receipts.

We were also told by Ernie that he paid the government the forty seven cents.

II. Committee Reports

A. Property

George Sauer had nothing to report. Bill Voelker stated that he thought one or two air conditioners were about to burn a bearing or something comparable.

B Bill also asked if it was possible to have the writing on the outside wall removed. Various products and procedures were mentioned to do the job. George said he would look into it.

Bill Single brought up the fact of the poor condition of the outside doors. George said that Barger was supposed to come the first or second week of August to sand and varnish them for \$200.

Bill also asked about replacing the cushions on the back pews of the church. George said the same material was not available but he had about thirty yards of material to fix it. Al asked about the rest of the pews. George said that the first and last two or three rows were the worst. Al said our next project should be to reupholster the church pews.

Bill Voelker said we should repair the worst ones and if more should need repairing later on then we should look into the matter of having all of them reupholstered.

George said the grooves in the seats are dust catchers and hard to clean.

B. Finance

Mr. Single reported the Vermont certificate was cashed in. The \$12,000 was put with other money and a ninety day government bill was purchased. The other money was taken out of the American National Savings Account to come to a total of \$14,711.70.

C. Membership

Mr. Fader said he received more visitation cards but some were still out. He indicated that he would put some pressure on to get them by September.

D. Spiritual

The meeting of the Spiritual Committee was held on July 23. Ray Schmitt reported that the 101st Anniversary was discussed. Reverend Lovett had been invited as guest speaker but nothing had been heard.

Ray reported that Pastor Kitchen's installation was still on for September 22.

Ray then gave the report from Pastor Rasche. In July he made twenty-two sick calls, fifty-one house visitations and seven calls concerning funerals. He also had three wedding rehearsals, seven consultations at the church, two consultations on home problems, four wedding consultations and one baptismal consultation.

Pastor Rasche conducted three weddings, six funerals and one baptism.

Pastor Rasche reported to the committee that between 100 and 160 children attended the Canton Happening.

Ray then gave Pastor Kitchen's report. In July Pastor Kitchen had one wedding consultation, sixteen visitations concerning pre-confirmation and one hospital visitation.

Pastor Kitchen will take the first year confirmation class on Thursday.

Finally Ray reported that the next Spiritual Committee meeting was scheduled for August 27.

Al asked if the church council should know who Pastor Rasche called on during his visitations. Ray said that the committee hoped to enter the information in the church records in the Fall for future use.

E. Music

Randy reported that John was going on vacation on the last two weeks in August. Robert Gundlach would play the organ.

John again had asked Randy to try to get a tenor for the choir.

Randy also reported that Pastor Rasche told John to use the choral music in our library.

Ernie told Pastor Kitchen to pick hymns for August that the people knew.

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F. Ushering
Progress

G. Youth

There was no one present to report.

H. Fellowship

Al mentioned that we must plan for Installation Sunday.

J. Youth Service

Randy reported that attendance had been good for the services.

Bill Voelker asked if anything new was being planned for September. Randy said that it was being considered.

J. Sunday School Liasion

Mr. Block was absent.

K. Nominating Committee

It would be organized in September.

III. Old Business

Mr. Tuerk said he had asked Mrs. Fader about someone in the office during her vacation days. George suggested Mrs. Gundlach but Mrs. Fader said that she did not think Mrs. Gundlach would be receptive. She mentioned Robert Gundlach who was receptive. She suggested paying him fifty dollars a week to be in the office from 9a.m. to 4p.m. Mrs. Fader had small jobs for him to do. It would be for two weeks. This mode of action was decided on.

Mr. Tuerk said he had contacted the secretaries who had answered our ad, but neither was available. It was decided to advertise again in September after Labor Day.

Mr. Fader inquired about the materials still setting out from Vacation Bible School. Mr. Tuerk said he would talk to Mrs. Getz about it.

Al asked if we were going to have the Oyster Supper. Mr. Tuerk said he had understood it to be on October 29 and 30. Ticket prices were raised to three dollars for adults and one dollar fifty for children. Ernie was appointed chairman.

Al said that Pastor Rasche should be told that there will be no meetings on those two nights.

IV. New Business

Bill Single brought up the fact that Pastor Rasche had two turkeys in the church freezer. Bill said that that freezer was for church use and Pastor Rasche should be told about the "foul" business. Ha! Ha!

Bill also asked if Pastor Kitchen was using Pastor Rasche's office during his vacation. Pastor Kitchen said no but she had his permission to use anything in it that she needed. Bill said that if Pastor Kitchen wanted to use the office she should use it.

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He also asked her if she had a file cabinet and she said yes.

Al asked if Pastor Kitchen's office had a lock on it. George Sauer said that it did but he had a better one to put on it.

Pastor Kitchen reported that all went well with the funeral she had conducted.

Ernie said that he had not given Vacation Bible School the one hundred dollars that we had always given it. He suggested that we wait until the electric bill came and if it was over one hundred dollars then we should put the money towards the electric bill. Ernie was given the authority to hold up the money.

George Sauer said that the Sunday School Picnic had been a bust. George said that only eighty five people attended. It was the general opinion that the Sunday School might want to investigate the matter of moving the picnic to a different location.

Bill Voelker said that we should discuss the matter with Otts.

There being no other business to come before the board, George Sauer motioned to adjourn and Ray Schmitt seconded it. The motion was carried. The meeting was closed with a prayer by Pastor Kitchen.

Respectfully submitted,
Randy J. Schmitt