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A special Congregational Meeting was called to order on the above date and opened with a prayer by our President, Mr. J. Albert Fader.

Financial report was read and discussed.

Our President then explained that this meeting was held in order to bring the congregation up-to-date on what had been done and what is being done in order to secure a new minister for our Church.

At this time the meeting was turned over to Mr. William Bark, Chairman of the Pulpit Committee. Mr. Bark discussed the qualities of Pastor Paul Rasche who is a candidate in line for the ministry of the United Church and Mr. Bark stated the following would be given Pastor Rasche if he becomes the new Pastor of our Church:

Salary - - - - - \$7,500  
Honorariums would be given to him (fees from weddings, baptisms etc.)  
11% Pension Fund  
Car Allowance - Insurance, gas and oil, repairs under \$50.00  
All benefits at parsonage  
Office Expense

In addition to above, if Pastor Rasche accepts the call to our Church, the parsonage will be renovated.

Mr. Bark then discussed Pastor Lehmann's retirement and the congregation was advised that Pastor Lehmann would receive \$1,200.00 per year from Church, Pension Fund, Social Security, Car Allowance, Telephone, and an apartment of his choice.

A motion was made by Mr. Fred Gross and seconded by Mr. Henry Richards to give the Pulpit Committee the authority to go ahead with the intended plans to secure Pastor Rasche as Pastor of United Church. Motion was carried.

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Mr. Fader then stated there are two ways to elect our Pastor -- one is to carry on as it is stated in the By-Laws of our Church and the other is to hold a meeting after Church Service to elect a Pastor. Mr. Kellner stated we should go by the By-Laws and the congregation agreed on same.

Mr. Bark was then advised to write to Pastor Rasche and give him full particulars as to this special meeting which was held tonight and also as to how the voting for Pastor will take place.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Fred Long brought up the idea of reinstalling a telephone in the Friendship Hall so that it could be used for outgoing calls when various organizations hold their meetings or work in the hall. Mrs. Long mentioned that this has been most inconvenient to the Women's Guild and Mrs. Devaughn likewise remarked that the Ladies Aid would like to have the phone re-installed so that outgoing calls can be made from our Church Hall instead of having to go to neighborhood phone to make a call. The Church Council promised to take this matter up at their next meeting and advised that action would be taken on this matter.

There was no further business to come before the congregation at this time; therefore, the meeting was adjourned with prayer - after which refreshments were served.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred Long,  
Recording Secretary.