

The Fall Congregational meeting of the United Evangelical Church was held on December 1, 1972.

President Arthur Block called the meeting to order and Pastor Paul A. Rasche opened it with a prayer.

There were 41 voting members of the congregation present.

The minutes for the special congregational meeting of March 19 and October 22 as well as the minutes for the congregation meeting of January 28, 1972 were read and approved as submitted.

The first order of business was the election of six Council Board members to the Church Council. President Arthur Block informed the congregation that the nominating committee had gotten just six nominees to run for Council, and asked for nominations from the floor; there were none. Louis Parker, Jr. motioned that the nominations be closed, Edward Davis seconded the motion and it was carried. Edward Davis made a motion that the six nominees to the Council Board be voted in by acclamation because there was no contest, Ernest Jones seconded the motion and it was unanimously carried.

President Block thanked all the Council Board members who were leaving Council for the fine manner in which they served; and urged them to run again next year.

The next order of business was the presentation of the \$70,901 Proposed Church Budget for the year 1973. William Single III of the Finance Committee reviewed the entire budget item by item and answered all questions of the Congregation. Albert Fader asked that the Council reconsider in its allocation of Benevolence Fund where the \$300 to Hoffman Home was discontinued. Mr. Fader favored Hoffman Home because it is the closest to our church. William Single said that our share to Hoffman Home would be taken care of out of the \$800 item designated "Other Benevolence." Mr. Single went on to say that our church was always a strong supporter of the Hoffman Home and some of the other churches were not such generous givers, and perhaps this void would serve as a challenge to the other churches. Mrs. Grace Fader asked why there was an item on the budget which paid the church choir \$100 per year, when there were other groups that worked for the church which weren't paid anything. Mr. Single said that the Church Choir was actually an intricate part of the church service and this \$100 per year was given merely as a token of appreciation for services rendered. Mr. Block said this \$100 for the choir outing has been an item on the budget for years and expressed surprise that now it was being questioned. President Block promised to discuss the matter in Council. Mr. Single said that he would like personally to see this proposed budget passed because it included the money to secure our much needed Associate Pastor and urged all to pick-up in there giving to make it possible. Pastor Rasche also asked all to pull together so that we could help offset this additional \$10,000 item. President Block asked for a motion that the proposed budget be approved as submitted; Fred Long made the motion, Mr. William Lauchman seconded it and it was unanimously carried.

New Business: President Block said that we have the Eudowood Gardens reserved for our 100th anniversary on September 29th and that tickets for the affair would be \$12.50 per person. Mr. Block said he was aware that this price is rather high, but this is the going rate now. Our president said that he would not like to see any of our church members not go to this affair because he or she did not have the money - if this were the case, the Church would come to their aid; this decision was approved at Church Council meeting.

Louis Parker, Jr. motioned that we move the installation of Council Board members out one week from December 3 to Dec. 10 because a number of Board members would be out of town this date.

There being no other business to come before the congregation, the meeting was adjourned.

The meeting was closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Louis W. Parker, Sr.
Recording Secretary