

The regular meeting of the Council Board of the United Evangelical Church was held on June 3, 1969.

Present were Albert Fader, Ernest Jones, William Bark, Jr., Robert Logue, Louis Parker, Jr., William Voelker, Louis Smith, George Tuerk and Louis Parker, Sr.

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

The minutes for the meeting for the month of May were read and approved as written.

The monthly financial report was reviewed and approved as submitted. The Church School monthly financial report was also reviewed and approved.

#### Report of Committees:

##### Finance Committee: Progress

Property Committee: Mr. Fader informed us that the Coca Cola machine in Friendship Hall has been converted from bottles to cans. A cabinet for storing cans of coke is being built in the locker room under stairs at front of Friendship Hall; one man will be made responsible for this cabinet. The price of Coke will be increased to 15¢ per can; this should be self-sustaining.

The lock on the front door of the parsonage was installed as per Pastor Rasche's request.

Lt. Duffy of the Baltimore City Fire Department inspected our Church property for fire hazards. He commended us on a tidy, well kept place, but did recommend a fire extinguisher in the Chancel of the Church because of the candles at the altar. In looking over our kitchen facilities, Lt. Duffy charged us with a violation on our hood over the stove where according to him, we could have a fierce fire in the hood where grease accumulates. He recommended a dry chemical fire control system, where upon having a fire in the hood a chemical would be dispensed covering the stove and the gas to the stove would be shut off - both actions would be done automatically through detectors. Mr. Fader contacted Fireline Corp., the company that takes care of all our fire extinguishers, for a quote on a fire control system of this type - their price was \$643.00 for the complete system. The Whiting Co. will install this system, less the electrical work, for \$460. This violation, according to Lt. Duffy will have to be taken care of in 30 days. Lou Smith assured us not to become alarmed should we not finish in 30 days, that he knows a fireman for Baltimore City who would grant us an extension, should we need it.

Anderson Associates, after checking the parsonage for the wall to wall carpeting for 104 sq. yards with ¼" rubber padding gave the following quotes - \$1300 for 2nd line carpeting and \$1100 for 3rd line. There is presently \$1000 in our budget for repairs and improvements to our buildings. Pastor Rasche said that Anderson Associates would need the carpeting from the north aisle and from the Lectern and Pulpit to fix the carpeting at the altar and the cost would be \$70 to \$100.

Mr. Fader informed us that our sextons will be confronted with a problem of cleaning up after Vacation Bible School sessions on Fridays as they will only have 4 hours on Saturday to do this. Pastor Rasche suggested this item be brought up at Canton Christian Council's general meeting on Thursday night. It is possible that we could pick up one sexton from Messiah Church. The Council agreed that if additional help could not be gotten that we would just have to accept the job our sextons could manage in 4 hours.



Chris, our sexton, will be going on vacation July 14 through July 21; when he returns Carrie Bentrup will take her vacation July 21 through July 28. Grace Fader's vacation - instead of taking a split vacation, will take her two weeks consecutively Aug. 11 through Aug. 25. Pastor Rasche will be vacationing July 14 through Aug. 8 - this will leave him five vacation days. Dr. Weisser hasn't decided on his vacation yet.

Pastor Rasche reported that fire extinguisher in Church School building had been spilled and needs attention.

Calendar Committee: July 11 will be Young Women's Guild Crab Cake Supper.

Fellowship Committee: Church Picnic coming along fine - will be printing tickets now.

Audit Committee: Progress

Spiritual Committee: Pastor Rasche will be getting his committee together as he has some suggestions to put to it.

Ushering Committee: Lou Smith remarked that the Jr. Council members are not coming into Church. Mr. Smith said that he would talk to them about this.

Membership Committee: William Voelker stated that he was very disappointed in the declining attendance at our Church services which was running about 430 and has now dropped off to about 300. Mr. Voelker thought that after a person missed six or eight weeks in a row, he should be contacted. He asked the Board to be giving our attendance problem some thought.

Pastor Rasche reported in Dr. Weisser's absence to say that Pastor Weisser has been continuing with the calls and is having success.

Old Business: Pastor Rasche attended a brief meeting of the Council of Churches; it was re-scheduled for Thursday, June 5. The Council of Churches has been forced to terminate some of the positions in the organization and finances have been brought into line. There is a movement on to phase out the Council of Churches and to get into an interfaith movement. Pastor Rasche is striving to keep Council of Churches in tact.

The lay delegates of our Church attending the C.A.C. meeting in Dover Delaware Friday, June 13 through Sunday, June 15 will be Mr. & Mrs. Louis Smith, Mrs. May Getz and George Tuerk. Pastors Rasche and Weisser will alternate next years so that one of them will be here at the Church.

New Business: William Bark, Jr. informed us that our Church was bequeathed \$500 from the estate of the late Ernest Leimbach. Mr. Bark mentioned also that our Church may be getting a bequest from the estate of John Schuler who passed away two years ago; this will has not been settled yet.

Mr. Fader expressed concern over mail which was delivered to parsonage and spilled out of open screen door; this mail at times has cash donations. Mr. Smith said that he would check with the Post Office in an effort to get it delivered to the Church Office on Dillon Street.

Pastor Rasche read quickly over some pronouncements which will be brought up at the C.A.C. meeting in Delaware; they have to do with the following:

Amnesty for War Objectors  
Gun Control Legislation



Revision of Selective Service System  
Revision of Tax Laws

The Council Board discussed some of these briefly and the lay delegates did get some ideas about how it felt on these matters.

Pastor Rasche reported that our white and purple altar cloth sets are fading and will soon need replacing; he asked if we should use the money from special bequests.

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,

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Louis W. Parker, Sr.  
Recording Secretary