The Official Board held its regular meeting in the Church Parlor on January 8, 1957, with Chairman Charles Chewning presiding.

The minutes of the December meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Whitford told of the Methodist Leadership Training School to be held February 17, 18, 19, 24 and 25, with Duke Memorial as the host Church. He outlined the classes and urged that all persons, whether teachers or not, should attend.

Mrs. Borland reported for the Commission on Missions and received approval of the Board to order a film for presentation at a future Board meeting.

Mr. C. J. Jones reported that the collections to January 1 were \$27,295.10 and that the disbursements were \$25,312.11. The pledges made for this year are approximately \$7,000.00 short of the amount allocated in the budget for collection from pledges; however, some additional amount above the pledges can be expected.

Upon suggestion by Mr. Queen of the need for lay delegates to the annual conference and the district conference, the following persons were elected to the positions as specified:

Charles E. Jordan, Lay Delegate to Annual Conference

E. W. Dunham, First Alternate Lay Delegate to Annual Conference

J. H. Coman, Second Alternate Lay Delegate to Annual Conference

W. F. Mansfield and Mrs. V. A. Cole, Lay Delegates at Large to District Conference

Sam Holton and Mrs. A. H. Borland, Alternate Lay Delegates at Large to District Conference

There being no further business, the meeting was then adjourned.

Marshall T. Spears, Jr., Secretary