The Official Board of Duke Memorial Methodist Church met in The Bradshaw Koom for the regular monthly meeting, December 8, 1964, 7:45 p.m. The chairman, Dr. John Glasson, presided and Mr. Bradshaw gave the opening prayer. Minutes were read and approved.

Dr. Glasson asked Mr. Bishop to have each member of the Board present to sign his name to the list which would be made a part of the tribute to Mr. Bob white, this is to be presented to his family in the near future.

Commission on Education, chairman, Dr. Earl Brown, reported that meetings were being held regularly and at the present time leadership and facilities in the Church School seemed to be adequate; attendance at the present time was a little less than at the corresponding period last year. He suggested it might help if the members of the Board set an example for others by being in attendance each Sunday.

Chairman of Membership and Evangelism, Mr. Horace Fowler, reported that visitation was continually being done. The result of some of these efforts was evidenced by the number of new members who have joined our church recently.

Mr. Bailey Reade pesented the report for the church treasury stating that after taking into consideration all circumstances the financial status of the church was better at the present time as compared with the report made December, 1963.

In giving the Building Fund Report, Mr. C. J. Jones, stated that this would be the final report as far as payment for the construction, equipment and furnishings for the new Church School Building is concerned. He emphasized the fact that we must continue to make payments on our pledges until they are paid in full in order to meet our obligation to the bank for the money borrowed, and to get started on the improvements of the older part of our buildings. He stated that it was his understanding that a committee is already at work studying the space utilization and improvements needed.

Copies of the financial reports are attached to these minutes.

Mr. S. L. Mortland presented to the Board members copies of the suggested regulations developed by the appointed committee for the use of our church facilities. After discussion of details and certain revisions Mr. Mortland made the following motion that the Board accept these regulations for the use of our church facilities, that the material be retyped including the revisions and a copy be presented to each Board member and a copy be made a part of these minutes. The vote was seconded and carried.

Mr. Bradshaw expressed his gratitude for the reports the treasurers had been able to make and for the payments to the pledges that had been coming in. He stated that he hoped someday in the not too far future that improvements on the old building would be a reality.

He reminded each member to keep in his heart and mind the matter of the Evangelistic Crusade to be held in Durham, March 19 through April 4. He expressed hope that we will so give of ourselves to it that something of a great spiritual value will come to our community. He stated that he had been asked to submit the names of those willing to be considered to serve on committees for the planning and during the crusade.

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Mr. Bradshaw made the following announcements, that the Christmas pageant would be presented Sunday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall; Sunday, December 20, 4:30 p.m., the choirs would present a program of Christmas music in the sanctuary, followed by a social hour in the Fellowship Hall. Christmas Eve at 10:00 p.m. we would observe Holy Communion.

The meeting adjourned following prayer by Mr. Bishop.

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