

OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 1967

Mr. Dillard Teer, Chairman, presided at the regular monthly meeting of the Official Board of Duke Memorial Methodist Church on February 7, 1967 at 7:45 P.M. in the Bradshaw Room.

Mr. Petteway brought the devotional message for the evening appropriate to Ash Wednesday and Lent. His remarks were based on the four words: Crisis, Commonplace, Concern and Creation and their relationship to Lent. In conclusion he offered a prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as recorded.

Mr. R. B. Reade, Church Treasurer, made a financial report for the seven months of the church year ending January 31, 1967, showing that total receipts for the period were \$80,945.56; total disbursements \$76,251.04; total cash balance January 31, 1967 (including last year's balance brought forward) \$8,279.54. (A copy of his report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.)

In the absence of Mr. C. J. Jones, the Building Fund report was given by Mr. Reade also, showing receipts during January to be \$521.50 and a balance on hand in checking account \$415.00 and a Savings Account balance of \$4,000.00.

Mr. Reade stated that Mr. J. A. McLean, Chairman of the Stewardship and Finance Commission, had asked him to report that Mr. Randolph R. Few had accepted the Chairmanship of the Every Member Canvass for this year.

He also reported that Mrs. Marguerite Overton, Financial Secretary of the Church, had left Durham to make her home in Virginia, and that Mrs. Lois Fowler had accepted this position.

Mr. Jack Cliff, Chairman of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, reported that his committee met in January with good attendance. He spoke briefly on the importance of everyone doing his or her part in getting more people to attend church whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Mrs. James Cannon reported for the Commission on Missions and explained the duty of the commission to present the study courses to the local church. She stated that a Bible study, "Christian Being and Doing," had been presented by the Pastor during January, and that the other study, "Affluence and Poverty", was planned for three Sundays in February and March. Dr. George Maddox will be the speaker for the first Sunday night, and on the next two Sunday nights the study will consist of panel discussions, moderated by Mrs. F. R. Darkis and Mr. Charles Chewning.

Mr. Horace Mansfield reported for the Methodist Men and announced that his group was presenting the Y.M.C.A. Sunday School Hour over Radio Station WDNC on the following Saturday night. Also that the group would have its annual Ladies Night in March, at which time Mrs. Walter Seeley would be the speaker.

Mrs. V. A. Cole, Chairman of the Good Literature Committee solicited subscriptions to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, our official church paper.

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The Official Board of Lake Memorial Methodist Church on February 7, 1967 at 7:45 P.M. in the Bradshaw Room.

Mr. Patrick brought the devotional message for the evening appropriate to Ash Wednesday and left. His remarks were based on the four words: Obedience, Concern and Creation and their relationship to Law. In conclusion he offered a prayer.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as recorded.

Mr. R. S. Reade, Church Treasurer, made a financial report for the seven months of the church year ending January 31, 1967, showing that total receipts for the period were \$28,251.00 and total disbursements \$25,251.00. Total cash balance January 31, 1967 (including last year's balance brought forward) \$3,179.24. (A copy of his report is attached hereto and made a part of these minutes.)

In the absence of Mr. C. A. Jones, the Building Fund report was given by Mr. Reade also, showing receipts during January to be \$221.50 and a balance on hand in checking account \$415.00 and a Savings Account balance of \$4,000.00.

Mr. Reade stated that Mr. J. A. McLean, Chairman of the Stewardship and Finance Commission, had asked him to report that Mr. Randolph K. Few had accepted the Chairmanship of the very tender Canvas for this year.

He also reported that Mrs. Margaret Overton, Financial Secretary of the Church, had left Durham to make her home in Virginia, and that Mrs. Lois Fowler had accepted this position.

Mr. Jack Cliff, Chairman of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, reported that his committee met in January with good attendance. He spoke briefly on the importance of everyone doing his or her part in getting more people to attend church whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Mr. Cliff also reported for the Commission on Missions and explained the duty of the commission to present the study courses to the local church. He stated that a Bible study, "Christian Belief and Doing," had been presented by the pastor during January, and that the other study, "Affluence and Poverty," was planned for three Sundays in February and March. Mr. George Maddox will be the speaker for the first Sunday night, and on the next two Sunday nights the study will consist of panel discussions, moderated by Mrs. F. R. Danks and Mr. Charles Channing.

Mr. Horace Mansfield reported for the Methodist Men and announced that his group was presenting the Y.M.C.A. Sunday School hour over Radio Station WNCN on the following Saturday night. Also that the group would have its annual Ladies Night in March, at which time Mrs. Walter Sealey would be the speaker.

Mrs. V. A. Cole, Chairman of the Good Literature Committee solicited suggestions to the North Carolina Christian Advocate, our official church paper.

Mr. R. T. A. Pifer, Chairman of the Music Committee, reported that the attendance in all the choirs was very good, but that more participants in the musical program would be welcomed.

Dr. James Holsinger, Chairman of the Commission on Education, explained in some detail the new adult curriculum for the church school beginning next September and stressed the fact that it was to be a continuing study over a period of several years. Some discussion followed.

Miss Vensel, Director of Christian Education, reminded the Board that additional gifts were needed for the Margaret Faw Cannon Library, and urged more use of the library by everyone.

Miss Vensel reported that two new church school classes were in the formative stage; one group being young single adults just graduated from high school; the other consisting of young married couples. Also that the M.Y.F. groups were having excellent meetings on Sunday nights and were conducting their business sessions and planning programs and activities for the summer in a very creditable manner.

Mr. Teer, Chairman, spoke to the Board on the matter of renovation of the old building, which was in the over-all building plan at the time the new educational facility was erected. He reminded the Board that this portion of the project was to be undertaken as soon as the new building was completed and paid for, which point we have now reached. He reviewed briefly the needs and priorities originally considered in this renovation project, and asked the Board for some direction to the Building Committee as to their wishes in the matter, stating that he felt serious consideration should be given this matter in the next few months. There followed a general discussion concerning the most urgent needs; requests from the various church school classes using the rooms in the old building, which requests are now on file with the Building Committee; and what amount of money should be spent on the project. It was brought out in the discussion that possibly these renovations should include long range planning to take care of future needs of a downtown church, coordinated with the original plans.

It was the concensus of opinion of the Board members that the Building Committee proceed with the information in hand to determine the possibilities and the amount of money needed to accomplish these needs. Mr. Teer promised that the Building Committee would begin a study of the situation at an early date.

The dinner meeting of the Durham District Lay Rally to be held February 15, 1967 at the Civic Center, was announced and Mr. Petteway urged a large attendance by Duke Memorial people.

In his brief remarks to the Board, Mr. Petteway expressed pleasure that the Board was willing to go forward with the renovation of the old building. He announced the Durham District Conference to be held on March 15th; our Quarterly Conference on April 4th; and Holy Week services March 19th through 24th, and asked for support of the members in all of these services.

There being no further business, the meeting was dismissed by Mr. Paul F. Fendt, Assistant to the Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,

Evelyn T. Petty, Secretary

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Mr. K. T. A. Pifer, Chairman of the Music Committee, reported that the attendance in all the choirs was very good, but that more participation in the musical program would be welcomed.

Mr. James Holmstrom, Chairman of the Commission on Education, explained in some detail the new adult curriculum for the church school beginning next September and stressed the fact that it was to be a continuing study over a period of several years. Some discussion followed.

Miss Vernal, Director of Christian Education, reminded the Board that additional lists were needed for the Margaret Law Cannon Library, and urged more use of the library by everyone.

Miss Vernal reported that the new church school classes were in the formative stage, one group being young adults just graduated from high school; the other consisting of young married couples. Also that the N.Y.F. had not had their regular meetings on Sunday nights and were conducting their business sessions and planning programs and activities for the summer in a very cooperative manner.

Mr. Teer, Chairman, spoke to the Board on the matter of renovation of the old building, which was in the over-all building plan at the time the new educational facility was erected. He reminded the Board that this portion of the project was to be undertaken as soon as the new building was completed and paid for, which point we have now reached. He reviewed briefly the needs and priorities originally considered in this renovation project, and asked the Board for some direction to the Building Committee as to their wishes in the matter, stating that he felt serious consideration should be given this matter in the next few months. There followed a general discussion concerning the most urgent needs; requests from the various church school classes using the rooms in the old building, which requests are now on file with the Building Committee; and what amount of money should be spent on the project. It was brought out in the discussion that possibly these renovations should include long range planning to take care of future needs of a downtown church, coordinated with the original plans.

It was the consensus of opinion of the Board members that the Building Committee proceed with the information in hand to determine the possibilities and the amount of money needed to accomplish these needs. It was suggested that the Building Committee would begin a study of the situation at an early date.

The dinner meeting of the Durham District May Rally to be held February 15, 1967 at the Civic Center, was announced and Mr. Pattey urged a large attendance by Duke Memorial people.

In his brief remarks to the Board, Mr. Pattey expressed pleasure that the Board was willing to go forward with the renovation of the old building. He announced the Durham District Conference to be held on March 15th, 1967, and Holy Week services March 18th through 22nd, and asked for support of the members in all of these services.

There being no further business, the meeting was dismissed by Mr. Pattey, Pastor, Assistant to the Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Lyle J. Pattey, Secretary