

OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES OF DECEMBER 5, 1967

The Official Board of Duke Memorial Methodist Church met in regular session at 7:45 p.m. on December 5, 1967, in the Bradshaw Room.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. J. A. McLean. Mr. Petteway gave the devotional.

A motion to accept the minutes as recorded was made and passed.

Mr. Bailey Reade gave the following treasurer's report for five months ending November 30, 1967: total receipts on pledges and other collections \$57,707; total disbursements \$53,385; excess receipts \$4,322; total cash balance \$10,447 including \$4,561 brought forward July 1, 1967.

Commission on Education Chairman, Dr. J. W. Holsinger reported that meetings were being held each month and the program seemed to be moving satisfactorily.

Mr. J. A. McLean, reporting for the Commission on Stewardship & Finance stated that there would be no meeting held during December.

Mr. D. A. Sorrell, Chairman for the Committee appointed to look into the matter concerning the entrance and exit of our parking lot, reported that Mr. Judy Griffin, City Traffic Commissioner, was reluctant to give any suggestions since this is a privately owned parking lot. The city will not take any action in directing privately owned parking lots. Mr. Robert Pifer made the following motion: That the Chapel Hill Street driveway be changed to the entrance driveway and the Memorial Street driveway be changed to the exit driveway. The motion was seconded. After discussion concerning the disadvantages of Memorial Street inadequate as the exit, also that eventually Gregson Street is scheduled to be a one-way street, and that both driveways would have to be widened, should such a change take place, the vote was called. After the count was taken, the Chairman declared the motion defeated.

The Commission on Membership and Evangelism did not meet during December. Mr. Jack Cliff announced that 51 persons had been received into the membership of our church since July 1, 17 had transferred and 14 claimed by death, giving us a net gain of 20.

The Woman's Society of Christian Service President, Mrs. Lucile Coburn, announced that the Wesleyan Service Guild has maintained a scholarship for a foreign student to Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, N. C.. She is a girl from Korea.

Mr. Nicholas Fagan reported on attendance of fifty members present at their dinner meeting which preceded the Board meeting. He stated that Laney Funderburk and Reese Honeycutt were doing excellent jobs combining their duties as recruiting new members and having good attendance. He stated that their project for obtaining basketball uniforms for our teams would soon be completed but new projects to the best interest of our church, would be started. He later announced that Dr. W. A. Kale had been the guest speaker at the dinner meeting and his message had been most inspiring. Mr. Fagan invited any Board member, who had not joined the Methodist Men's Club, to come visit at their next meeting, and he would be received most cordially.

Mr. W. K. Howard reported that three phases of the four year contract on the stained glass windows had been completed with this year. Next year's work will complete the contract. The cost this year and next year is running a little higher than originally anticipated, \$6700. The original budget called for \$6,000 per year.

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The Official Board of Duke Memorial Methodist Church for its regular session at 7:30 p.m. on December 3, 1957, in the Broadway Room.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. J. A. McLean, Mr. Patterson was the devotional.

A motion to accept the minutes as recorded was made and passed.

Mr. Galtier gave the following treasurer's report for five months ending November 30, 1957: total receipts on pledges and other collections \$27,107; total disbursements \$23,988; excess receipts \$3,119; total cash balance \$20,487 including \$4,261 brought forward July 1, 1957.

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Mr. J. A. McLean, reporting for the Commission on Stewardship & Finance stated that there would be no meeting held during December.

Mr. J. A. McLean, Chairman for the Committee appointed to look into the matter concerning the entrance and exit of our parking lot, reported that the City Traffic Committee was reluctant to give any suggestions since this is a privately owned parking lot. The City will not take any action in directing privately owned parking lots. Mr. Foster after making the following motion that the Chapel Hill Street driveway be changed to the entrance driveway and the Memorial Street driveway be changed to the exit driveway. The motion was seconded. After discussion concerning the advantages of Memorial Street as the exit, also that eventually Gregson Street is scheduled to be a one-way street, and that both driveways would have to be widened, should such a change take place, the vote was called. After the count was taken, the Chairman declared the motion defeated.

The Commission on Membership and Evangelism did not meet during December. Mr. Jack Cliff announced that 51 persons had been received into the membership of our church since July 1. It had transferred and 14 claimed by death, giving us a net gain of 37.

The Women's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Lucile Copson, announced that the Wesleyan Service Guild has retained a scholarship for a long-term student to Wesleyan College, Rocky Mount, N. C. She is a girl from Lenoir.

Mr. Nicholas Fagan reported on attendance of fifty members present at their dinner meeting which preceded the Board meeting. He stated that Lanny Underback and Reese Longmire were being excellent, and complimenting their duties as working new members, and having good attendance. He stated that their project for Christmas gifts for our church would be a prayer. He later announced that Dr. W. A. Fagan had been the guest speaker at the dinner meeting and his message had been most inspiring. Mr. Fagan invited any Board members who had not joined the Methodist Men's Club, to come visit at their next meeting, and he would be pleased to meet cordially.

Mr. K. Howard reported that the phase of the four year contract on the stained glass windows had been completed with this year. Last year's work will complete the contract. The cost this year and next year is running a little higher than originally anticipated, \$2700. The original budget called for \$2,000 per year.

Mr. Robert Pifer announced that Sunday, December 10, all the choirs will render a candlelight service at 4:00 p.m. The public is invited.

The Building Committee report was given by Mr. Dillard Teer. He stated that the architects had been contacted but right at the present is a most inopportune time for them to make a definite report, but they promised to do so in the near future. Mr. Howard also reported that the architects have made some sketches but even this has taken them four months.

Mr. J. A. McLean, elected by the Official Board as a member to the Committee on Christian Vocations, made the following report:

Junior High MYF, in March, 1968, will have two meetings to discuss Christian Service. Bulletin boards will be made on which to display suitable materials.

Senior High MYF group will discuss specific church vocations at a joint meeting in March.

Our Church will have up-to-date materials about Christian vocations, including pamphlets for lay personnel, and a film strip. A packet of materials relating to Christian vocations will be put into the hands of all guidance counselors in the county.

A tri-district meeting will be held on Christian vocations in the spring of 1968 at our church.

Every member of the congregation should consider himself as a recruiter to seek out interested young people for Christian vocations.

Miss Vensel announced that the youth work was going along nicely. The senior MYF's are busy practicing their parts for the Christmas Play they will give on Sunday night, December 17, at 7:30 p.m.

The Junior High MYF's are busy collecting canned goods and supplies for the Christmas baskets they plan to pack for the needy. After the play on December 17, the group plan to go caroling.

Mr. Morris Husted reported that he is happy in his work, working along with Mr. Petteway to whom he makes his reports.

Mr. Petteway expressed delight in hearing Mr. Teer report that the hold up on the plans for the work in the sanctuary building is on the part of the architects and not the Building Committee.

He stated that he looks forward to the month of December. This is a month that belongs to our people. Twelve dinners will be served by our Church Hostess for various groups gathering together. He said that most visitation would be confined to shut-ins.

He expressed gratitude for being the Minister of Duke Memorial Church, and for the loyalty of the members of the Board. He stated that he and Mr. Tom White had spent the entire day before in Raleigh attending the meeting of the World Service Commission. He announced that the budget for this commission is to be raised \$100,000. It is the responsibility of the local church to raise this money, each church giving proportionally. There will be one figure announced rather than stating the amount for each item as has been the practice in the past.

He announced that in July we would have a new bishop, a new district superintendent, but he hoped you would not ask for a new minister.

Mr. Robert Pitter announced that Sunday, December 14, 1958, the public will be invited to a candlelight service at 7:00 p.m. The public is invited to the service.

The Building Committee report was given by Mr. Pitter. He stated that the architect has been contacted but that at this time it is not possible to give for the building a definite report, but that the committee will have made some progress in the next few weeks. He also reported that the architect has been contacted and that the architect has been given a definite report.

Mr. E. A. McLean, elected by the District Board as a member of the Committee on Christian Vocations, made the following report:

Junior High N.Y.T. in March, 1958, will have two meetings to discuss Christian Vocations. The first meeting will be held on March 10, 1958, and the second meeting will be held on March 17, 1958. The meetings will be held in the evening at 7:00 p.m. The meetings will be held in the evening at 7:00 p.m. The meetings will be held in the evening at 7:00 p.m.

The Church will have up-to-date materials about Christian vocations, including pamphlets for lay personnel, and a list of vocation counselors in the District. A packet of materials will be put into the hands of all vocation counselors in the District.

A District meeting will be held on Christian vocations in the spring of 1959. Every member of the congregation should consider himself as a recruiter to seek for interested young people for Christian vocations.

Miss Vansel announced that the youth work was continuing nicely. The Junior High N.Y.T. are busy practicing their parts for the Christmas play on Sunday night, December 14, at 7:30 p.m.

The Junior High N.Y.T. are busy collecting canned goods and supplies for the Christmas baskets they plan to pack for the needy. After the play on December 14, the group plan to go caroling.

Mr. Morris Husted reported that he is happy in his work and is glad to be a part of the team. He makes his reports to the team.

Mr. Patterway expressed delight in reading Mr. Tarr's report that the hold up on the plans for the work in the sanctuary building is on the way of completion and that the Building Committee is working on the plans.

He stated that he looks forward to the youth of December. This is a month that belongs to our people. Twelve dinners will be served by our Church members for various groups gathered together. He said that most of the dinners would be confined to after-noon hours.

He expressed gratitude to the members of the Board of Christian Church and for the loyalty of the members of the board. He stated that he and the lay members had spent the entire day in the kitchen preparing the meeting of the World Service Commission. He announced that the budget for the commission is to be raised \$100,000. It is the responsibility of the lay members to raise this money. A church giving method will be used. There will be no figure announced rather than stating the amount. The amount will be given in the form of a check.

He announced that it is his hope to have a new minister in the new district superintendent, but he hopes to have a new minister in the new district superintendent.

Mr. Dillard Teer made a plea for a donor or donors who might be interested in getting the foundation started for a new retirement home to be located in the eastern section of the state, Elizabeth City district or the Kinston area. He announced that the Board of Trustees of the local retirement home had voted to build eight more apartments which will reach the maximum for this retirement home. Mr. Coble, administrator at this retirement home is now serving the needs of 168 persons, 180 being the greatest number one administrator can care for. This quota will be filled by February 1968.

He stated that many of the occupants of the local retirement home came from the eastern part of the state and many times it works a hardship on their friends and relatives to come to visit them.

Mr. Teer said to get a retirement home started in the eastern area would necessitate a nucleus of land which would amount to about \$40,000, and \$200,000 to get the work started. If anyone is interested or knows of donors who are, please let it be known.

Mr. Husted dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Ethel Mae Kale*  
Ethel Mae Kale, Secretary

The Board has a plan for a home for those who wish to be placed in the foundation started by the retirement home to be located in the eastern section of the state, Lincoln City district or the Lincoln area. He has advised that the Board of Trustees of the local retirement home has voted to build a new apartment which will reach the maximum for this retirement home. The local administrator of this retirement home is now serving the needs of the program, 100 being the greatest number one administrator can care for. This point will be filled by February 1958.

He stated that many of the requests of the local retirement home come from the eastern part of the state and that times it works a hardship on their relatives to come to visit them.

The Board will set a retirement home started in the eastern area would require a nucleus of land which would amount to about 200,000 and 200,000 to get the work started. If anyone is interested or knows of anyone who would like to be known.

He closed by saying the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard H. Tate, Secretary