

June 4, 1968

The Official Board meeting of Duke Memorial Methodist Church was held in the Bradshaw Room at 7:46 p.m., on June 4, 1968. Chairman of the Board, Mr. Dillard Teer presided. There were 45 members present.

Mr. C.J. Jones opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Teer announced that he and Mr. Petteway had debated as to whether to change the regular time for the Board meeting to coincide with the meeting of the Methodist Men's group, which will meet at a later date. It was decided the Official Board would hold its meeting at the regular time.

The Church Treasurer, Mr. Bailey Reade, gave the following financial report for the 11 months, ending May 31, 1968: collected on pledges \$110,921.52 plus other collections during the year, making a total receipts of \$142,051.36; disbursements total \$133,564.75; excess receipts \$8,486.61 plus the balance brought forward at the beginning of the year. June 1, a check for \$10,000 was sent in which paid the balance due on our College Fund pledge. The original pledge being \$17,500 with a period of five years within which to complete payment. After all conference obligations were paid a cash balance of \$2,444.06 was left; this being enough to cover our June current expenses.

Mr. C.J. Jones reported that no payments were received during the month of May and the balance in the Building Fund remains \$5,404.00.

Commission on Stewardship and Finance Chairman, J. A. McLean, asked that Mr. Ran Few give the report on pledges to the 1968-69 budget. Mr. Few reported that a few cards still remain outstanding but to date \$130,000 had been pledged to the \$138,844.00 budget.

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Mr. Jack Cliff, Chairman of Commission on Membership, reported that as stated before, meetings of this group would not be held during the summer months but visitation would continue. Mr. Cliff stated that Duke Memorial is a growing church in membership and that it is his hope and prayer that each member is growing as fast spiritually.

Commission of Education report was given by Mr. W. E. Whitford. He stated that the luncheon given recently honoring the senior high school graduates and their families was successful. He reported that all teaching positions in Vacation Church School have been filled.

Mr. Teer reminded the members that at our last Board Meeting there had been some discussion following a report given concerning the purchase of an organ for our sanctuary. He stated that since there had been some differences of opinions he had talked with the pastor and other members of the Commission of Stewardship and Finance. It is the general idea that perhaps the matter should be dropped for the time being, but to be brought up again in the fall. This seems to be the best solution since at the present time there is not enough money in the Organ Fund to even make the necessary deposit which would probably be approximately \$10,000 or \$15,000 when the order is placed. Too, since there was no representation from the Building Committee, when the

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Mr. C. L. Jones opened the meeting with prayer.

Mr. Lee announced that he and Mr. Lottaway had debated as to whether to change the regular time for the Board meeting to coincide with the meeting of the Methodist Conference, which will meet at a later date. It was decided the Official Board would hold its meeting at the regular time.

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Commission on Stewardship and Finance Chairman, J. A. Nelson, asked that Mr. Lee give the report on pledges to the 1968-69 budget. Mr. Lee reported that a few cards still remain outstanding but to date \$130,000 had been pledged to the \$138,844.00 budget.

Mr. Jack Gill, Chairman of Commission on Visitation, reported that as stated before, meetings of this group would not be held during the summer months but visitation would continue. Mr. Gill stated that Duke Memorial is a growing church in membership and that it is his hope and prayer that each member is growing as fast spiritually.

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Mr. Lee reviewed the reports that at our last Board meeting there had been some discussion following a report given concerning the purchase of an organ for our sanctuary. He stated that since there had been some differences of opinion he had talked with the pastor and other members of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance. It is the general idea that perhaps the matter should be dropped for the time being, but to be brought up again in the fall. This seems to be the best solution since at the present time there is not enough money in the Organ Fund to even make the necessary deposit which would probably be approximately \$10,000 or \$12,000 when the organ is placed. Too, since there was no representation from the Building Committee, when the

Finance-Music Committee had their meetings. This representation would be important concerning any construction work that might be necessary for the installation of such equipment. Taking all of this into consideration he said he thought it feasible that the matter be delayed for the present, to be taken up later when the pressure might be lighter regarding renovations of the sanctuary building. Also, that it seems advisable to give more detailed thought to this matter - whether to renovate our sanctuary to fit the organ of our needs, or to have an organ built to fit our needs as well as to fit the present space available. All such matters must be taken into consideration.

The Chairman of the Board stated this year a new Chairman of the Board is to be appointed. Perhaps an ad hoc committee could be appointed to do some investigation concerning our needs in this matter during the summer months and bring their findings to the attention of the Board in the fall. He also stated that members of this Board should bear in mind that when a committee is appointed by the Board to serve in a certain capacity, it is the responsibility of that committee to find facts, to suggest and recommend, to bring their report back to the Board, as they do not have the power to act. Such responsibilities rest within the power of the Official Board and a final decision is always made by this Board.

Mr. Whitford, representing the Building Committee, said that he and Mr. Ken Howard had talked the matter over concerning the construction which might be needed to the choir loft if new equipment was installed at any time. They have discussed this with the architect and it seemed wise to have a floor plan made of the present choir loft as it now stands. This plan may be used for future reference to eliminate any "guessing", as to what space is available, when we have need for such information.

Mr. Eugene Brooks asked permission to ask the following question: would it not be advisable to appoint a committee to include the two organists, Mrs. Sam Ancier and Mrs. Ruth Phelps, representation from the Building Committee and representation from the Commission on Stewardship and Finance, to serve in a capacity to discuss our needs for an organ, to investigate what might be available, but not to act, but to bring a report back to the Official Board for final decision?

Mr. Teer stated that he would get together with the pastor, Mr. Petteway, and the Chairman of Commission of Stewardship and Finance, Mr. J. A. McLean, and announce the names of such a committee at a later date, if Mr. Brooks would put his question in the form of a motion.

Mr. Brooks made the following motion: That the Chairman of the Board appoint a committee, including the two organists previously named, representation from the Building Committee and representation from the Finance Commission, to look into our needs for an organ best suited for our sanctuary, taking into consideration any construction work that might be necessary; that the matter be ~~dropped for the present~~ but to be brought before the Official Board in the fall for final decision. The motion was seconded by Mr. Samuel Holton. The vote was carried in the affirmative. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mr. W. R. Mansfield.

Respectfully submitted,
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Mr. Tom stated that he would not together with the pastor, Mr. Peterson, and the Chairman of Commission on Stewardship and Finance, Mr. J. A. Olson, and announce the names of such a committee at a later date. Mr. Brooks would put his question in the form of a motion.

Mr. Brooks made the following motion: That the Chairman of the Board appoint a committee, including the two organizations previously named, representation from the Building Committee and representation from the Finance Commission, to look into our needs for an organ best suited for our sanctuary, taking into consideration any construction work that might be necessary; that the matter be dropped for the present but to be brought before the Official Board in the fall for final decision. The motion was seconded by Mr. Samuel Holton. The vote was carried in the affirmative. The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mr. E. R. Mansfield. Respectfully submitted, Mrs. Ruth Wells, Secretary