

OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES OF DECEMBER 3, 1968

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The chairman, Mr. Marshall Spears, Jr., presided. Mr. Petteway opened the meeting with the reading of scripture from the Gospel of John followed by prayer.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as presented.

The purpose of this special session, as stated by the chairman, was to authorize the Board of Trustees of Duke Memorial United Methodist Church to borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$150,000 to be used in financing the current major renovations of the original section of the church. A copy of the letter from the District Superintendent is attached to the Official Board minutes.

The regular treasurer's report ending November 30, 1968, was presented by Mr. Bailey Reade as follows: payments on pledges \$47,595.00 plus other collections making total receipts \$52,400.84; disbursements \$50,718.59; excess receipts \$1,682.25 plus cash brought forward July 1, 1968, making a total cash on hand \$2,680.23.

In his report Mr. Reade explained the estimated cost for the work now in progress in the back area of the sanctuary building to be \$190,000. Already the cost of work done has reached the figure of \$82,000; \$40,608.17 of this amount has been paid from the following funds: \$35,000 Memorial Fund and \$5,608.17 from the original Building Fund, leaving \$42,000 to be paid as soon as arrangements can be made.

Mr. Marshall T. Spears, Sr., presented a resolution to the Board, whereby the Board of Trustees would be authorized to borrow the necessary funds to pay such amounts as they come due. He made the motion that the resolution be adopted as read. Mr. W. T. Coman seconded the motion; the vote was taken and the chairman announced the resolution adopted. Certified copies of the resolution to be sent to the Central Carolina Bank & Trust Company, the lender; Mr. C. J. Jones, treasurer of the Building Fund; Dr. C. E. Jordan, chairman of the Board of Trustees; Mr. Bailey Reade, Church treasurer; a copy each for the Quarterly Conference records; Official Board minutes and for the files of Mr. Marshall T. Spears, Sr.

Dr. H. L. Sublett, chairman of Commission on Education, reported that regular monthly meetings were being held, although the Commission voted to dispense with the December meeting. Further report of the work in progress to be given by the Director of Christian Education.

Commission on Membership and Evangelism Chairman, Mr. Jack Cliff, reported that visitation continued but there would be no meeting during the month of December.

The Director of Christian Education, Kay Parks, gave the following report:

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3. December 15 will be the date for the Christmas music program followed by Open House in our Fellowship Hall.
4. December 29 will be Student Recognition Day.

The Pastor thanked the Board for taking action concerning the projected progress of our renovation program. It is his hope that we will not stop with the work which is going on behind our sanctuary area but will continue with further renovations needed in the sanctuary, the Pastor's Aides Classroom and some of the other work that had to be left off when building our Education Building.

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