## OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 1969

The regular meeting of the Official Board of Duke Memorial United Methodist Church was held February 4, 1969, at 7:45 p.m. in the Bradshaw Room. Mr. Marshall Spears, Jr., presided.

Mr. Petteway gave the devotional

The minutes were approved as presented.

Mr. Bailey Reade, church treasurer, gave the following financial report through January 31, 1969: total receipts \$85,840.00; disbursements \$84,572.00; excess receipts \$1,268.00 plus balance brought forward July 1, in the amount of \$997.00; present \$2,266.03. Amount paid on benevolences \$28,000; unpaid balance of benevolences \$14,000. Cost of building renovation to date \$111,306.81.

It was announced by Mr. Jack Cliff that cards containing the names of persons who are members of our church, but not of the Church School, will be handed to various classes in hope that these persons will be visited and invited to join a class.

Mr. J. A. McLean chairman of Commission on Stewardship and Finance, reported that April 19, is the date set for the meeting to organize the Every Member Canvass. Mr. Don Pike is chairman and his assistant is to be appointed soon. The date that visitation will take place is May 4. He also reported that at the next meeting of the Official Board the final report on the type of needs for an organ in our sanctuary will be presented.

A visitation committee from the Methodist Men's group will meet February 19, with the Commission on Membership and Evangelism to coordinate a visitation program. The purpose of these visits will not be just to seek new members but to visit members of our church who have not been attending. It is hoped these meetings can be worked out on a quarterly basis.

Women's Society of Christian Service president, Mrs. Lucile Shore Coburn, reported the work in the organization is progressing satisfactorily.

The Methodist Men's president, Mr. Nicholas Fagan, reported that the organization was having interesting programs, and varied programs. It is his hope that members who have dropped out might visit with the group at these meetings and become active again.

Mr. W. E. Whitford, representing the Building Committee, stated that work is progressing satisfactorily and it is hoped that it will be finished in the near future.

Mr. Tom Coble and Mr. Jack Cliff attended the Durham District meeting on January 26, at Parkwood United Methodist Church.

Mr. Petteway thanked the members of the Board for their response to subscribing to the North Carolina Christian Advocate. He also announced that February 12, is the date for the Laymen's Rally at the Civic Center. Mr. Cliff and Mr. Mortland have the tickets for the dinner, \$1.50 per person.

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In January Mr. Petteway attended a North Carolina District Conference at Goldsboro at which time a motion was made and carried to accept the Bishop's Reconciliation Fund Project. Durham District has been asked to raise \$70,000 of the \$400,000. Duke Memorial's part would be \$6500.\* Mr. Spears asked that the Commission on Stewardship and Finance discuss this matter, to appoint a committee to investigate further who will be responsible for spending Durham District's contribution; who will benefit from these funds and to report back to the Board at the next meeting.

Director of Christian Education, Kay Parks, gave a report on work being done in this area.

- 1. A class is being organized for handicapped persons. Miss Mary Lou Pollock and Miss Camille Ogle, special education teachers in Durham, will conduct the class.
- 2. Family Night and the first meeting of the Mission Study will be held Sunday night, February 9.
- 3. Additional audio-visual materials are to be made available soon as a result of a meeting the Director attended recently.
- 4. Vacation School plans are now in progress.
- 5. Fifteen children attended the first class on Preparation for Church Membership. It is hoped that others will join with this group.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by General Holsinger.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Mae Kale, Secretary

Correction as follows:

\* Delete the last sentence in this paragraph and add the statement in its place.

Mr. Spears asked that the Commission on Stewardship and Finance discuss this matter and give a report of its views on how this request for funds should be handled. Mr. Spears also stated that he would give consideration to the appointment of a special committee from the church to study this project.

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