

October 8, 1963

The meeting of the Official Board of Duke Memorial Methodist Church was held October 8, 1963, 7:45 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Dr. Glasson presiding the meeting was opened with prayer by the pastor. Minutes were read and approved.

Mr. W. E. Whitford reported that the Commission on Education had held a Worker's Conference dinner meeting which was well attended. Following the dinner various classes held planning sessions. He announced a meeting of the committee on Church Literature to be held at St. John's Church October 1st.

Commission on Stewardship and Finance chairman, Mr. Tom White, reported that regular meetings had been held during the month and routine business taken care of.

Church treasurer, Mr. Bailey Reade, gave a detailed report for the first three months of the conference year. A copy is attached. Cash balance \$ 2,809.11.

Building Fund treasurer, Mr. C. J. Jones, gave a detailed report. A copy is attached. Total Receipts \$ 187,674.86; Total Disbursements \$ 67,078.75; Cash Balance September 30, 1963, \$120,596.11. Uncollected pledges \$260,326.02; September collections amounted to \$31,272.89.

Mr. J. H. Coman, representing the Building Committee reported the work on the new building as moving satisfactorily.

Dean W. J. Seeley, chairman of the committee appointed for the arrangements of the laying of the cornerstone announced the ceremony would take place on October 13, 1963. He read a report from the committee, a copy of which is attached, proposing that the inscription on the cornerstone to be:

BRADSHAW BUILDING - 1963

He made the motion that the proposal be accepted. Seconded by Mr. Buehler.

Mr. Bradshaw asked permission to speak before any discussion took place. He gave two specific reasons why the building should not be named for him, nor for his father, nor anyone:

1. All pastors who have served Duke Memorial Church in the past have helped to lay the foundation for the possibilities of building this church.
2. The church is built for God and not for human elements.

He stated that it was his wish and he felt certain that it would be his father's, also, not to name the building. He suggested that if a committee desired to do so, if recognition be given to anyone it might be in the form of a plaque placed within the halls of the building at an appropriate place listing the names of all the pastors who have served Duke Memorial Church from 1886 to 1963, and their years of service. He withdrew from the meeting.

After some discussion Mr. E. W. Dunham made the substitute motion that the building not be named. Motion seconded by Mr. Robert Pifer and carried.

Mr. J. H. Coman made the motion that the year 1963 be centered on the corner stone. Motion was seconded and carried.

Dean Seeley announced that the Pifer Family had made and donated the stainless steel box which would be used to hold the items to be sealed in the corner stone. He read a list of items suggested by the committee and asked

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The report states that the Communist Party in the United States was organized in 1919 and has since that time been engaged in a systematic campaign to overthrow the Government of the United States and to establish a Communist dictatorship.

The report further states that the Communist Party in the United States has been successful in recruiting a large number of members and in establishing a wide network of branches and cells throughout the United States.

The report also states that the Communist Party in the United States has been successful in influencing the activities of a large number of labor unions and in establishing a close relationship with the Soviet Union.

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for other suggestions. Mr. Pifer made the motion that the matter of selecting the contents which would go into the box be left entirely to the decision of the chairman of the committee and the pastor. Motion seconded and carried. A copy of the final list of items is attached to these minutes.

Motion was made by Mr. Robert Pifer to accept Mr. Bradshaw's suggestion concerning a plaque listing the names and dates of service of all pastors who have served our church and that it be placed in the building. Seconded by Mr. C. E. Phillips and carried.

Members of the Board were given the opportunity to contribute financially towards help to native pastors in India, following the reading of a letter from Bishop Walter Gum.

The pastor announced the first quarterly conference would be held at our regular November Board meeting.

Cards were distributed with names of all new members who have joined church since July. We were asked to visit these members.

On behalf of the Official Board and general congregation, Dr. Glasson presented to Mr. C. J. Jones a framed document in recognition of his twenty years of faithful service as treasurer of Duke Memorial Church.

Mr. Warren Bishop announced the Church Workers' Conference to be held October 20-24 at Trinity Church. He expressed hope that as many of our members as could would attend. He distributed a list of the courses being offered.

The meeting was dismissed with prayer by Mr. Bishop.

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