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The meeting was opened with invocation by Mrs. Susan Thistlethwaite.

The February minutes were adopted as mailed prior to the March meeting.

The Treasurer, Mr. William Self, gave a report on the finances of the church, copy of which is on file with these minutes.

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Policies and Procedures Commission: It was reported that this committee is at work on details necessary to formulate rules and regulations governing the use of the church. It was reported also that the committee is aware of the fact that a church hostess has not yet been secured, but consideration is being given to this item with the hope that a definite recommendation will be forthcoming.

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Mrs. Whanger asked the approval of the Board to use Duke Memorial Facilities for the pre-school children's summer day camp from June 10th to August 2nd in cooperation with the Y. W. C. A., which request she put in the form of a motion. This motion was seconded by Ed Hammond and carried.

Mrs. Nancy Douglas presented information concerning a proposed program by her committee, namely, "Mother's Morning Out", details of which are outlined in her proposal, copy of which is filed with these minutes. Upon motion of Mrs. Laney Funderburk, seconded by Mrs. Susan Thistlethwaite, permission was given for this project.

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- 2. Confirmation classes will begin March 17th conducted by Mr. Hubbard.
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