

MINUTES OF THE COMMISSION ON EDUCATION
October 29, 1952
Duke Memorial Methodist Church

The Commission on Education met on Wednesday, October 29, at 7:30 P.M. in the Church Parlor at the church, with the following members in attendance:

The Rev. E. B. Fisher	Mr. E. M. Coble
W. E. Whitford	Mrs. T. S. Coble, Jr.
Elizabeth Johnson	Mrs. Alberta Lane
Mrs. W. J. Seeley	Kathleene Cox
Mr. Lester A. Smith	J. N. Highsmith
Mr. N. J. Boddie	P. M. Umstead
Mr. J. B. Lyon	S. J. Angier
Mr. R. N. Wilson	Edgar Fisher, Jr.

Mr. Fisher opened the meeting with prayer and presided until the chairman, Mr. W. E. Whitford, was elected.

Officers elected were W. E. Whitford, Chairman; Lester A. Smith, Vice-Chairman; and Kathleene Cox, Secretary.

Mr. Whitford then presented a tentative budget for the new Sunday School year as follows, stating that according to custom the fourth Sunday offering would be used for World Service and the Fifth Sunday for the Orphanage:

Teaching Supplies	\$1600.00
Primary Bibles	200.00
Visual Aids	100.00
Departmental Allocations	420.00
Training School	200.00
Vacation School	110.00
Assemblies and Camps	100.00
Athletics	150.00
Equipment	100.00
Food for Workers' Conference	100.00
Miscellaneous	50.00
Books	50.00

Total	3180.00
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After explaining each item, Mr. Whitford moved that the budget be approved. After discussion the budget was adopted as presented. The budget is to be mimeographed and presented to the members of the Sunday School so that they will know how the money is being used.

Elizabeth Johnson, Director of Christian Education, spoke on the responsibilities of the members of the Commission on Education, and stated that a mimeographed copy of the duties would be sent by mail. The members of the Commission were then introduced to each other. Miss Johnson stated that the set-up was a little different from the former Board of Education, and some new members have been added. The membership includes the pastor, church school superintendent and secretary of the Sunday School, the Department Superintendents, the director, the superintendent of membership, representatives from the WSCS organization and the Youth Fellowship, and several members at large.

Reports were then give by Mrs. Seeley and Lester A. Smith on the Children's Division and Adult Department. Mrs. Seeley stated that there was a need for a Primary Department Superintendent, and also for a larger space for the older group of kindergarten children under the supervision of Mrs. Maude Dunn. After some discussion about this Mr. Whitford appointed a committee to study the space in the church again in order to determine how best to meet this situation. The following committee was appointed: Elizabeth Johnson, Mrs. W. J. Seeley, N. J. Boddie, E. M. Coble, W. E. Whitford.

Mr. Smith stated that he is visiting the classes of the Adult Department from Sunday to Sunday in order to get better acquainted with the work.

Edgar Fisher, Jr., told of the activities of the Youth Fellowship, and in connection with the open house activity on Sunday evening after church, an appeal was made for homes which might be used for this. The pastor stated that it would be a real joy and benefit to anyone who would open their home to the young people for this hour on Sunday evening and the young people would also be pleased and encouraged. Anyone wishing to do this for the young people should contact Edgar Fisher, Jr., or Elizabeth Johnson.

Some discussion was held on the need for someone to take over the work that Mrs. Lela Hutchins has done in connection with the Sunday School she organized on McMannen St. At this time the children are being brought to the Duke Memorial Church for their classes by the Pastor's Aides Class. Mrs. Hutchins felt that some one should keep in touch with the children during the week and encourage them to come to Sunday Sc ool, and that a place should be decided upon for the children to meet the cars coming out for them on Sunday morning.

Mrs. Seeley stated that the teachers of the children should provide the interest and encouragement for the children to come, and follow up absences, etc. Mr. Whitford said that he planned to talk with Mrs. Hutchins personally to see what other things were needed.

Regarding the Thanksgiving observance in the Sunday School, it was decided to continue the sacrificial offering for the Orphanage, and hand out special envelopes for this purpose.

Miss Johnson brought up the matter of whether we wanted the General Assembly for the fifth Sunday in November. After considerable discussion as to the value of the one-half hour program for the whole Sunday School together it was voted to continue as usual for this fifth Sunday, leaving the program up to Miss Johnson. This was put on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion and decision.

The meeting was then adjourned with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Whitford, Chairman

Kathleene Cox, Secretary

