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MINUTES
COMMISSION ON EDUCATION

The December meeting of the Commission on Education of Duke Memorial Methodist Church met in the Church Parlor on Friday evening, December 19, with seven members in attendance, as follows: Elizabeth Johnson, Irving E. Allen, Mrs. T. S. Coble, Jr., Philip M. Umstead, Kathleene Cox, Lester A. Smith, and E. B. Fisher.

In the absence of the chairman the vice-chairman, Lester A. Smith, presided. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Fisher.

The minutes of the November meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Allen reported for the youth department stating that Tom Cranford could not accept the superintendency of the Intermediate Department, and that they had one other person in mind for this place. Suggestions were made from the group about possible teachers to be contacted not only for this but for other openings in the church school.

Elizabeth Johnson reported for the Children's Division. She stated that Mrs. Seeley was doing an excellent job as Superintendent of this Division, that Mary Canada had taken over the superintendency of the Primary Department and is doing a fine piece of work there, that there is still the need for a few more workers including some for music. The activities have been on giving during Christmas, some of the groups going out to sing for the patients in the sanatorium and in other places.

Mrs. Coble reported for the Anchor Class in the Adult Department, saying that a newspaper giving the church news, etc., had been started by her class, and was to be sent to the members of the class each month. Activities other than this included caroling and a watch night party.

Reports are that the Pastor's Aides Class is doing a fine piece of work on attendance and a social once a quarter has been suggested.

Announcements were made of another Family Night to be held soon since the last one was such a success; that the planned worship service "Christmas Worship in the Home" had been sent to each Family in the church; that a White Gift Service would be held in connection with the Carol Service by the Junior Choir; and that the Young People would have Open House for the church families following the White Gift Service. Student Recognition Service and Watch Night Service have both been planned. Students are to be guests at the fellowship hour on Sunday night, Dec. 28, and then take part in the Sunday evening service at 7:30 in the sanctuary.

Elizabeth Johnson stated that plans were going forward for the Durham Area Christian Workers' School to be held the last two weeks in January on Mondays and Thursdays of each week at Carr Methodist Church. It was moved and carried that We sponsor this school. It was stated that expenses this year would not be as great because the Board of Education of the Conference would pay one half of the honoraria for the teachers. The suggestion was also made that with Annual Conference, which is to be held at Duke Memorial in 1953, in mind, we should make plans right away to do something about physical improvements in the church which are so badly needed anyway.

The Church School Secretary reported that attendance is still good.

After discussion the motion was made and carried to try the next Workers' Conference meeting without a supper to be held at 7:30 on the third Friday in the month of Feb. Since this is the regular meeting night of the Commission on Education it was decided to have a supper meeting for the Commission members prior to the Workers' Conference session. This would be a dutch supper not over \$1.00 per plate. It was decided to provide cookies and coffee for a social hour after the workers' conference. Mrs. T. S. Coble, Jr., was made chairman of this, and Mrs. W. J. Seeley, co-chairman.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Lester A. Smith, Acting Chairman
Kathleene Cox, Secretary

