

May 1953

MINUTES
COMMISSION ON EDUCATION

The regular meeting of the Commission on Education of Duke Memorial Church was held on Friday, May 15, at 7:30 in the Church Parlor, with the following members in attendance: Elizabeth Johnson, Mrs. W. J. Seeley, E. M. Coble, Mrs. T. S. Coble, Jr., Philip M. Umstead, Irving Allen, R. N. Wilson, Kathleene Cox, J. B. Lyon, Alberta Lane, W. E. Whitford.

The meeting opened with prayer by Mr. Wilson.

Mrs. Seeley reported for the children's division stating that the project for curtains was progressing, that the Junior Dept. had bought their curtains and was also planning to paint the walls; Rosa Cox had made suggestions for redecorating the whole division without charge; The nursery workers meeting was very successful; More substitute teachers are needed in the division.

Mr. Allen reported for the Youth Division: The Intermediate Department is also working on changes in the assembly room particularly; a group of intermediates presented the needs to the Board of Stewards at the May meeting. Mr. Allen said a lot of the credit for the splendid work in the Youth Division goes to Laurel Glass, Bill and Alice Rankin, and Dr. C. G. Bookhout. He suggested too that Mr. Howard Haines had volunteered to make suggestions on changes in the Assembly Room if he was needed.

Mr. Whitford said that a committee from the Board of Stewards had studied the needs of the Intermediate Department, and that as it could be done they would work first on the ceiling changes, then lights, floor, closet, stairway. The need for rest room improvements, for bookcases, platform, etc. were all noted. The boys and girls in the department have been studying different worship centers in order to determine what they want for their department. Mr. Whitford thought that the church should be called on to match the money raised by different groups for repairs.

A vote was taken on the night for the regular meeting, and it was decided to continue meeting on the third Friday.

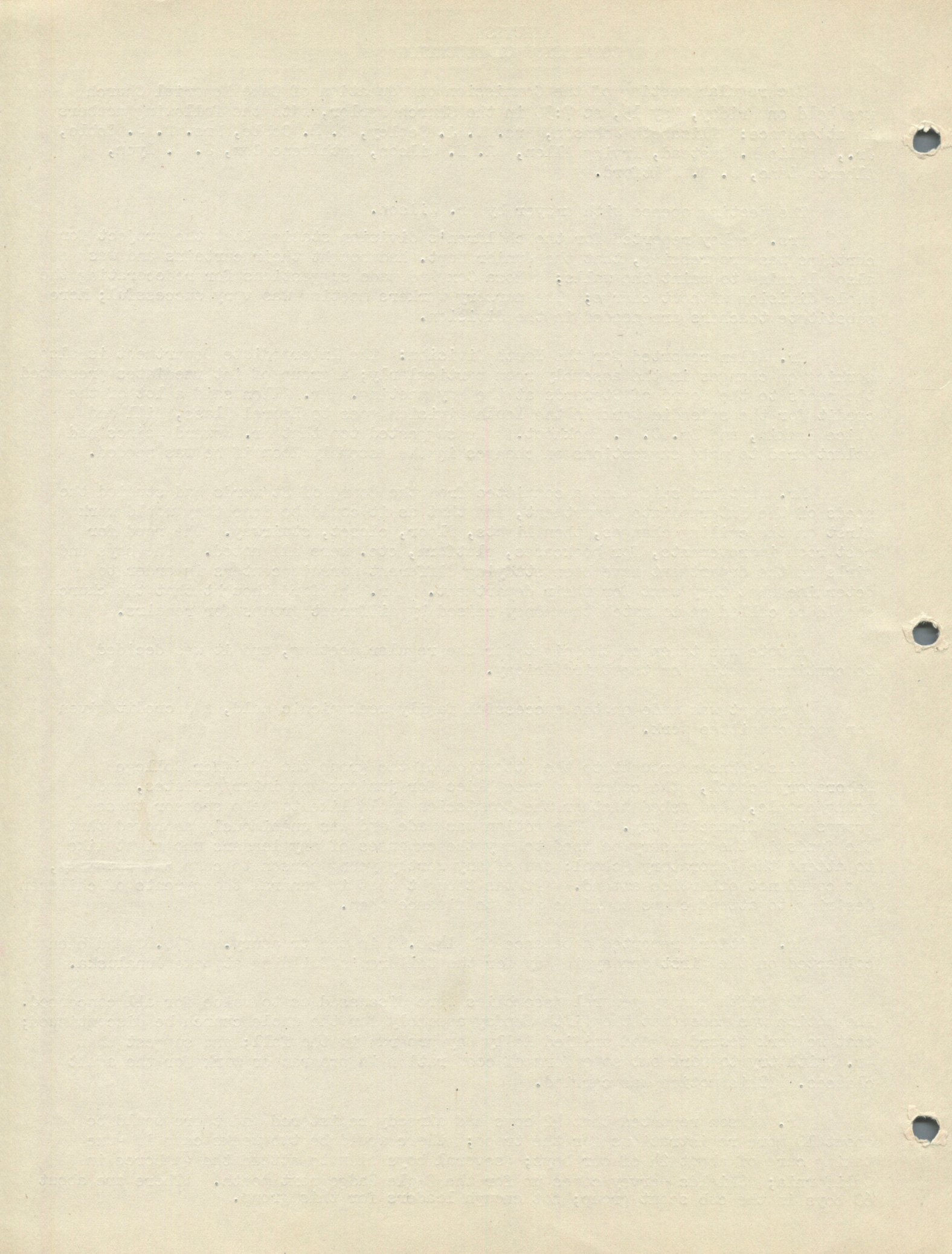
A report was made on the successful family week picnic held, and credit given for good committee work.

Miss Johnson brought to the attention of the group the Pfeiffer College Laboratory School, the camps and assemblies for juniors and intermediates, and young people, and asked whether the Commission would like to help sponsor these groups in a financial way. The motion was made and was unanimously approved that the funds in the treasury be used to pay the expenses of any leaders who might like to attend the Laboratory School; and of any worthy young person to camp and assembly, who could not otherwise attend. It was thought that in general the parents of children desiring to attend camps would be able to finance them.

Mr. Whitford reported a balance of \$1458.88 in the treasury. \$70.00 had been collected on the Fifth Sunday in May for the Children's Building at Lake Junaluska.

The fifth Sunday general Assemblies were discussed as to value for all concerned. The motion was made that the fifth Sunday assembly for the whole church be discontinued; that we work toward a good unified Rally Day program in the fall; and suggest that Mr. Smith try to work out some form of cooperation in program or work for the adult classes. This motion was carried.

Mr. Wilson reported that 42 boys had already registered and there would be about 10 more registrations for the troop; there would be two weeks camp in June taking care of about 24 of our boys; several boys plan to attend the Jamboree in California; Shields Harvey comes up for the Eagle Badge next month. There are about 60 boys in the cub scout group; not enough leaders for this group.



The commission put its approval on family picnics for the church in general during the summer months, definite plans to be worked out by the Church Recreation Committee.

The benediction was given by Professor Wilson.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. Whitford, Chairman
Kathleene Cox, Secretary

The minutes were not read at this meeting since each member received a copy by mail.

