

The Board of Christian Education of Duke Memorial Methodist Church met on October 20, 1948 at 7:30 in the Church Parlor with the following members present: Mrs. Hook, Mr. Umberger, Mr. Helms, Mr. Manfield, Dr. Bookhout, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Lee, Mr. Whitford, Mr. Cousins, Mr. Boddie, Dr. Wilson, Mrs. Stone, and Dr. Seeley, chairman presiding.

Mrs. Hook reported that she had had no response from the men suggested at the last meeting to fill vacancies in the junior and intermediate departments. However, she presented the following list of names and asked that the Board approve them:

Mr. Hobbes --- intermediates
Dan Edwards --- juniors
David Groves --- juniors
Harrar --- juniors.

The Board approved all of these.

It was suggested that the Young adults might have priority on Dan Edwards, and a discussion of the young adult situation followed. Although the young adults now have only one class, there is a need for division of that class into two, eventually three, units. Mr. Umberger was instructed by the Board to find out the reaction of the young adults to the appointment of Dan Edwards and whether they still wanted him.

It was noted that there had been some difficulty in having the \$700 due the church school from the church budget paid in monthly installments. It was voted that Mr. Whitford, and Dr. Bookhout should see Mr. Jones and settle this question for last year and for this year.

Mrs. Hook showed the Board a folder for family devotions at Christmas. The Board voted to send out one of these to each family in the Church from the Board.

Mrs. Hook announced that a leadership training school for workers with children from the junior age on down would be held November 8, 9, 10, 15, 16 at Duke Memorial. Miss Doris Sutton of the North Carolina Methodist Board of Education is to be the teacher. The Board agreed that it would be a good idea to plan for intensive training for the teachers of other departments after Christmas. Possibly it would be feasible to have a big general school for all church workers.

The Mother's Club is trying to build up a library of parent education. Members have already begun to take out the books which we now have.

Dr. Spence and Mrs. Hook are working on a Christmas play emphasizing family devotions in the home. Tentative plans call for production on Sunday, December 19.

Mrs. Hook reported on the fine service which Mrs. Hutchins has been rendering with a home church school. The Lily Duke class is helping to furnish literature ~~and hymn books~~ for this group of underprivileged children whom Mrs. Hutchins teaches each Sunday in her own home. *The Primary Department has lent hymn books.*

Mrs. Hook brought to the attention of the group the work of the Church World Service. She suggested that the entire church do something as a church along this line for Christmas.... "Pack-a-towel", "Pack-a-pocketbook". The Board voted to encourage Mrs. Hook in this work and urged her to go ahead and carry it through.

A new superintendent for the Children's Division is needed, and Mrs. Hook has someone in mind, but the matter is still not decided.

Mr. Irving was elected as superintendent of the intermediate department. The Board extended a standing vote of appreciation to Mr. Boddie for all of the fine work he accomplished as the former superintendent of that department.

Dr. Wilson reported that a meeting was held for the parents of the Boy Scouts. About 35 were present, and they came on short notice, and enthusiastically. Three short talks were given on "You and your boy." The group agreed to meet again after Christmas. The Board voted to accept the following as committeemen for the Scouts:

Joe Martin
Joe McCracken
L.V. Smith
M. Hobbes
Walton Parker
O. Upchurch
Lewis Pifer
J.H. Coman, Jr.
Wayburn O'Brient

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.

Mary Canada Stone, secretary