

The Board of Christian Education of Duke Memorial Methodist Church met on Wednesday, January 5, 1949 in Mrs. Hook's office with the following members present: Dr. Bookhout, Mrs. Lee, Mr. Boddie, Mrs. Gates, Mr. Manfield, Mr. Helm, Mr. Cousins, Dr. Seeley, Mrs. Stone, Mr. Umberger, Mrs. Hook, Mr. Whitford, and a visitor, Mrs. Cranford.

According to Mrs. Hook, Troy Barrett will be here on February 14, 15, and 16 for the school of youth workers. After some discussion of whether this course should be accredited or not, the Board voted that the decision should be left to the people who attend the meetings.

Mrs. Hook reported the following results of Christmas projects:

Church world service -- 65 pack-a-towel; 38-39 pocketbooks; plus extras; 9-10 bags of men's suits; 3-4 bags of other clothes; \$13.09 to send money order; ~~\$64~~ \$64 to Church world service

Home worship services -- many instances of use reported. Suggested that this be an annual custom.

Mr. Brown reported that Wallace Lee had been sent to the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh as a part of a Christmas party. After discussion of these and other projects carried out at Christmas, the Board voted that ~~these~~ the bulletin should carry a report on these projects so that the entire church would know what was done.

The Library was discussed and the Board voted to make January 30 bring-a-book Sunday for the whole church.

Margaret Umberger was elected to serve as superintendent of the Young People's department during the absence of Dr. Bookhout.

Mrs. Hook suggested that it is not too early to be thinking

about a church membership class. A special effort is to be made to get all nonchurch intermediates interested in attending this class. The Board voted that these sessions should be held for the eight weeks preceding Easter, once a week.

The time for the vacation Bible school was set for one week after the city schools close, and it is to last for two weeks. Miss Johnson, the incoming director of religious education, was elected to be the superintendent of this school.

The choir is again giving trouble by its early Sunday morning practice. Mrs. Hook suggested that the staff come together for regular discussions and understand each other's plans.

Mr. Cousins brought up the question of a unified or coordinate budget for the entire church. He reported that Mr. Angier is now giving the church school moneys to Miss Cox to deposit on Monday with the regular offerings. The church school then spends this money plus its allotted \$700 per annum. A lengthy discussion of the general financial policy of the church followed and the Board climaxed its discussion by voting ~~the~~ approval of the general idea of the unified budget and of the various steps to be taken in that general direction.

Mr. Umberger explained the Young Adult situation to the Board and asked its help in <sup>dividing</sup> ~~dividing~~ the two classes now combined. Mr. Umberger, Lester Smith, and Dr. Seeley are to meet and to find the best method of accomplishing this.

Mr. Bishop, secretary of the church school, was ~~elect~~ elected to membership on the Board, and Mr. Forrester was elected to take the place of Mrs. Allen who has resigned.

Mrs. Gates asked that the members of the Board think about a place for keeping the church archives.

The next meeting is to be Thursday, January 27.

Adjournment.

*Mary Canada Stone, secretary*