

The Board of Christian Education of Duke Memorial Church met Wednesday, August 31, 1949 with the following members present: Mr. Boddie, Mrs. Scott, Mr. Andrews, Mr. Brown, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Lee, Mr. Whitford, Mrs. Jordan, Miss Johnson.

Mr. Whitford reported that our softball team was in the play-offs and that the members had all conducted themselves in a fine manner.

Mrs. Lee reported that a picnic for nursery children and parents was still in the planning and would be held in the near future. She called attention again to the need for heaters in their department for with a basement room and small children they often need a little heat before the rest of the building does.

Mrs. Lee passed on some suggestions she had heard from other churches. In a Memphis church the young adults[#] college couples and others, -have coffee and doughnuts at the church on Sunday morning, thus allowing a little more time for sleep and having the added time of fellowship. Also some churches have a place for working girls to eat lunch, sandwiches that they bring, and a drink furnished by the church.

The Board discussed the possibility of a story hour for children on Sunday night. Also perhaps a class for parents at the same. It was reported that ~~xx~~ a number of churches are having a family night on Sunday evening with activities planned for the whole family. The Board thought the possibilities of such a plan should be explored. It was cited that transportation problems were important in such planning.

Professor Wilson reported that about 15 scouts went to Busic, about 20 miles from the top of Mt. Mitchell. He also said that the age for admission to the scouting program had been changed.

Now a boy may become a Cub scout at 8, a Scout at 11, and has the Explorer rank after 14. Mr. John Dozier will have a troop with the beginning of school.

The young adults reported a recreational meeting within the last week. Also plans for a retreat the second week end in October and the election of officers on the following Sunday. A teacher for a month or two months is the object of search of the teacher topic committee. They need suggestions.

Mrs. Jordan reported no requests from the departments in the children's division.

Christian Education Week, September 25 to October 1 was mentioned.

Plans for promotion Sunday were discussed at length. The Board decided to have each department responsible for the plans for their own group. The possibility of Open House for parents and teachers was discussed and a motion was passed that such an occasion be held the week before promotion Sunday. A letter to parents which would include the name of the new teacher was to be sent.

Quite a discussion followed about the group of boys that play around the church and are often destructive. No definite recommendations were made.

Mr. Boddie reported that since he last attended the Board the furniture in the nursery, primary, and kindergarten departments had been painted and a rug secured for the kindergarten.

There was no further business and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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acting secretary