

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE COMMISSION ON FINANCE  
DUKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

October 17, 1956

A regular meeting of the Commission on Finance and Stewardship Education was held in the basement of the Church at 6:30 P. M. on Wednesday, October 17, 1956. Mr John Dozier acted as Chairman and R. B. Reade as Secretary. The following members were present:

S. J. Angier	V. E. Queen
Mrs A. H. Borland	R. B. Reade
Charles Chewning	M. T. Spears, Jr
John Dozier	M. T. Spears, Sr
E. W. Dunham	R. C. White
C. J. Jones	Tom S. White
John Perian	J. H. Barton
E. C. Brooks	

As further preparation in assuming its full duties, Reverend Queen briefly described to the Commission the contents of a book, Understanding the Methodist Church, and suggested that copies might be obtained for \$2.00 each. He further urged members present to give thought to a worthy purpose for use of the forthcoming Thanksgiving and Christmas Special Offerings. After full discussion, upon motion of Mr Spears, seconded by Mr Dunham, and carried, the Commission authorized that both offerings be given to the Methodist's Childrens Home.

The Chairman then presented a detailed analysis of pledges received for the year ending June 30, 1957. There followed a discussion as to the best method of increasing the number of pledges with special reference to the approximately 800 salaried members who have made no pledge at all. In order that the matter might be given further study, the Chairman appointed a committee composed of C. J. Jones, Chairman, E. W. Dunham, and Tom White to study the Relative Position of per capita giving in our church with that of comparative methodist churches. He also asked Mr E. C. Brooks to serve as Chairman of a group including R. C. White and John Perian to determine ways and means of contacting the non-givers of the church.

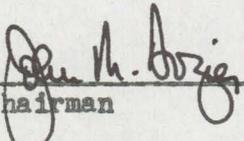
With reference to the matter of raising funds for repairs to the third floor of the Church School, the Chairman stated that Mr Few had not yet obtained a chairman to accept the responsibilities of the job, but he was of the opinion that the matter would be resolved

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within a couple of weeks.

In closing the meeting, the Chairman stated that further thought was being given toward the advisability of presenting a film strip to the WSCS, the Men's Club, and the Official Board in preparation for a proper approach in next year's loyalty giving campaign in a special attempt to reach not only the non-givers of the church, but those stewards who do not return pledge cards assigned to them.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, upon motion, adjourned until 6:30 P. M., Wednesday, November 28,1956, Dining Hall, Duke Memorial Methodist Church.

  
Chairman

  
Secretary