

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

March 27, 1957

A regular meeting of the Commission on Finance and Stewardship Education was held in the Dining Room at 6:30 P. M. on Wednesday, March 27, 1957. Mr John Dozier acted as Chairman and R. B. Reade as Secretary.

Member present were:

Mrs A. H. Borland	John Perian
Charles Chewning	Reverend V. E. Queen
John Dozier	R. B. Reade
E. W. Dunham	R. C. White
Thomas Goad	Tom S. White
C. J. Jones	J. H. Barton
E. C. Brooks	

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

Mr Dunham reported that his committee had raised a total of \$1637.50 toward the expenses of renovating the church school and that an additional \$100.00 had been firmly promised.

Reporting for the Committee on Church Contributions, Mr Brooks stated that approximately twenty-five per-cent of the former steward's lists had been reviewed, and although he had not completed the list of those who had made no pledge, he had formulated a group of names of parties who should be contacted. He also reported that in a recent speech that he had made to members of the Associate Board, favorable reception had been accorded his suggestion that its members divide the church membership into geographical sections so that, in the future, stewards might more easily contact the church congregation.

In reviewing the efforts of his Committee on Plans for a Proper Stewardship Approach in next years loyalty giving through an every member canvass, Mr Perian gave a very thoughtful and comprehensive outline of several questions that each member should be prepared to answer in his decision for proper church support.

For future reference and study, a copy of the material furnished by Mr Perian and his Committee is filed as a part of the minutes of this meeting.

PREPARATION FOR THE EVERY MEMBER CANVASS

The Chairman then briefly outlined plans for a proper approach in conducting next year's canvass as follows:

- (1) A Loyalty Day Sermon would be offered by the pastor on June 16, 1957, after which members of the congregation in attendance would be given their pledge card for signature with the hope that approximately 40% would sign.
- (2) Formulate plans for a series of three Sunday Morning Breakfasts with 75 stewards in attendance.
- (3) Mail out promotional literature to the congregation for three successive weeks prior to the every member canvass.
- (4) Hold the above breakfast meetings on May 26th, June 2nd and June 9th at 8:00 A M in order that solicitors might be trained to make friendly calls on the church membership through out the following year.
- (5) Have each member of the finance commission present a list of names secured from the official board, the associate board, or the membership at large of parties who might be asked to attend the above breakfast meetings and later take part in the every member canvass and church visitation program.

Upon motion of White, seconded by Dunham, and carried the Commission approved the above outline as presented by the Chairman.

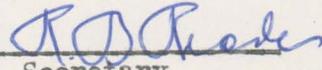
TENTATIVE BUDGET 1957/8

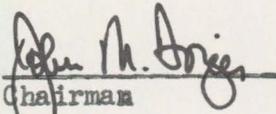
In going over various items of a preliminary budget, Mr Barton was asked to make an investigation of the janitorial expense with an idea of reducing the cost of cleaning the church property, if possible. Mr Jones was also requested to ascertain whether or not it would be possible to bring various members of the church staff under the social security program.

Although the budget has not yet been finally approved, it was felt appropriate that the sum of \$2400.00 be added as an expense toward the hiring of an additional secretary to aid Mrs Hale. This item was given official approval by the Commission after a motion by Mr White and seconded by Mr Barton.

The Chairman then offered to the attention of those present a letter dated March 18th, 1957 from W. E. Whitford, Chairman of the Commission on Education requesting that the sum of \$5,000.00 be considered in the 1957/8 budget toward the payment of Church School obligations with the understanding that all Sunday School receipts would likewise be turned over to the church treasurer as an offsetting item. Upon motion of Mr Dunham, seconded by Mr Perian and carried, the Commission approved the suggestion as presented by Mr Whitford with the understanding that the validity of all Sunday school bills would first be approved by the proper official of that body.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was, upon motion, adjourned until 6:30 P. M. Wednesday, April 24, 1957.


Secretary


Chairman