

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMISSION ON FINANCE
AND STEWARDSHIP EDUCATION

July 16, 1958

The first meeting of the new conference year of the Commission on Finance and Stewardship Education was held in the Dining Room of the Church at 6:30 P. M. on Wednesday July 16, 1958 with Dr. John Glasson presiding.

Members present were:

Mrs A. H. Borland	Chas. E. Jordan
E. C. Brooks, Jr.	Mrs W. A. Kale
Chas. H. Chewning	R. B. Reade
J. H. Coman	E. C. Shoaf
John Dozier	Marshall Spears, Sr.
Dr. John Glasson	R. C. White
Thomas Goad	T. S. White
C. J. Jones	Reverend Bradshaw

Reporting on the church treasury, Mr. Jones unofficially stated that approximately \$3500.00 was collected during the first two weeks in July, which was a larger sum than was received during the corresponding period a year ago.

In his preliminary statement of commitments received to date, Dr. Glasson stated that a total of \$44,343.60 had been pledged, and that stewards newly elected to the official board had been mailed their lists which did not, as yet, contain names of those who have not made their pledge. He further commented that even though commitments as of the present date are larger than those of the corresponding period a year ago, we must attempt to bring estimated receipts nearer in line with our established expenditures. Work should be done on this important project as soon as a complete list of the membership has been placed in the hands of official board members. This Commission could then turn its attention to the stewardship angle, allowing the finance angle to become a by-product and fully develop of its own accord.

Along this line of thought, Mr. Brooks, through motion duly seconded by Mr. Dozier and approved by members present, suggested that a meeting should be held in September, similar to the one authorized on March 26, 1958, during which each member of the Finance Committee met in his home with four or five members of the official board and discussed with them the best means of securing and/or increasing commitments from those church members who had not satisfactorily completed this important duty. Allotment of official board members to individuals of this committee should be done at the next meeting to be held in August.

The primary function of such meetings should serve the purpose of finding out why official board members had not contacted each church member on their lists, aid them in securing pledges, and be certain that every able member has been offered the opportunity to give his financial support to this church.

Commenting on such meetings, the Reverend Mr. Bradshaw stated that by September, we should be able to evaluate the budetary condition of the church. We should not reach that period with only \$50,000.00 in pledges to meet a \$72,000.00 budget. The congregation, possibly through another loyalty service, should be put on a success basis, and such a spirit should be engendered in their system; so that we could go on to other things.

In order that new members might be indoctrinated into the financial as well as spiritual affairs of the church Dr. Glasson stated that he would, in the future, appoint two members of this committee to contact them, possibly through a luncheon engagement, and deliver church envelopes with a discussion as to the amount which they could pledge for church support.

Mr. Jones stated that he had received a check for \$1,000.00 from the late Mrs Angiers estate along with the copy of a letter requesting that the funds be used to purchase supplies for the nursery school. Upon motion of Mr. Spears, seconded by Mr. Coman, the Commission authorized that the funds be placed on pass book deposit with a local Building & Loan Company and the dividends received therefrom plus the principal be placed at the disposal of the Commission on Education to be used for the stated purpose.

Mr. Chewning suggested that a home for the assistant pastor be erected on the rear of the lot facing Kent Street now occupied by the pastor. Inasmuch as the proposal was unanimously approved by members present, the Chairman stated that the matter would be presented to the official board for its approval and then turned over to the proper organ of the church for action. Mr. Coman was asked to make a preliminary sketch of plans and estimated cost of a three bed room dwelling with a den.

As a final comment, the Reverend Mr. Bradshaw stated that this Commission should give thought to a plan of having church members request the treasurer to draw bank drafts against their account each month in order that funds might regularly flow into the church treasury. This plan, adopted with success in Greenville and Wilson, would provide steady monthly giving, and although it was too late to imprint a draft request on present pledge cards, the idea might be given serious consideration next year.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was upon motion adjourned.

Chairman

R. B. Bradshaw
Secretary