

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

January 7, 1959

A regular meeting of the Commission on Finance and Stewardship Education was held in the Dining Room of the Church at 6:30 P. M. on Wednesday, January 7, 1959, with Chairman Dr. John Glasson presiding.

Members present were:

Rev. R. W. Bradshaw	Mrs W. A. Kale	Dr. Kale also present by invitation
E. C. Brooks	R. B. Reade	
Chas. H. Chewning	E. C. Shoaf	
J. H. Coman	Marshall Spears, Sr	
Dr. John Glasson	R. C. White	
C. J. Jones	Tom White	

Reporting on the treasury, Mr. Jones stated that as of the six months period ending December 30, 1958, a total of \$37,060.63 had been received to date. Out of the above amount \$29,363.20 represented collection on pledges, an amount which lacks \$1720.00 of being one half of total pledges to date.

As a further statement on the financial affairs of the Church, the Reverend Mr. Bradshaw again called to the attention of those present that a tentative budget for the year to begin July 1, 1959 should be prepared and presented at the April meeting and the every member canvass should be completed by the end of May so that we could go into the new year with financial matters completed before the membership becomes dispersed for summer vacations.

Mr. Brooks stated that he was still not satisfied with the fact that a large number of the heads of household make no contribution to the church. Out of a total of approximately 700 families, 175 pledge nothing to the support of the church, leaving the financial obligations to be met by the remaining 525 families. He further commented that the situation had shown practically no improvement since a study of the matter was made two years ago. Realizing that the above condition was a great problem, the Chairman stated that it could be solved only by an attempt to instill a loyalty to the church in the hearts of those who have given no financial aid in the past. Our first approach must be made through an attempt to get those particular members to get into the habit of coming to the church. Mr. Brooks was requested to bring an untitled list of the non-givers to the Commission for further study.

In further discussing the proposed alterations and rearrangement of the church school, Mr. Jones stated that he was afraid that



such improvements might delay and otherwise interfere with the future erection of an educational building in that the membership might be less enthusiastic toward the real need of the future growth of the church. The Reverend Mr. Shoaf, in his reply to Mr. Jones' comments stated that he was very cognizant of his thoughts, but the proposed changes were only a temporary alleviation of the immediate need and the construction was not a major change. It was a project which could be achieved in a piece meal fashion and should be undertaken in spite of the future construction of an educational building.

In closing the discussion, the Reverend Mr. Bradshaw stated that a survey of the entire needs of the church should be prepared and presented to the Commission, a sum of approximately \$4,000.00 should be collected and set aside on a yearly basis as a capital replacement fund for such repairs as that proposed for the Sunday School, and months of study should be made for the erection of a social and educational building to meet the needs of a growing church.

As a token of appreciation for the meritorious service that Mrs Kale has given the church as its secretary for the past six years, Mr. Spears presented her and Dr. Kale with an appropriate set of traveling bags for use in their coming visit abroad. He further stated that, on behalf of the entire church organization and the Commission on Finance, he wished to express his appreciation for her unselfish devotion to her duties in meeting every demand made upon her.

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

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Chairman

*R. D. Teale*  
Secretary