

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

February 25, 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, February 25, 1959, with Chairman, Dr. John Glasson, presiding.

Members present were:

Reverend Bradshaw	Chas. E. Jordan
E. C. Brooks	Mrs Windham
C. H. Chewning	R. B. Reade
J. H. Coman	E. C. Shoaf
Dr. John Glasson	Marshall Spears, Sr.
C. J. Jones	R. C. White
Tom White	

As had been requested during the meeting held in January, Mr. Brooks made a full and comprehensive report on the Analysis of Duke Memorial Pledges ~~as~~ presented as a result of the last every member canvass conducted last summer. This report, which has been filed with and made a part of the minutes of the current meeting, will make an interesting comparative record for future canvasses. Briefly, the following facts were presented by Mr. Brooks:

- a) Suggested giving from 906 persons amounted to \$75,890.00
- b) 588 adults and 155 children (743) persons pledged \$54,194.74
- c) The 743 persons were asked to pledge \$61,817.35 ^{and gave} 90% of amount requested.
- d) The 163 persons not pledging were allocated approximately \$15,000.00. Out of the above number 95 persons are, nevertheless, making regular contributions.
- e) Those who pledged before October 1, 1958 gave 95% of the amount suggested, where those who pledged at a later date gave only 75%

Mr. Brooks summarized the above statements with the following observations:

- a) The every member canvass should be completed as early as possible...certainly before October 1st of each year.

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- b) All stewards should be admonished to contact each member on their list as early as possible.
- c) Some method should be determined to ascertain whether or not a non-pledging member has actually been contacted
- d) The non-givers must be awakened through a spiritual approach

In making preparation for the next canvass, the Reverend Mr. Bradshaw stated that a campaign manager should be appointed immediately, the congregation should be informed as to what we are attempting to do, a spiritual motivation must be implanted in the mind of every member, and the job must be completed quickly and within an allotted time.

Reporting on the church treasury, Mr. Jones stated that the sum of \$5,317 was deposited during the month of February, and the present balance in the treasury amounted to \$489.17.


With further reference to the sum to be expended for repairs and renovation in the church school, the Commission, upon motion of Mr. Spears, duly seconded by Mr. Jordan, authorized that the sum of \$1,000.00 be withdrawn from the treasury for that purpose with the balance to be secured from some other source.

The Commission also approved a suggestion from the pastor that 200 Esater Booklets be purchased at a ^{total} cost of \$15.00 to be left in the church pews and that future special offerings be limited ~~in the future~~ to such occasions as mother's day, easter offerings, orphanage, etc.

In closing the meeting, the chairman appointed Messrs Jones, Chairman, Coman, and Jordan as a committee to prepare a budget for the next fiscal year, and Messrs Brooks, Chairman, Bob White, Tom White and John Dozier as a committee to work up procedure for the every member canvass, with the pastor an ex officio member of each committee.

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

Chairman


Secretary