MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE COMMISSION ON STEWARDSHIP
AND FINANCE - DUKE MEMORIAL CHURCH

July 26,1961

A regular meeting of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance was held in the Dining Room of the Church at 6:00 o'clock P. M. on Wednesday, July 26,1961 with Chairman, Tom White, presiding.

Members present were:

J. H. Barton
Reverend Mr. Bishop
Mrs A. H. Borland
Reverend Mr. Bradshaw
E. C. Brooks
Chas. H. Chewning
J. H. Coman

Tom Goad
C. J. Jones
Chas Jordan
Mrs Arthur Kale
R. B. Reade
Marshall Spears
R. C. White

Tom White

Reporting on the Church Treasury, Mr. Jones stated that total receipts for the year ending June 30,1961 were \$85,967.00 with disbursements at \$84,761.00, leaving an excess credit balance of \$1206.00. This sum, together with the carry over left from last year, makes a bank balance of \$1699.00 with which to begin the new year. Mr. Jones also presented an amended budget from the Music Committee showing no change in the grand total of estimated expenditures, although several individual items were adjusted. No salaries, for instance, were allocated to individual quior members for their services, although the director received an annual increase of \$600.00 and a provision was inserted to pay Mr. Hoyle \$480.00 per year. Upon motion of Mrs Borland, seconded by Mr. Jordan, and carried, the Commission approved the above changes with the provision that, in future years, no adjustments of individual items of any prior approved budget would be permitted even though the grand total remained the same.

Mr. Jones then read a letter from Mr Alfred Williams, Executive Vice-President of the Home Insurance Agency and explained to those present severel benefits that would accrue to the Church if the fire and extended coverage now carried were exchanged for a plan giving us \$190,000.00 more in actual fire protection at no additional cost and with no co-insurance clause. In accepting the above changes, the Commission, upon motion of Mr. Chewning seconded by Mr. Spears and carried; authorized Mr. Jones to contact the several insurance agents involved with permission to increase coverage carried by T. E. Allen & Son and the Central Insurors by a sufficient amount to assure them a maintenance of their present premium income, to cancel all coverage now carried by the Reade Noblin Insurance Company, and to give the balance of protection to the Home Insurance Agency as recompense for the additional work involved in making the above changes.

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The Reverend Mr. Bradshaw's remarks to those present covered the following items, all of which were approved:

- 1) A request to purchase paint valued at \$9.50 to be applied by members of the High School Class on their Sunday School room.
- 2) A permission to purchase 100 copies of a special Methodist Mobility issue of the Together Magazine at a cost of \$29.00. The magazine will be sold to interested parties at a cost of .25 each.
- 3) His request to purchase 40 hymn books for Wednesday prayer meeting service at a cost of \$1.25 each was taken care of by Mr. Spears.
- 4) Upon motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Coman and carried, the Commission granted the pastor permission to engage the services of General Holsinger to assist him and Mr. Bishop in an expanded visitation program. It was understood and agreed that General Holsinger would be hired for a period of ten months at a salary of \$200.00 per month and if he accepted, the matter would be brought to the attention of the official board for approval at its next regular meeting.

The pastor closed his remarks by a statement that after receipt of \$3500.00 from the Mary D. Biddle Foundation, it appeared that church receipts would amount to \$81,927.00 for the year 1961-62. He stressed the need for new church facilities at once, with special mention of the requirements for the young adults... a segment of the church from which we mustgain future growth.

A final matter of business was the approval of the purchase of 60 dark green plastic chairs for use in the ladies' parlor at a cost of \$24.00 each. There was discussion relative to the purchase of two is sinks for the nursery, but this matter was held under advisement pending completion of plans for a new educational building.

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

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There being adjourned.