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

June 17, 1964

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, June 17,1964, with Chairman, Tom White, presiding.

Members present were:

Reverend Mr. Bishop
Mrs N. D. Bitting
Reverend Mr. Bradshaw
E. C. Brooks
Chas. H. Chewning
J. H. Coman
E. W. Dunham

C. J. Jones
Chas. Jordan
Mrs Ruth ale
R. B. Reade
Marshall Spears
R. C. White
Tom White

Following prayer by the pastor, minutes of the last meeting were read, and, upon motion, approved.

Thetreasurer reported that, after payment of all obligation with the exception of the special missions account of \$242.00 and the College fund amounting to \$5,833.33, there remained approximately \$400.00 in cash on hand.

For the building fund, Mr. Jones stated that total receipts as of May 31,1964 amounted to \$349,636.24. With disbursements for the period amounting to \$325,679.42; present cash balance was \$23,956.82.

A brief report for the building committee was made by Mr. Coman who stated that the educational building was almost finished and that the concrete in front of the building was being removed in order that grass and shrubbery might be planted.

On behalf of the recent EMC, the Chairman reported that a total of \$73M had been received in pledges for the new year and that our anticipated pledges remained about \$18M short. In an effort to solve this important problem, the following suggestions were offered by various members of the Committee.

- 1) That the Chairman immediately write a letter to members of the congregation and present a breakdown of pledges received to date in an effort to show our members that many of them are not dedicated to loyalty giving.
- 2) That such a letter should suggest that a member should give a atated amount.
 - 5) That each member should be made to realize the exact financial

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position of the church and the necessity of participating in giving a sufficient amount to meet our total needs.

A final consensus of opinion, however, was that immediately upon completion of the building, the congregation should be divided into three groups of about 200 each who would be extended an invitaion to inspect our new quarters at a dinner meeting. During the course of the meeting, there would be a free discussion concerning financial affairs of the church. It appeared that, in this manner, when the building has been in occupancy for a short period, it might be an opportune time to request that our congregation provided sufficient funds for operation.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was dismissed with prayer by the Reverend Mr. Bishop.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. Reade, Secreaty

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