DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING--September 6, 1977

The Administrative Board of Duke Memorial United Methodist Church met September 6, 1977, at 7:45 in the Bradshaw Room, with the Chairman, Bill Coman, presiding. Forty-four members were present.

The invocation was given by Ed Hammond.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved and filed.

Reports:

The treasurer's report was given by Bill Self. He announced that the last section of the property at the rear of the church had been bought as of September 1. The Charge Conference had approved, one year ago, borrowing by the trustees of up to \$125,000 to buy and make improvements, etc., on the property. \$36,000 has been borrowed to complete payment on the property.

A report was given by Ran Few, Chairman of the Committee that had been appointed to study the use and/or disposition of the building on the property. The committee recommended razing the building as soon as possible and using the entire area for parking. They also recommended selling all salvable materials such as iron, copper, etc. C. J. Jones, a member of the trustees, made the comment that the Memorial Church Fund directors had committed the Fund to paying for the property and felt the debt on the property should be paid before incurring expense of demolishing the building.

Council on Ministries: Mary Whanger, Chairman, reported a meeting of the Council on August 24th. At that time keen appreciation and thanks were expressed to the leaders and all who worked so diligently to make the Van Day such a success. The Van total is approximately \$8,400.00.

The report on the Outreach Ministry of our church prepared by the Task Force, chaired by Tom Adkinson and assisted by Bob Wallace, was presented. This presents a review of our benevolent and service outreach, and makes recommendation for us to study, and also informs the leaders and congregation generally. It is an excellent research report and much appreciation goes to these two and their committee. A copy of this report is on file with the minutes.

Eno Surprise Day on Saturday, September 10, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., will be a fun time with games and a picnic supper. Polly Mixon and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Chewning are coordinating this.

The Council on Ministries will hold its planning retreat at the church on September 16-17. Plans are in the making for the remainder of the year.

Membership and Evangelism: Jack Cliff announced the first meeting of fall to be held on September 28th.

Church History: All agree a magnificent job was done by Mr. Wyatt Dixon, Dr. Ben Powell and their entire committee and Miss Esther Evans who edited the manuscripts. A brochure is being prepared by Mike Herman to expedite sales. 800 copies were ordered and approximately 115 have been sold.

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A motion by Carolyn Shipp, seconded by Bill Self, to send copies to the widows of deceased ministers who had been assigned to Duke Memorial, was also carried.

Every-Member Canvas: Tom Coble announced all plans are moving along nicely for Canvass beginning on October 16th.

Church Property: Ken Howard said some pew cushions have been put into the Sanctuary from time to time. There had been suggestions that all pews be cushioned. A need was felt for establishing policy and procedure for such. Ed Hammond made a motion that the chairman appoint a committee to study the subject and report to the Board. Ken Howard seconded the motion, which carried.

United Methodist Women: Pat Coman announced the Annual Fall Festival Dinner and Auction will be held on October 7th. Edith Toms is ticket chairman and Carolyn and Lewis Shipp are in charge of the auction.

United Methodist Men: Ed Hammond announced October 4th meeting. There are about 62 active members of Methodist Men with an average attendance of 50. He urged participation in this group by all Methodist Men.

Staff: No staff reports as such, but all the activities going on are proof of their constant work behind the scene. Ed Smith's report on pastoral work showed 26 home visits, 92 hospital, 39 conferences and 24 meetings for the month.

Important dates to remember:

Tuesday, September 27, 7:45 p.m., special meeting of Administrative Board with the Council on Ministries.

October 4th regular meeting of Administrative Board.

November 15th Charge Conference followed by Administrative Board meeting (Lillie Duke classroom).

The meeting was closed with prayer by Ed Smith.

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