

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PEW CUSHIONS

Committee members are: Melba Bartholomew, Wilson Coffin, Ken Howard, C. J. Jones, Ed Smith, Virginia Thomas, Edith Toms and myself.

Our committee was asked to study the feasibility of installing pew cushions in the church sanctuary, and, in lieu of that, the establishment of a policy to assure uniformity in those which are being given by individuals. We were asked to report our findings at this meeting.

The committee met on November 21st. We heard reports on Trinity Methodist, Watts Street and First Baptist churches, where pew cushions have been installed. We heard a report on the estimated cost (\$12,000.) of installing cushions throughout our sanctuary, tailored to each seat, and we visited the sanctuary to check on those cushions which have been donated and are already installed. After much discussion, we came to the conclusion that cushions would be an added comfort and would be especially welcomed by our senior members. The effect of cushions on the acoustics of the sanctuary was of concern and we had varying views on that.

C. J. Jones, ^{a member of the} representing Memorial Fund, reported that he had talked with Tom White, Chairman of that fund, and they had agreed that costs of pew cushions would be an expense which could be covered by Memorial Funds. He made the motion, seconded by Ken Howard, that our committee recommend to the Official Board that the Board authorize the execution of a contract to fit cushions to the pews in the sanctuary, including the balcony, at the approximate cost of \$12,000. The color and style of the cushions would be selected to be compatible with the present decor of the sanctuary. Cushions now installed in the sanctuary would be retained.

Mr. Chairman, I move that this action be taken, and, after a second of the motion, I would like to make a few additional remarks.

Respectfully submitted,



Tom Coble
Chairman

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