## DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING-JANUARY 3, 1978

The first meeting of the Administrative Board of Duke Memorial United Methodist Church for the year 1978 was held on January 3, 1978, at 7:45 p.m. in the Bradshaw Room with Chairman Ran Few presiding. Fifty-five members were present.

The meeting was opened with prayer by Nick Fagan. The December minutes were approved and filed. The Chairman recognized new members to the Board. The Board gave a round of applause to the outgoing Chairman, Bill Coman.

The Treasurer, Bill Self, gave a general financial report, with no formal record being filed. He stated that, considering recent receipts, our budget for 1977 had been met.

Methodist Men - Ed Hammond reported 46 men in attendance at Methodist Men. The program for the evening was a film on the Purdue Methodist Men's Rally, presented commendably by Ed Hammond.

Church History - Jack Cliff reported that 523 copies of the 856 printed copies of Duke Nemorial's history remain. The suggestion was made that copies of the History be placed in all adult Sunday School classes in an effort to stimulate sales.

Council on Ministries - Mary Whanger stated that the Council would meet next week rather than at its usual time later in the month in order that the Church program for the year might be given early consideration.

Staff-Parish Relations - Shirley Few reported that a meeting had been held with Eva Martin, Church Hostess, to evaluate the hostess job. She stated that the relationship was opleasing one for Mrs. Martin as well as for Duke Memorial. Mrs. Martin has been hired on a permanent basis.

Tom Coble, chairman of a special committee to study the feasibility of installing pew cushions in our sanctuary, reported that his committee had not met since the December Board meeting. However, he recognized Ken Howard, a member of the committee, who presented his findings regarding other area churches who have installed pew cushions. After considerable discussion concerning the feasibility of employing an architect, Ken Howard made the motion, seconded by Bill Coman, that we employ an architect to draw up specifications, costs, and materials for presentation to the Board. The motion carried. Mr. George Pyne is the architect who will be employed. Mr. Howard stated that the standard fee for this service is 10 percent, but that he will negotiate with Mr. Pyne for a lower set fee should the Board decide not to purchase the cushions.

Commission on Missions - Elizabeth Bookhout announced that our Bible study, "Women of the Bible," will begin in January. Ed Smith will start the series January 22 with a joint meeting of classes at the Sunday School hour.

Church Property - Ken Howard, Chairman, presented three proposals for use of the newly procured Durham Dairy Building area. A copy of these proposals is filed with these minutes. Bob Pifer made the motion, seconded by Ed Hammond, that Proposal 3 be followed. The motion carried.

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