

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD MEETING --MARCH 7, 1978

The Administrative Board of Duke Memorial United Methodist Church met on Tuesday, March 7, at 7:45 p.m. with Chairman Ran Few presiding. There were 52 members present. The invocation was given by Zelle Borland. With a date correction, the minutes of the February meeting were approved as mailed.

Bill Self, Treasurer, presented the financial statement for the month of February. A copy of this report is filed with the minutes.

Reporting for the Finance Committee, Fred Clark made the recommendation that \$10,000 or less be spent for the installation of pew cushions in the sanctuary.

Properties and Maintenance - Ken Howard presented a progress report on the Memorial Street parking lot. Demolition of the building and rough grading have been completed. Mr. Howard stated that plans call for paving of the lot, lighting, fencing, painting of parking slots, and additional painting of play areas. It is anticipated that the project will be completed within the estimated \$38,445 cost.

Ken Howard also reported that measures were being observed at Duke Memorial toward the conservation of energy.

Tom Coble, Chairman of the special committee on pew cushions, yielded to Ken Howard for the presentation of details of installation of cushions. Low bid came from the R. P. Redington Company of Scranton, Pennsylvania. It was the decision of the Board not to fireproof the cushions. Dick Boddie made the motion, seconded by Bob Cox, that the recommendation of the Finance Committee to spend \$10,000 or less for the installation of pew cushions be accepted. The motion carried. At this point, Rev. Ed Smith announced that an anonymous donor wishes to make a gift covering the entire cost of installation of pew cushions.

Methodist Men - The March meeting was recognition night for the various basketball teams sponsored by Duke Memorial. There were 108 persons present for the program. Trophies were presented to team members. Coaches for this year's teams were Devon Brown, June Stallings, Bob Cox, and Edgar Toms.

Staff-Parish Relations - The Committee met on February 20 and resolved to request, through proper channels, that Ed Smith and Bob Wallace be returned to Duke Memorial Church for another year. Also, a vote of affirmation was given to Margaret Ann Biddle for the fine program she is carrying out.

Council on Ministries - Dates were announced for "Days of Discovery" during the summer as follows: June 21, June 28, July 5, and July 12. This is planned as an enrichment program for the young children of Duke Memorial.

The Family Coordinators have planned several "events" for the summer for the Church membership and the following tentative dates have been set: June 4, On the Eno; July 14-15, Kerr Lake; and September 10, Chestnut Ridge.

The Teachers' Lab will again be held at Lake Junaluska the week of July 16. Church School teachers are urged to attend.

Policies and Procedures - Ed Hammond made the motion, seconded by Jack Cliff, that the policies regarding the operation of the Church van, as presented by Earl Brown in February, be accepted. The motion carried. A copy of these policies is filed with the minutes.

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no further action before January 1, 1969, to bring about a minimum wage of \$1.75 per hour. There were no further discussions on this proposal.

To date to the meeting of the National Committee for Economic Development held at the Hotel Astor, New York City, March 11, 1968, there was no further discussion on this proposal.

The National Committee for Economic Development has proposed a minimum wage of \$1.75 per hour for all workers employed by corporations with 50 or more employees.

It is recommended that the Board of Directors support the proposal of the National Committee for Economic Development for a minimum wage of \$1.75 per hour for all workers employed by corporations with 50 or more employees.

Instrumental in developing this proposal were the National Conference of Negro Churchmen and the National Conference of Negro Clergy.

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Bob Wallace announced that the brochure on the Duke Memorial history prepared by Mike Herman should be available this week. There are approximately 2,000 brochures, with order blanks attached. It is the hope of the Board that these brochures will stimulate the sale of the history.

United Methodist Women -- Louise Ervin reported that Mary Whanger spoke to UMW in February about the work of the Council on Ministries. The March speaker was Ben Weisbrod, a Duke Divinity School student, who presented a program on his work as an intern at the Methodist Retirement Home. Mary Whanger will act as delegate to the Assembly of the Federation of UMW meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, April 27-30. Edith Toms and Dottie Ritchie will serve as co-chairmen of the 1978 Fall Festival. The Spring Fling will be a tasting luncheon on April 26, with Kay Herman and Polly Mixon as co-chairmen. A breakdown of the dispensation of 1977 Fall Festival funds was presented. A copy of these figures is recorded in UMW minutes.

Nick Fagan announced that the Methodist Men task force had been asked to paint 90 chairs in the elementary children's Church School classes.

Staff - Margaret Ann Biddle reported that she had just attended a meeting in California as a representative of the Conference Camping Committee. She also presented some facts and feelings about the Duke Memorial Weekday School. She reiterated to the Board that the School continues to maintain a competent staff and an excellent reputation in the community. She presented to Board members a brochure on the program of the Weekday School.

Ed Smith reported that the "Conference on the Larger Church," which he attended at St. Simon's Island, was both stimulating and enjoyable.

Bob Wallace dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Ran Few, Chairman

Anne Clark, Secretary

Next meeting: April 4

Bob Wadsworth has written a letter to the Board of Directors of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc., expressing his support for the proposed legislation. He states that he believes it is important to have a strong, effective civil rights bill that will protect all Americans from discrimination based on race or ethnicity. He also emphasizes the importance of ensuring that the bill does not discriminate against women and minorities.

He notes that the proposed legislation would provide stronger protections for women and minorities than the existing Civil Rights Act of 1964. He also supports the proposed ban on discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodations. He believes that such a ban is necessary to ensure equality for all Americans. He urges the Board of Directors to support the proposed legislation and to work towards its passage.

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