

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Finance Committee Minutes

The Finance Committee met in the Church Library on Tuesday, October 2, 1979 with W. T. Coman, chairman, presiding.

The following members were present:

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| 1. Charles Bagley      | 9. Helen Harrell            |
| 2. Dr. Fred C. Clarke  | 10. Eunice Mattox           |
| 3. Thomas S. Coble     | 11. William E. Self         |
| 4. William T. Coman    | 12. Edward F. Smith         |
| 5. Nick Fagan          | 13. Norwood Thomas, Jr.     |
| 6. Randolph Few        | 14. Donnie Sorrell          |
| 7. Shirley Few         | 15. Marshall T. Spears, Jr. |
| 8. Anne Garrard        | 16. Mary Whanger            |
| 17. W. Alfred Williams | 18. Rodney Read.            |

Mr. Self, church treasurer, gave each member a packet containing the current treasurer's report with a statement of receipts and disbursements for the period ended September 30, 1979, and detailed budget requests for 1980. He presented the treasurer's report to date, stating income down slightly and expenditures up slightly. He felt that these would level off and that we would probably meet this year's budget.

Before taking up the new budget, Mr. Coman said that Mr. C. J. Jones had asked him to present a request made by the library committee. Mrs. Alberta Lane, librarian, asked for \$ 300.00 for the purchase of additional steel shelves for the many books they are acquiring. Mr. Jones said that this money is available from the Memorial Fund. A motion was made and passed that Mr. Jones be requested to furnish this money.

Mr. Coman asked Mr. Self to go through the budget for our consideration. He in turn asked Mrs. Mary Whanger to speak to <sup>the</sup> Council on Ministries' budget. She called special attention to the advantages to be gained by the church by having a summer intern for 12 weeks who would work with the children's and young people's programs and also in other areas. She explained that though Duke Memorial has been giving enough to the Durham Congregation in Action for membership, we are not eligible to vote because we do not have enough members participating in the Meals on Wheels program.

Mr. Smith spoke to the Conference Payments. He stated that Durham is the lowest of the twelve districts in payments to black colleges. Mr. Williams thought this was not the time to discuss this.

Back to the budget.

Mr. Self moved adoption of the budget and <sup>it was</sup> ~~Mr.~~ Smith seconded.

Mr. Spears stated that he thought we should take a judicious look at the budget with the idea of cutting it. He made a substitute motion that we first discuss and act upon various items in the budget before adoption.

Salaries were presented and approved first.

The Council on Ministries' budget followed. Mr. Spears moved that we delete the summer intern and the Durham Congregation in Action items, though later he stated that he thinks the latter a good program. Dr. Clark seconded. Mr. Spears can't see how we can add another staff member when our budget is already so high.

Mrs. Whanger spoke with great concern of the necessity for church programs and the amount of time and study given this budget by the Council and stated she felt that their budget must be given a try.

Mr. Smith suggested that, if necessary, the Finance Committee could delete a specific amount from the budget of the Council on Ministries and leave it up to them to decide what to cut.

Mrs. Few stated that she felt that "programs are what we are all about" and that 7 % requested was actually very little for our church.

Discussion of the Durham Congregation in Action's request for \$ 1,023.00 brought out that this year Duke Memorial actually contributed \$ 1,099.29 (Thanksgiving offering \$ 670.29, individual and group contributions \$229.00 and United Methodist Women \$ 200.00) and would undoubtedly continue to give that or more. So far we have not been able to be full-pledged members because, as stated above, we do not have enough people helping with Meals on Wheels.

Mr. Few made a substitute motion that if we adopt the recommendations of the Council on Ministries and if we do not raise the entire amount, it can go back to them to make adjustments.

Mr. Spears suggested that the Durham Congregation in Action items go back into the "other income" section of the budget.

Conference Payments. Dr. Clark moved that all Conference Payments be the same with the exception of Outreach Ministries and adjustments of the Lake Junaluska Fund to \$ 900.00. ~~Mr. Bagley~~ seconded. Motion passed.

TOTAL BUDGET. Mr. Few moved the approval of the adjusted budget and Mrs. ~~Whanger~~ seconded. Motion passed. A copy is attached.

In closing, Mrs. Few, chairman of the Every Member Commitment reminded the committee that the ECMC is being handled by mail this year and that the members of the Finance Committee will serve as a followup committee to contact personally all church members who do not have their pledges in by October 21, 1979

Meeting adjourned.

Anne Garrard  
Acting Secretary