

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMISSION ON STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE
DUKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

May 24, 1967

A regular meeting of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance was held in the Fellowship Hall of the Church at 6:00 O'clock P. M. on Wednesday, May 24, 1967 with Chairman, J. A. McLean presiding.

Members present were:

J. H. Barton	J. A. McLean
E. C. Brooks	Reverend Mr. Petteway
Chas Chewning	R. B. Reade
Dr Fred Clark	D. A. Sorrell
E. W. Dunham	Marshall T. Spears
Mrs Lois Fowler	Tom S. White
Dr. Chas Jordan	Alfred Williams

Following prayer by the pastor, minutes of the last meeting held on April 26, 1967 were read, and upon motion, approved

The treasurer reported that there remained a balance of \$7,700.00 to be paid on benevolences and \$1,500.00 on the college fund. He stated, however, that the present cash balance on hand, plus anticipated collections during the next few weeks would enable the church to pay all of its operating expenses thro May, together with all of our conference obligations for the year ending June 30, 1967.

Speaking on behalf of the need of the various methodist colleges in the state for funds which have been pledged to them,, Mr. Brooks reported that he had recently attended a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Western College which, at the present time is heavily in debt, and is due the sum of \$600M from the conference.

Reporting for Rand Few, Chairman of the Every Member Canvass, the pastor stated that signed pledge cards amounting to \$111,500 were in the office of the Financial Secretary and that our anticipated commitments for the new year exceeded requirements by almost a thousand dollars.

It was suggested by several of those present that the Finance Committee ommit meetings during the months of July and August each year. Due to the fact that there might be some loss of continuity if any meetings other than the one held during December were omitted, it was also an opinion that there should be no change in present arrangements, particularly since operation of the church is a year around privilege of those charged with such responsibility.

The pastor then called to the attention of the Committee that, over the past few years, date ~~from~~ for the annual conference had been moved from July 1st ~~ist~~ to the present date of June 11th, and that the date would eventually be changed to about June 1st of each year. Due to the fact that such a change will necessitate the operation of the church in terms of finances for eleven months rather than twelve ~~duringxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx~~, a rather serious problem might arise with respect to payment of benevolences and collection of pledges during one calendar year. After full and complete discussion, the

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matter was referred to the official board for action at the proper time.

After a discussion regarding the advisability of sand-blasting the sanctuary, a motion was introduced by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Sorrell and passed (over the opposition of several of those present) that the matter be placed in the hands of the property committee.

The pastor then stated that Mr. Claude May had recently taken down several doors in the new building and had painted them without charge. The Chairman was requested to write Mr. May a letter of appreciation for the work he had performed. It was also suggested that Mr. Rand Few should receive an expression of thanks from the Finance Committee for the outstanding performance he and his group had performed in the successful consummation of the EMC.

As a final matter of business the pastor was asked to assume chairmanship of the meeting in order that election of a vice-chairman of the Committee might take place. Upon motion of Mr. McLean, seconded by Mr. White, and carried, Mr. Fred Clark was empowered to act in this important capacity.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned after prayer by the Reverend Mr. Pettaway.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. Reade, Secretary

P. S. Remark about Claude May.