

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF
THE COMMISSION ON STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE
DUKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH - DURHAM, N. C.

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, September 28, 1966 with Chairman, J. A. McLean presiding.

Members present were:

J. H. Barton	C. J. Jones
Mrs A. H. Borland	J. A. McLean
E. C. Brooks	Mrs B. P. Overton
Chas. H. Chewning	Reverend Mr. Petteway
Dr. Fred Clark	R. B. Reade
E. W. Dunham	Marshall T. Spears
Dr. John Glasson	N. A. Thomas, Jr.
General Holsinger	Tom White
Alfred Williams	

Following opening prayer by the pastor, minutes of the last meeting which was held on August 24, 1966 were read, and upon motion, approved.

The treasurer stated that a total of \$12M had been paid on benevolences during the first three months of the church year, all current expenses had been paid to date, and the present approximate bank balance was \$4,071.00. Reporting for the Building Fund, Mr. Jones stated that \$175.28 had been collected on pledges during the current month, and the bank balance amounted to \$3,469.07.

As an expression of appreciation for the very fine contribution that Associate Pastor Warren Bishop has made to Duke Memorial Church, a motion was offered by Mr. White, duly seconded by Mr. Williams, and unanimously approved by those present that the Chairman appoint a Committee to select a suitable gift costing not more than \$250 in an attempt to express the sense of loss which the entire congregation feels on account of Mr. Bishop's departure. Messrs White, Chairman, and Brooks, along with Mrs Borland were appointed to act as such a Committee and were instructed to present the gift to him at the supper meeting to be held in his honor.

The Chairman stated that the auditor's report for the church year ending June 30, 1966, together with several suggestions concerning improvements in auditing and accounting procedures, had been received from Mr. Arthur Knight. After a motion by Mr. Glasson, seconded by Mr. Jones, and carried, the Commission authorized that the report be accepted with thanks and suggested that a letter of appreciation be forwarded by the Secretary to Mr. Knight.

In the absence of the Financial Secretary, Miss Carol Vensel was authorized as an agent to pick up the night depository bag from the bank and deliver same to proper officials of the church.

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It was brought to the attention of those present that the Methodist Conference has approved payment of hospital coverage for ministers in an amount equal to one-half of the annual cost. Upon motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Dunham and carried, the Committee authorized that the balance of payment be assumed by Duke Memorial Church.

There followed a discussion as to the proper procedure for handling the parsonage soon to be vacated by the Reverend Mr. Bishop. On account of the tax angle and other legal matters involving such a situation, it was authorized through motion of Mr. Chewning, duly seconded by Mr. Williams and carried, that the matter should be placed under the jurisdiction of the Board of Trustees for final and correct action.

The Chairman appointed Mr. Ed Dunham a representative of this Church to attend a supper meeting to be held on next Friday at Lakewood Methodist and to inform those present that it was the intention of Duke Memorial to honor its commitment in the payment of \$4,500.00 by the end of the current year towards the support of various churches in the Conference.

As a final matter of business, the Chairman appointed Mr. E. C. Brooks to prepare an appropriate resolution to be signed by all of the members of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance and to be presented to the family of the late J. H. Goman, Sr. in an expression of appreciation for the contribution ^{he} has made to ~~his~~ our church.

There being no further business to come before the meeting,, it was dismissed after prayer by Mr. Chewning.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. Reade, Secretary