

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DUKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of Duke Memorial Methodist Church was held in the office of Marshall T. Spears at 4:00 p.m. on June 21, 1949. Present were Mrs. J. C. Angier, Dolian Harris, C. E. Jordan, C. J. Jones and M. T. Spears. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. Jordan, acting as temporary chairman in the absence of Dr. R. L. Flowers, suggested that we elect a secretary and treasurer. He stated that Dolian Harris resigned as secretary and treasurer at the last meeting of the board and that a successor had not been elected. A motion was made by Mr. Spears that C. J. Jones be elected secretary and treasurer. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Angier and carried.

Mr. Spears stated that Dr. Flowers, Chairman of the board, was not well and suggested that we relieve him of his duties as chairman. He stated that we, of course, want him to continue as a member of the board. Mr. Jordan agreed with Mr. Spears and stated that Dr. Flowers had asked him to tender his resignation as chairman of the board. A motion was made by Mr. Spears that C. E. Jordan be named as chairman of the Board of Trustees. This motion was seconded by Mr. Harris and carried. The chairman stated that we are now ready to continue any business that should have the attention of the board. C. J. Jones reported that the Board of Stewards of Duke Memorial Methodist Church had appointed a Building Committee to prepare plans, secure bids and make their recommendations relative to the construction of a new parsonage for

the church. He stated that this Building Committee had prepared plans and specifications for a new parsonage. He stated that the Building Committee had asked all of the building contractors who were members of our church to submit bids. These building contractors were:

Cole and Crumpacker
W. E. Baker Construction Company
Crain and Denbo

He stated that in addition to these the committee had requested the following to submit bids:

C. H. Shipp
T. N. Wilkinson
George W. Kane

He further reported that W. E. Baker Construction Company and George W. Kane did not choose to bid on the job. He stated that those requested to submit bids and complied with the request submitted bids as follows:

C. H. Shipp	\$29,273.00
T. N. Wilkinson	29,166.00
Cole and Crumpacker	27,490.00
Crain and Denbo	26,800.00

Jones stated that the Building Committee met, considered the bids submitted and recommended that this Board of Trustees authorize the chairman and secretary of the board to sign a contract with Crain and Denbo for the construction of the new parsonage. He stated that a lot located on Cedar Street had already been purchased for the purpose of erecting a parsonage thereon. He stated that the cost of the parsonage

and lot combined would amount to a little over \$30,000.00 and that it was the understanding of the Building Committee that the Methodist Church Fund, Inc., would pay one half of the total cost of the lot and the new building. He stated that the question of financing the other half had been referred to the Finance Committee of the Board of Stewards and that this Finance Committee had recommended to the Board of Trustees that they borrow \$14,000.00 from the Ministers' Retirement Fund of the North Carolina Conference. He stated that the officials of this fund had offered to lend us this \$14,000.00 at 4% interest for 10 years, to be repaid in 10 annual installments of \$1,400.00, with the first installment being due on October 15, 1950 and on the 15th day of October annually thereafter, with the privilege of paying any larger amount that may be desired by the officials of Duke Memorial Methodist Church.

Mr. Spears stated that pursuant to a resolution adopted by the Finance Committee of Duke Memorial Methodist Church prior to February 15, 1949 we purchased from James Weldon Horton and wife Celestine A. Horton a lot on Cedar Street in the City of Durham, with the idea of erecting a parsonage thereon. He stated that the deed to this property had been secured and was recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for Durham County in Book 183, Page 589, and that this deed is herewith delivered to C. J. Jones, secretary and treasurer of this board.

Mr. Spears advised the board that to borrow money and pledge security it would be necessary for the Board of Trustees to be authorized to do so by a resolution adopted

by the Quarterly Conference. A motion was made by Mr. Spears that this Board of Trustees go on record as requesting the Quarterly Conference to authorize us to borrow \$14,000.00 from the Minister's Retirement Fund of the North Carolina Conference on the terms and conditions as stated previously in this meeting by C. J. Jones. This motion was seconded by Dolian Harris and carried by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by M. T. Spears that this Board of Trustees authorize the chairman and secretary of this board to sign a contract with Crain and Denbo to build a parsonage for \$26,800.00, according to plans and specifications prepared by the Building Committee. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Angier and carried by unanimous vote.

J. Ford
Secretary