

OFFICIAL BOARD MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 1969

The regular monthly meeting of the Official Board of Duke Memorial United Methodist Church was held January 7, 1969, at 7:45 p.m. in the Bradshaw Room. Mr. Marshall Spears, Jr., chairman, presided.

Mr. M. L. Husted, Associate Pastor, gave the devotional.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved.

Mr. Bailey Reade, church treasurer, gave the following report for the six months ending December 31, 1968: total receipts \$73,604.41, total disbursements \$65,278.62, excess receipts of \$8,325.79, total cash on hand \$9,323.77 including funds brought forward July 1, 1968; \$24,500 has been paid on our \$42,000 Conference pledge. Our College Fund debt has been paid in full.

Commission on Membership & Evangelism, Mr. Jack Cliff, chairman, reported that he hoped soon to have some new members joining our church as a result of the visitation that has been done by members of this commission.

Mr. Nicholas Fagan reported that regular meetings were being held by the Methodist Men and interesting programs have been well planned.

Members of the Church Property were asked to meet with Mr. W. K. Howard immediately following the Board Meeting.

The question arose for discussion concerning the possibility of some changes that might be made in the procedure of our communion services. Mr. Petteway explained that the procedure being followed is the one adopted by the General Conference. He stated that he is aware of the length of time it takes to complete the ritual of the Lord's Supper. It was suggested that perhaps these moments could be spent in prayer and meditation. Following the discussion it was moved and carried that we continue with the same procedure for administering the elements for the Communion Service as we have in the past.

In his remarks to the Board Mr. Petteway expressed his appreciation that individuals would bring such matters as we have just discussed before the Board. He stated that this is the place where we should be able to have clearer understandings concerning our Lord's work.

The following announcements were made by the Pastor:

1. The church was able to care for some thirty families at Christmas time due to the contributions received from various organizations in the church and from individual contributions. He expressed his gratitude for this cooperation.
2. Delegates from Duke Memorial will attend the Durham District meeting January 26, at 2:30 p.m. at Parkwood United Methodist Church.
3. The Bible Study on the Book of John, which Dr. James E. Efird from Duke Divinity School has been conducting, will be held at seven o'clock, Sunday evening in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting will conclude the Study.
4. During the month of February a mission study is to be held. Further announcements will be made at a later date concerning these meetings.

The Board of Directors has reviewed the report of the Special Committee on the operations of the company for the period ending December 31, 1958. The report is being presented to the Board for its consideration and approval.

The Board has approved the report and the recommendations of the Special Committee.

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

The Board has also reviewed the report of the Special Committee on the operations of the company for the period ending December 31, 1957. The report is being presented to the Board for its consideration and approval.

The Board has approved the report and the recommendations of the Special Committee.

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

The Board has also reviewed the report of the Special Committee on the operations of the company for the period ending December 31, 1956. The report is being presented to the Board for its consideration and approval.

The Board has approved the report and the recommendations of the Special Committee.

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

The Board has also reviewed the report of the Special Committee on the operations of the company for the period ending December 31, 1955. The report is being presented to the Board for its consideration and approval.

The Board has approved the report and the recommendations of the Special Committee.

The minutes of the meeting were approved.

The Board has also reviewed the report of the Special Committee on the operations of the company for the period ending December 31, 1954. The report is being presented to the Board for its consideration and approval.

The Board has approved the report and the recommendations of the Special Committee.

5. The Children's Preparation Classes for Membership will begin in February.
6. A meeting of the North Carolina Conferences has been called for January 8 in Goldsboro. At this meeting Bishop Cannon plans to explain and to discuss the Bishop's Reconciliation Fund which is to be raised, \$400,000. Mr. Petteway said he would give a report on this meeting later, trusting our congregation will give him whatever support will be necessary. *See March 12, 1969 letter in April & minutes.*
7. He announced that he has received a letter urging all members of our congregation to subscribe to the North Carolina Advocate. He expressed hope that every member of our Official Board, who is not already a subscriber, would send him a check for \$2.99 to be forwarded to the N. C. Christian Advocate for a subscription.
8. He stated that news had been received of the death of the brother of Kay Parks, our Director of Christian Education. He said he would like to express sympathy to the family on behalf of the members of the Official Board.
9. He said renovations to the Sanctuary Building are progressing and he is looking forward to completion in the not too far future.

Mr. Husted gave a report of his work for the six months period beginning July 1, 1968.

Mr. Petteway dismissed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Ethel Mae Kale

Ethel Mae Kale, Secretary

The children's preparation classes for September will begin in January.

The results of the first part of the survey have been called to attention in the report. An additional survey is being planned to examine and to discuss the children's socialization, and which is to be reported in the next report. The survey data will be reported on the next report. It is our intention to give this survey a report which will be necessary.

It is announced that the organization has received a letter from the organization to request the North Carolina Association. The organization has that every member of our official board, and is the direct result of the subscription which was sent him a check for \$2.50 to be forwarded to the N. C. Christian Advocate for a subscription.

It is stated that news has been received of the death of the brother of Rev. J. W. Baker, our Director of Christian Education. It is said he would like to express sympathy to the family on behalf of the members of the Official Board.

It is also mentioned that the organization is planning an in further effort to complete the work in the next few months.

The Board has a report of the work for the six-month period beginning July 1, 1957.

It is further mentioned that the results will appear.

Respectfully submitted,

John W. Baker, Secretary