

The Board of Christian Education of Duke Memorial Methodist Church met Wednesday, April 27, 1949 at 7:30 in Miss Johnson's office with the following members present: Mrs. Lee, Mrs. Gates, Mr. Forrester, Miss Johnson, Mr. Helms, Mr. Mansfield, Dr. Seeley, Mr. Umberger, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Boddie, Mr. Whitford, and Mrs. Stone.

Mr. Whitford reported that no formal meeting on the committee on the church directory has been held, but there have been several conversations among the members.

The suggestion was made that a table with "Information" over it be placed in the lobby of the education building. Here there would also be a visitors' book for guests to sign their names and addresses.

Plans for the opening exercise attended by the entire Church School are progressing. Miss Johnson will place mimeographed forms in each classroom, and these are to be read aloud. Mr. Whitford is trying to arrange a meeting of the adult department to ascertain whether they would like to have a unified worship program. The Board voted to prepare enough notices this week so that they can be distributed at class meetings to be held next week.

Mr. Umberger brought to the attention of the Board a suggestion by the young adults who have made a recent study of child-teacher-parent relationship in the church school. They suggested that at promotion time a letter be sent to parents telling of the child's progress, giving the name of the new

teacher, something of the course of study to be pursued during the year, and inviting the parents to visit the class and learn to know the teacher. After discussion of this matter the Board expressed its gratitude to the young adults, commended them for their interest, and voted to study the question until fall and defer action until that time.

Mr. Boddie extended to the young adults an invitation to come and paint benches and chairs. Mrs. Lee said that she would be delighted to have their help in making doll clothes.

Mr. Umberger reported also that the young adults have been invited to take the banquet at Louisburg for the N.C. young adult fellowship the first week end in June.

Formerly there was a worker's council held at regular intervals at Duke Memorial. War scarcities stopped these. The Board agreed that this group should probably be reactivated, and hold regular quarterly meetings. Mr. Whitford, Mrs. Gates, and Miss Johnson were appointed as a committee to think this over and to present their conclusions to the Board in the fall.

Mrs. Wolff needs a new rug in her department. An endeavor is being made to raise \$200 from the classes, and the finance committee of the Board of Stewards will pay the remainder. The Board of Education voted to cooperate in helping to secure a new rug for the Beginner's Department.

According to Miss Johnson letters for family week have been sent out as recorded in last month's minutes. The Sunday morning service will center around family week, and the Sunday evening service will be conducted by the young people.

The Board voted to officially join the YMCA softball league. Tom Cranford is manager of the Duke Memorial team, and he and Mr.

Whitford attended the organizational meeting. Most of the players are from the Young Adult Fellowship, and this group is to take the majority share of this project.

Mr. Whitford presented to the Board the statistical report attached to these minutes.

The Board voted to pay half of the expenses of delegates to various assemblies, and Miss Johnson is to plan for those who want to attend.

Having checked the home department list with the shut in list, Mrs. Gates stated that there is need for a complete revision. At the present time the Gleaners' class receives the magazines. Mrs. Joe White and some of her helpers carry these around. The Board voted to give Mrs. Gates the authority to re-organize and study this work. After talking with Mrs. White, she will make suggestions and present them to the Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Wilson told of the formal organizational meeting of the scout council. He also said that there has been another parent meeting with between forty and fifty adults present. It is proposed to have the parents meeting about once a quarter.

For the first time in history a Duke Memorial team won a championship in the YMCA league. The laurels went to the Midget League basketball champions, the Intermediates of Duke Memorial. Mr. Whitford told of one boy who began coming so that he could play with the team. Since the season was over, he has not missed a single Sunday attendance.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 25.

Mary Canada Stone
secretary