

The Duke Memorial Board of Christian Education met on October 12, 1949 in Miss Johnson's office with the following members present: Mrs. Gates, Mr. Seeley, Mrs. Jordan, Mr. Wilson, Mrs. Lee, Miss Johnson, Mr. Mansfield, Mr. Angier, Dr. Bookhout, Mr. Boddie, Miss Umberger, Mr. Whitford, Mr. Cousins, Mr. Cranford, ^{Mrs. Stone} and Mr. Forrester.

Mrs. Lee reported that the picnic held for her children and their parents was a success. Mr. Boddie stated that heaters had been ordered for the Nursery, but that the type of heater ordered has been discontinued. Mrs. Lee suggested that smaller ones be bought, and Mr. Boddie agreed to try to order these.

After a discussion concerning the advisability of instituting a Sunday night story hour, the Board concluded that the time is not ripe for this type of program.

The Mothers' study group disbanded last spring. Miss Johnson asked if the Board should make some move toward organizing a parents' group along similar lines. No requests have been heard for this type of program. The Board, however, recommended that notices be put in the bulletin on successive Sundays asking any parents who would be interested in attending such a class for a definite period of time to indicate their desire to Miss Johnson. This announcement will also be made to the Kindergarten and Young adult departments.

The Board voted to have the officers of the Sunday School installed separately from the Board of Stewards at an eleven o'clock service in cooperation with the pastor. Miss Johnson was delegated to talk this over with Mr. Brown.

The church library has been registered with the Methodist Publishing House and books may now be ordered from them at a 20 o/o discount. Some new books have been purchased lately.

Open house for the Sunday School was not held the week before promotion Sunday as suggested by the young adults, but letters were sent to all parents informing them of their children's new teachers and of their promotion. A children's council meeting is needed before an open house can be held. A council meeting for the youth division is also needed. The Board voted to approve the idea of an open house and to leave with Mrs. Jordan and the children's council the type, time, and all other details.

The opening assembly for the entire Sunday School will be held the fifth Sunday in October, and the Board delegated the young adults to be in charge of the program.

There is to be a meeting of the Methodist conference on Christian Education at Grand Rapids in November. The Board urged Miss Johnson to attend this meeting and voted to give her what help it could.

A discussion of finances ensued. It was pointed out that the Sunday School receives \$300 per quarter for literature. For the past year \$1477 was spent for literature and \$631.32 for other expenses. \$2160 was collected. We are still a quarter behind on the literature bill, but this will be paid with the next installment.

The Board authorized the holding of a Halloween party on Halloween for the children of the Sunday School.

Mrs. Gates made a detailed report on the work of Mrs. Hutchins. Her Sunday School class conducted in her own home has grown from 6 to 27. During the year 27 additional children have been taken by their parents to Sunday Schools of their own. Mrs. Hutchins' health has failed, and she is unable to continue with this work. After consultation Mrs. Hutchins and Mrs. Gates feel that it is best to bring these children to Duke Memorial to Sunday School.

Their teachers plan to come also. Cars are needed each Sunday to transport the children from Mrs. Hutchins' home to Duke Memorial. It was voted that the chairman appoint a committee to arrange for transportation. This committee is to have the power to act. Dr. Seeley appointed the following committee: Mrs. Gates, Mr. Forrester, Mr. Cousins, and Mr. Cranford.

Mrs. Lee asked for authorization to send the Christian Home to home members. It was suggested that a subscription be given when the homes of new babies are visited. It was agreed to continue this on the agenda for the October 25th meeting.

Dr. Bookhout reported that there is a need for more space in the youth division. Sam Banks' class is growing, and the emergency is acute. The Board voted to request the comfort committee to make a study of the two rooms on the east side of the church and to see if the partition could be removed and make a larger room for ~~the~~ class taught by Mr. Banks.

It was voted to request that the Board of Stewards withhold disposal of the old parsonage until the Board of Christian Education can meet **again**.

The next meeting will be October 25th.

Mary Canada Stone,
Secretary