

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
COMMISSION ON STEWARDSHIP AND FINANCE
DUKE MEMORIAL METHODIST CHURCH

May 1, 1963

A regular meeting of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance was held in the Dining room of the church at 6:00 o'clock P. M. on Wednesday May 1, 1963 with Chairman, Tom White, presiding.

Members present were:

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| J. H. Barton | Dr. John Glasson |
| Reverend Bishop | Thomas Goad |
| Mrs N. D. Bitting | C. J. Jones |
| Mrs A. H. Borland | Mrs Arthur Kale |
| Reverend Bradshaw | J. A. McLean |
| E. C. Brooks | R. B. Meade |
| Chas Chewning | Marshall Spears |
| John Dozier | R. C. White |
| E. W. Dunham | Tom White |

The meeting was open with prayer by the pastor.

The treasurer ^{reported} ~~opened his report with the statement~~ that a balance of \$15,545.00 was unpaid on church benevolences against \$7,000.00 owed on the corresponding date last year. In addition, total receipts for the current period amounted to \$66,000.00 against \$74,000.00 last year. ... a deficit difference of \$8,000.00. With respect to the building fund, a total of \$116,328.28 was now on hand with the sum of \$294,195.00 remaining in uncollected pledges.

It was then called to the attention of those present that the tentative budget which was approved during the special meeting held on April 16, 1963 remained complete except for the music requests which had not been finalized. It was reported for this committee that a total of \$6,565.00 was desired - or an increase of \$880.00 over the sum originally allocated. The purpose of the increase was due to a desire to make small reductions in certain expenses along with an increase of 1200.00 in the director's salary. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Dozer, seconded by Mr. Brooks and approved by the Commission that the music budget request remain at \$5,685.00 - the same as last year, and that all salaries contained in this item be transferred to the regular salary account meaning a reduction of \$4,080.00 in the music budget and a like increase in the total salary account. It was the opinion of those present that in future preparations of budgetary matters, all increases in salary should be passed upon and left to the discretion of the Finance Committee acting as a whole.

In order to make further reduction in the final budget figures for presentation to the official board, the Committee authorized through motion, duly seconded and ^{regretfully} approved by those present, that General Holsinger discontinue his visitation program under the original arrangement

his services to the church, in spite of the fact that he has done a fine job and that the Chairman write him a letter expressing such regrets. After a net reduction of \$2100.00 in the salary account, a final budget of \$99,141.33 was approved and ordered presented to the official board as the budget for the new church year beginning July 1, 1963. A motion to that effect was presented by Brooks, seconded by Dozier, and carried unanimously by the Commission.

The Chairman then stated that Mr. McLean had consented to become chairman of the Every Member Canvass to begin on May 19th and concluded on the afternoon of May 26, 1963. He further requested that after the canvass has been brought to a conclusion, members of this Committee should examine payment records of ~~present~~ church members in order to contact those who are not now current in their obligation.

Reporting for the Building Committee, Dr. Glasson stated that although Mr. Coman had received a set of plans, complete details had not been worked out by the architects, a fact which prevented their being presented to the several contractors for bids.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned with prayer by the Reverend Mr. Bishop.

Respectfully submitted,

R. B. Reade, Secretary
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