

CALL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DUKE MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

8 MAY 1992 - CHURCH LIBRARY

RANDOLPH FEW, CHAIRMAN, PRESIDING

I. ATTENDANCE. The following named individuals met in the Library of Duke Memorial United Methodist, 8 May 1992, at 12:00 Noon, to discuss matters indicated below concerning property of the Church:

Randolph Few, Chairman
Dr. Fred Clark
Patricia Coman
Dan K. Edwards
Sarah McCracken
William E. Self
Grace C. Boddie

II. DISCUSSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

A. Church Parsonage, Cedar Street, Durham. The Chairman read a statement which indicated that the Minister who will be coming to Duke Memorial in June, the Reverend Wethington prefers not to live in the Church parsonage during his tenure at Duke Memorial, and would like to purchase his own home. Therefore, he asks for a housing allowance of \$1,300.00/month, in lieu of the Church's providing a place for him and his family to live.

Mr. Self read from the Discipline of the Methodist Church that a Church may either provide a parsonage or pay a housing allowance to its minister. In addition, it was stated that this indication of preference for a housing allowance in lieu of a parsonage, by Mr. Wethington, is in line with what several other churches in this area are doing.

Presuming the Church agrees to allow Mr. Wethington's housing allowance of \$1,300.00/month, discussion followed on the comparative benefits of the Church's attempting to rent the parsonage and of selling the house, along with the furniture.

Dr. Clark made the following motion, which was seconded and passed without dissenting vote:

"That the Board of Trustees recommend to the Finance Committee and to the Administrative Board that the Church sell the parsonage and enter into an agreement with the new minister to pay him \$1,300.00/month for housing in lieu of providing a parsonage for him and his family."

B. Washer and Dryer. The Chairman stated that Mr. Carson has indicated interest in obtaining the washer and dryer, which are several years old, located in the room next to the Spence Class. These items came from the Shore Estate. After discussion, the following consensus of the Trustees was reached:

"That the washer and dryer located in the room next to the Spence Class be given to Mr. Carson."

C. Insurance. The Chairman indicated that he was not exactly satisfied with the Church's insurance coverage, and that he will get the policies together for the Board to consider adequacy of the present coverage at its next meeting.

D. Other. Mr. Self stated there are two projects that need to be taken care of now in order to proceed in an effective and timely manner:

- 1) it is urgent that the roof on the Church building be repaired. The estimated cost is \$20,000.00.
- 2) new kitchen doors are required for safety and for protection from the elements.

These items were heard by the Trustees, and there was complete agreement among those in attendance that each of these things must be taken care of as soon as is reasonably possible. Accordingly, Mr. Self stated that he will tell Mr. Mixon to proceed with the above two items.

The meeting adjourned at 12:35p.

Grace C. Boddie 5-14-92
Grace C. Boddie, Secretary

Concur:

Randolph Few, Chairman

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