

The regular bimonthly meeting of the Methodist Church Official Board was held in the Sawyer Room on Wednesday, March 5, 1941.

Present: Messrs. Read, Doenecke, Bell, DeBolt, H. Harnden, Dawson, Elsner, Smith, Chiles, Sproul, S. Rieke, Paulson, C. Anderson, Harris, Hosford, Safford, Mesdames Elsner, S. Rieke.

The meeting was opened by a prayer by Mr. Doenecke.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

Mr. Doenecke summarized his activities since October 5 and told of plans for the next six months. He asked for unity within our own church.

Mr. Doenecke moved, and Mr. Elsner seconded, that a letter of thanks be sent to Mrs. Blocks for her gift of the baptismal font which was planned by the architect.

Mr. Paulson reported the following:

Cash on hand, 3/5	\$ 303.06
World Service	42.63

Bills due and payable	
Gold Star - moving minister	\$ 11.00
National Mutual Church Ins.	119.68
" " " "	37.40
District Supt. & Episcopal Fund	15.00
Miller Oil Co.	107.42
Barrington Publishing Co.	3.50
	<u>\$294.00</u>

Other bills	
Courier Press	\$ 11.00
American Hair & Felt Co.	6.11
Olson Rug Co.	22.05
1932 2nd inst. - taxes	30.69
Interest cost	25.25
	<u>55.94</u>

Paid to date:	
Minister	\$937.50
Janitor	100.00
Maintenance on church	256.19
" " parsonage	37.79
Miscellaneous	176.36
Conference	63.00
World Service	45.00
Overseas Relief & Camp Service	53.00
	<u>\$1668.84</u>

A motion was made by Mr. Anderson, and seconded, that the treasurer's report be accepted. Motion carried.

Mrs. S. Rieke reported a need for more communion cups. She was instructed to order four dozen.

Mrs. Elsner, for the Woman's Society, reported a balance on hand of \$629.56, \$150 of missionary funds having been paid out, with some bills unpaid.

Mr. Chiles reported better Sunday School attendance and a need for substitute teachers. The Sunday School decided to pay for the painting job; they had already paid out \$50 and need \$36 more. A special collection is to be taken the last Sunday of the month for this purpose. There was a balance in current expense account of \$7, all bills paid.

Mr. Bell moved, Mr. Smith seconded, that money coming into the building fund of the church should be expended as follows:

\$25 monthly payment plus interest on furnace note
at bank
1932 tax bill of approximately \$60
furnace repairs on parsonage, estimated \$75
painting of parsonage \$165

Motion carried.

A letter was read from Edna J. Harnden, Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's Society, regarding that organization's having a representative on the Executive Committee. The letter was to be taken under consideration and acted on at the next meeting.

Lola E. Rieke, Secretary

PASTOR'S REPORT - March 5th, 1941

Official Board
of the
BARRINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

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I was appointed to the Barrington Methodist Church on October 5, 1940. Shortly after my arrival a Centennial Celebration was held

October 20, 1940 which gave impetus for the work on a new field. For four months we have lived in a temporary apartment at 434 North Avenue, and since February 11th we have been living in the newly renovated parsonage at 108 East Lincoln Ave. So this report covers a period of approximately five months.

- (1) Beside preaching on Sunday Mornings, your pastor has regularly taught a boys Sunday School Class, assisted with the young people's work in the local church and the community, and has also taught a Woman's Bible Class which meets on Thursday afternoons.
- (2) Two Church letters have been sent out to members and friends of The Barrington Methodist Church; one letter was sent out in November shortly after my arrival here, and one letter was mailed last week in preparation for the Lenten Season.
- (3) Personal calls have been made upon half of the Church Membership. Quite a few wholesome contacts have been made with new arrivals in our community. Some time has been taken up in checking over the work which has been done in the new parsonage and the painting of the Church Basement. A rather comprehensive study has been made of the local Church situation and the outlook for the future.
- (4) A Pastor's Cabinet was formed on January 2, 1941, where the following Church Program for six months was planned.

FIRST - A Junior Choir was organized with Miss Spires of the music Department of the Grade School directing. This group meets for practice on Thursday afternoons, and sings at the Church Service the last Sunday of each month. They have already sung twice at the Church Services.