

Minutes of
Board and Congregational Meetings
During the First Year of
Chatham Christian Church

November 28, 1971

The second meeting of persons interested in organizing a Christian Church in Chatham, Illinois was held at 2 p.m., November 28, 1971, in the Chatham Community Center. Attendance for this meeting was 55.

Bob Haller called the meeting to order and introduced John Carter, Jr., the minister of Lakeside Christian Church in Springfield who led in prayer and gave devotions and words of encouragement to all of us committed to this work.

George (Bob) Kemp made the motion that Betty Kemp be chosen to act as a temporary secretary to take minutes of the planning meetings. This was seconded and so carried.

James Sexton moved that Norman Smith be selected to act as temporary treasurer to handle any monies accumulated and paid out during this planning period. This was seconded and so carried.

A committee made up of Bill Doris, James Sexton, Bob Kemp and Howard Wooters was assigned the duty of investigating possible places to meet for worship services. They will bring their recommendation before the group soon.

Bob Haller gave a report on the interest sheets which were completed by those attending our first meeting. 27 adults with 24 children indicated they will be a part of the Chatham congregation.

The members of the several churches represented who will be the nucleus for the new congregation in Chatham selected men to serve on a Committee on Committees. These men will determine what committees are needed and who can best serve on them. Members of the Committee on Committees are:

(listed alphabetically) Melvin Beard - Auburn
Carroll Frank - Christian Bible
Jim Montgomery - WestSide
Tom Montgomery - Lakeside
Jim Sexton - South Side
John Woodside - Loami

James Sexton suggested that an offering be taken so that we could assume the responsibility of paying the expense involved in holding these planning meetings. This was agreeable and an offering was taken totaling \$44.00.

Bob Kemp made the motion that we meet again December 5, 1971 at the Chatham Community Center at 2 p.m. to further plan. This was seconded and so carried.

Talent and interest sheets were given to those who were not in attendance for our first meeting. Two more families consisting of 15 people indicated interest in being a part of our new congregation.

Howard Kraps, minister of South Side closed our meeting with prayer.

December 5, 1971

The third meeting of persons interested in organizing a Christian Church in Chatham, Illinois, held at the Chatham Community Building was brought to order by Howard Wooters who is now the Chairman of the Committees. His name was inadvertently omitted from the listing of members of this committee in the minutes of the last meeting. Attendance for this meeting was 44.

Copies of the Secretary's report were distributed and no corrections were made but it was later brought to the Secretary's attention that Mr. Wooters should have been listed as being on the Committee on Committees. This has been corrected.

Treasurer, Norm Smith, gave a report and said that South Side would be willing to cover the expense of our meetings. Mr. Wooters moved that we accept this responsibility ourselves from now on. This was seconded and will be continued.

Our minister, Bob Haller led us in devotions. He told of new church work in Kentucky where the people had grown from a small beginning. He challenged us to work, pray and to be faithful.

Mr. Wooters gave a report on the meeting which the Committee on Committees had this past week. He distributed copies of a proposed committee structure. The WORSHIP COMMITTEE is made up of Howard Wooters, Chairman, Mr. & Mrs. Junior Arnold, Mr. & Mrs. Billy Best, Mrs. Hazel Long, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Montgomery, Mr. & Mrs. James Sexton, and Mrs. Kay Wooters.

The EDUCATION COMMITTEE with Norman Smith, Chairman is made up of Mrs. Clara Bertolino, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Beard, Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Frank, Mr. & Mrs. David Jones, Mr. & Mrs. Ed McCulley, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Pfeiffer, and Mrs. Carol Smith.

The OUTREACH COMMITTEE consists of Bob Kemp, Chairman, Mrs. Betty Kemp, Mr. & Mrs. Don McWilliams, Mr. & Mrs. Bob Meador, Mr. & Mrs. Tom Montgomery, Mrs. R. H. Smith, and Mr. John Woodside.

Mrs. Kay Wooters moved to accept this committee structure. This motion was seconded and carried.

These committees broke up into their individual groups and conducted short meetings. Each committee reported back that during the week further meetings would be held. The Worship Committee will meet at 7:30 Wednesday at the Wooter's. The Education Committee will meet Tuesday at 7:30 at the Frank's. The Outreach Committee will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Kemp's.

Bob Kemp, spokesman for the men who were to look into possible meeting sites recommended that we use the Masonic Lodge facilities. They ask that we pay the monthly utility bills as our fee for the use of their facilities. This should be in the area of \$30.00 per month. We may use tables, chairs, etc. and storage room. Mr. Carroll Frank moved that we accept this recommendation; a second was made and after discussion the motion was favorably accepted by those present. Mr. Kemp then moved that we meet next Sunday at 2 p.m. for business at the Masonic Hall to hear reports of the various committees and to decide then when to begin worship services. Also he suggested we should have liability insurance in force before actually holding services. This was seconded and we will meet at that time.

Tom Montgomery moved that we call our new congregation "Chatham Christian Church". This was seconded and so carried.

Mrs. Carol Smith will try to get publicity of our work in the Springfield papers and Howard Wooters will do this on a local level.

Bob Haller gave his ministers report and asked for calling requests. He plans to meet with Dr. Donn Leach at Lincoln this week in an effort to learn from his experience regarding the forming of new congregations. He invited others to accompany him.

CHATHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH
December 12, 1971

The fourth planning meeting of Chatham Christian Church was called to order by Howard Wooters, Chairman of the Worship Committee. This meeting was held in the basement of the masonic building with 37 in attendance.

Howard Kraps, minister of the South Side Christian Church led us in a devotion using I Thess. 16 as his text. He admonished us to rejoice evermore, give thanks, prove all things and hold fast to that which is good.

Norman Smith, our treasurer, was unable to attend so the treasurer's report was given by Bob Haller.

The Committees were called upon to report. The Outreach Committee has been in touch with Lincoln Christian College and with the help of some of the students will plan a survey of our community in the near future. A brochure giving information about our congregation will be distributed at that time.

Bob Kemp, Chairman asked for a motion that we join with other churches in supporting Lake Springfield Christian Assembly. We can have a member of their advisory board for a fee of \$25.00. Jim Montgomery moved that we pay the \$25.00 and send a representative from our congregation. This motion was seconded and Tom Montgomery was chosen to serve with Dave Jones as alternate. The Outreach Committee Chairman also asked for a motion that we set aside 10% of our income to be used in the field of missions. He will distribute questionnaires later to determine what field is preferred by our people. Bob Meador moved that we set aside 10% of our gross income, excluding specified gifts for the missions program. This will go back to the time of our first offering which was taken on December 5. A second was made and this is to be carried out.

Our Education Committee report was given by Mrs. Melvin Beard. There are being planned 7 Sunday morning bible school classes and 5 Sunday evening youth groups. She told of the tentative arrangement of classes with the use of movable partitions.

The Worship Committee Chairman, Mr. H. Wooters, presented a plan for the order of worship. He recommended that the times of meeting should be: 9:15 a.m. worship, 10:30 a.m. bible school, 6 p.m. youth meetings, and 7 p.m. evening worship. Bob Kemp moved this schedule be accepted, there was a second ~~that~~ and this motion carried. Mr. Wooters also recommended that January 2, 1972 be set as the date of our first complete day of services. Jim Montgomery moved that this date be accepted and this was seconded and will be done.

Sign up sheets were distributed whereby individuals could volunteer to be responsible for nursery duties, communion preparation, and prayer at the communion table.

Mr. Carroll Frank has obtained a supply of hymnals we will use. Jim Sexton is acquiring communion trays and offering plates. Offering envelopes will be ordered and made available as soon as received. A Christmas Eve candlelight service will be planned. We will learn more about this next week. There was much discussion regarding a charter and how long to have it open. It was decided to table this subject until we have a legal committee set up to study the matter and bring a recommendation to the group. The final decision is to be made by the entire congregation and before the first worship service is held.

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Bob Haller, our minister, gave his report. The news that Mrs. Delores Frank would be baptized today at South Side made us all rejoice.

An offering was taken and we were dismissed with prayer. We will meet again December 19 at the Masonic Building at 2 p.m.

A few groups met following the meeting for short discussions and those of us who could traveled to South Side to witness the baptismal service.

Respectfully submitted

Betty Kemp
Acting Secretary

CHATHAM CHRISTIAN CHURCH
DECEMBER 19, 1971

The December 19 planning meeting of Chatham Christian Church was called to order by Mr. Wooters, Chairman of the Worship Committee.

The Secretary's report was read and approved. The Treasurer's report followed.

Mr. James Haenig, minister at Elm Street presented devotions from the 13th chapter of 1st Corinthians telling us to love, have faith and be a committed people.

A Legal Committee had been appointed by the Committee on Committees, consisting of Bob Meador, Chairman, Carroll Frank and Jim Montgomery. Jim Montgomery reported that these men had met with Judge McBrian to determine proper procedure to organize our church and to open a charter. The Judge gave them several points of advice and suggested a time to have the charter open would be three months or in this case until April 2 which is Easter Sunday. Jim Sexton moved that we follow his suggestion and after a second it was decided that we will do so.

Trustees were nominated. (1.) Harold Chandler, (2.) Bob Meador and (3.) Bob Kemp were selected to fill these positions.

Outreach Committee chairman, Bob Kemp informed us that the class from Lincoln Christian College can conduct the survey of Chatham during the later part of February or in the early spring. He asked us to turn in names of prospects.

Norman Smith, the Christian Education chairman reported the class rosters are available for the teachers. Standard Publishing materials will be used for January and February. Further study will be given to what materials will best suit our needs. The Education Committee also have looked into the cost of partitions which will be used to make class rooms.

Jim Sexton moved that the Education Committee be authorized to purchase the Sunday School materials at a cost of \$53.35 for the present quarter. There was a second and the authorization was given. Bob Kemp moved that money be allocated for the building of partitions. The amount for this will be in the area of \$50.00. After a second the motion carried.

Howard Wooters, Worship Committee Chairman, advised that plans are being made for the Christmas Eve Service. A piano has been donated by Mrs. Beverly Bethard and will need to be moved. Jim Montgomery moved that we accept the gift of the piano, hire movers and have the piano tuned. This motion was seconded and will be done. Candles costing \$7.50 will be needed for Christmas Eve Service. Jim Sexton moved that these be purchased. A second was heard and all approved.

Bob Haller gave the minister's report. He reported he has lists of probable membership giving names and addresses. Bob Meador is ill in the hospital. The Scaifes Flower Shop will donate a poinsetta for our services. South Side will give us a mimeograph machine and Betty Kemp will do the bulletins. He asked that ads be put on the radio, T. V. and in the papers concerning the Christmas Eve Service.

Jim Sexton moved we purchase two \$5.00 ads in the Chatham Clarion before our first service on January 2. Motion was seconded and passed.

Dave Jones moved that we have no planning meeting December 26 in view of our Christmas Eve Service. If business needs to be discussed before January 2, a meeting will be called December 29. This motion was seconded and passed.

An offering was taken and Jim Sexton closed our meeting in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Kemp

The congregational meeting of Chatham Christian Church was held following a pot luck dinner on Sunday January 16, 1972.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Wooters and Jim Sexton led us in prayer. The Secretary's and Treasurer's reports were read and each was accepted as read.

Missions and Outreach chairman, Bob Kemp, told of a letter his committee has prepared and will send out this week. Each member of the congregation is being asked to indicate where his interest in missions lies. The committee can determine which field our congregation would prefer to support. After compilation of this information they will make a recommendation.

The Christian Education Committee chairman, Norm Smith, informed us about their work. Seven bible school classes are in operation every Sunday morning and hopefully, January 30 will see the beginning of Sunday night youth group meetings. All high school people are invited to help in the planning of their activities. A slate of Bible School officers was suggested; Norman Smith, Superintendent; Dave Jones, Assistant Superintendent; Phyllis Long, Secretary Treasurer. Mr. Smith asked for \$50 to spend on youth materials and \$50 to spend on Bible School materials for next quarter.

Bob Kemp moved that nominations be closed and that the slate of Bible School officers be approved; there was a second and Norman Smith, Dave Jones, Phyllis Long were elected by acclamation.

Junior Arnold moved that necessary funds be made available to the Christian Education Committee to carry on youth work and Bible School and that they could spend such money as they see fit for this work. *And. and approved.*

Mr. Wooters, Chairman of the Worship Committee reported that Wednesday evening Bible Study will begin.

Bob Haller gave his ministers report and told of forthcoming classes on church growth to be held at Auburn Christian Church. These classes are being held by the Lincoln Christian College and are being taught by Ed Towne who is Associate Minister at South Side Christian Church. The materials for Wednesday Bible Study have not arrived for this week's session but when they do arrive the study group will begin. The charter is now prepared and ready to be signed. A few ladies have suggested weekly prayer meetings and bible study in their homes. He intends to institute a new members class for those who are new in the faith and this will be held at a time yet to be determined. He suggested that a time be chosen for regular business meetings of our congregation.

Sign Up sheets were distributed for volunteers to do phoning and to clean up our meeting place.

David Jones moved that the first Wednesday night of every month be selected as our meeting night to discuss business with a pot luck at 6:30 to be held prior to each meeting. This was seconded and approved.

It was brought to the attention of the congregation that something needs to be done soon concerning the establishing of a budget committee and a site acquisition committee. Tom Montgomery moved that the congregation select a budget committee today. This motion was seconded and approved.

Norm Smith moved that this budget committee be made up of 7 people; *The Church Treasurer,* The Chairman of the Worship Committee or a representative thereof, the Chairman of the Christian Education Committee or a representative thereof, the Chairman of the Outreach Committee or a representative thereof, a trustee, and two other people who are members of the congregation to be chosen and appointed by Mr. Wooters. This motion was seconded.

There followed a discussion period during which time the need for by-laws or a set of governing rules was brought to light.

Norman Smith withdrew the aforementioned motion with the reservation that the legal committee should reconsider the organization of our congregation and look into the possibility of by-laws.

Mr. Harold Chandler moved that the budget committee be a 5 member committee; the Chairmen of each of the Worship Committee, the Christian Education Committee and the Outreach and Missions Committee, along with two from the congregation to be chosen by those present today. This motion was not seconded and not voted upon.

Tom Montgomery then moved that the budget committee be made up of 7 people; a non-chairman member of each of the three committees and two members from the congregation along with one trustee, and the church treasurer. This motion was seconded but after discussion was withdrawn.

Norman Smith then restated his original motion to say that the budget committee should consist of the Chairman of the Worship Committee or a representative thereof, the Chairman of the Christian Education Committee or a representative thereof, the Chairman of the Outreach and Missions Committee or a representative thereof, the Chairman of the Trustees, the Church Treasurer, and two members of the congregation to be chosen by the congregation. This method of choosing the budget committee will be in effect until we have bylaws or a set of rules governing such matters. There was a second and this was approved. David Jones and Eleanor Pfeiffer were chosen to be the other two members of the committee.

The new Budget Committee will meet immediately following Bible School Sunday, January 23.

Jim Sexton moved that the trustees begin looking into the matter of site acquisition for building and bring this information to the congregation. This was seconded and approved.

The Secretary was instructed to send thank you notes to those outside our congregation who have given special gifts.

Jim Sexton moved the meeting be adjourned. After a second and all approved adjournment was made.

Respectfully submitted

Betty Kemp
Acting Secretary

On January 28, 1972 the congregation of Chatham Christian Church met for business. Howard Wooters, elder, presided over the meeting.

Mr. Bob Haller led in devotions. He read scriptures which mention promises given to Christians for the future, and reminded us that we are looking forward to our second year.

In the area of old business, the missions committee needed to determine which new church work would be receiving that portion of our missions money set aside for new church evangelism. There was balloting and the Chicago District Evangelizing Association was approved. They will receive support from the Chatham Christian Church on a regular basis.

Mr. Wooters presented the restructured program. The old committee which functioned during the early life of our congregation is now null and void. The elders will lead with the deacons serving directly under them and heading the committees. There will be 5 to 7 serving on the committees. The committees are Christian Education Committee, Worship Committee, Stewardship and Finance Committee, Evangelism and Outreach Committee, Ladies Benevolence and Social Committee, and Trustees.

A discussion developed concerning the term of office for church officers. Bob Kemp moved that a committee be formed to study the forming of by-laws. Gene Beenenga seconded this motion. Discussion followed. Bob Kemp reworded his motion to say that the committee should be appointed to work with elders to draw up a set of by-laws and to present them to the congregation for approval. Gene Beenenga seconded this motion also and when a vote was taken following discussion, this motion was defeated.

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Discussion continued concerning the length of service. The Elders had indicated they want to be voted on at the end of one year. They wanted a motion from the floor that would carry out this pattern of service. Mrs. Pam Roberts moved that we hold a yearly election to elect or re-elect elders and deacons and to add new officers if necessary. There was a second to this motion and during discussion Jack Moffitt moved to amend the motion to include the nominating committee, all elected officers of the church, and to specify that such election be held on the last Sunday in November, and to state that a special election can be possible on the request of the elders. There was a second to the amendment and then a vote indicated that those present were in favor of the amendment. A vote was then taken on the amended motion and it carried.

A slate of officers was presented to serve for the year of 1973. Balloting was held and as a result the following people were chosen. Bible School Superintendent, Gene Beenenga; Assistant Bible School Superintendent, Dave Jones; Financial Secretary and Treasurer, Bill Best; Trustees, Melvin Beard, Jim Montgomery, and Bob Pfeiffer.

Mr. Norman Smith presented the proposed budget for 1973. After discussion of specific items, a vote was taken and the congregation approved the 1973 budget as presented.

Gene Beenenga presented the year book, thanking those who had been helpful in compiling it. All committee chairmen had submitted reports and Jack Moffitt has acquired some to do the typing.

Jim Sexton, elder, reviewed the functions of the committees as they are set up now and cited projections for the future of the Chatham Christian Church.

Bill Johnson who heads the Christian Education Committee introduced his committee. Gene Beenenga, Dave Jones, Judy Beard, Robert Turner, Martha Best and John Cioni will help him in this area.

John Cory who heads the Worship Committee introduced his committee, who are Dennis Whitehead, Norma Moffitt, Jim Allen, Carol Smith and Don McWilliams. Bobbie Cory, John Cory, and Eleanor Pfeiffer are in charge of Junior Worship.

A motion was made by Jack Moffitt that we change the time of our evening service to 5 p.m. for a period of 3 months. At the end of the 3 months the Worship Committee should evaluate the results of the change, and decide whether to return to the 7 pm time or continue at 5 pm. This was seconded and approved.

The Stewardship and finance committee was introduced by Norman Smith. The members of his committee are Bill Best, Bob Pfeiffer, Bill Dozier, Kay Wooters, Emily Hart and Bob Meador.

The Evangelism and Outreach Committee was introduced by Jack Moffitt, Chairman. Serving with him are Junior and Clara Arnold, Bobbie Cory, Ed McCulley, Bob Kemp and Betty Kemp.

Mary Sexton told of the women's group and their activities. She introduced the officers of the group. Judy Beard is Vice President, Betty Kemp is Secretary and Norma Moffitt is Treasurer.

Mr. Wooters thanked everyone for their attention and for their exchange of ideas and asked for a motion to adjourn. He received this motion and adjournment followed.

Respectfully submitted

Betty Kemp
Secretary

The February 2, 1972 monthly congregational meeting was ~~opened~~ called to order following a potluck supper ^{Mr. Howard Waters president.} Bro Kemp offered prayer. The secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was also approved. Our balance on hand Feb. 1, 1972 was \$1,426.60.

The Outreach and Missions Committee Chairman, Bro Kemp, told that his committee would soon meet to determine the results of the questionnaires previously mailed to members of the congregation.

Mr. Harold Chandler, Chairman of the Trustees, reported that a site investigation is underway. They have no recommendations to make at this time.

Christian Education Committee Chairman, Norm Smith reported that youth meetings will begin on a regular basis Feb. 6.

The worship Committee report given by Howard Waters indicated plans are being made to hold a revival in the

fall of 1912. The community building will be available to the Church for 5 nights, 2 hours per evening, free of charge. Area ministers will be asked to do the preaching. Baptismal certificates, visitors pins, bulletins, offering envelopes all should be available within about 30 days. Bible study books for Wednesday evening are available.

The newly formed Budget Committee presented a proposed trial budget. They asked that they be allowed to review this trial budget after 6 months and at that time to submit another trial budget, revised if necessary, to complete the year. The proposed budget allocates 10% to missions, 30% to education, 10% for operating expenses, 5% for utilities, leaving 45% for building and site acquisition.

Jim Sexton moved that we accept this recommendation. A second was heard and the motion carried.

Minister's report was given by Bob Haller. Stationery has been ordered; ~~to new members~~ ~~class will be begun soon~~. Study books for new members have been purchased. The ministers of the other churches in Chatham had invited Mr. Haller to attend their monthly meeting. They will all work together calling on new residents in Chatham. The churches of Chatham are ~~so~~ ^{joining} for a ~~joint~~ combined Easter Sunrise Service. We have been invited to attend. Bob Treador moved that we hold a ~~sun~~ Easter Sunrise Service ourselves and invite Auburn Christian Church and Leamie Christian Church to join with us. There was discussion about whether to have a breakfast following the service and Jim Sexton moved that we do not serve breakfast this year.

These motions were recorded and carried.

Mrs. Harold Chandler announced that she will accept dues for ~~Leamie~~ Christian Nursing Home Auxiliary.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Betsy Kemp, Acting Secretary

On Sunday, February 25, 1973, at 4:30 PM, a special congregational meeting was called by the Elders of the Chatham Christian Church. Presiding elder, Brother Howard Wooters, asked Brother Beryl Reese to give the opening prayer.

Brother Howard Wooters advised the congregation that the purpose of the special meeting was to have the congregation vote whether they would like to comply with a suggestion from the elders of the South Side Christian Church regarding our evangelist's salary. The suggestion from South Side's elders was that the Chatham Christian Church would pay their portion of the evangelist's salary directly to South Side. They in turn would pay the evangelist his salary, thus eliminating the current practice of the evangelist receiving his salary and expense money from two different sources.

Brother Howard Wooters stated that by adopting this suggestion, it would provide the Chatham Christian Church a transition point - when the point is reached where the Chatham Christian Church can pay the full support of the evangelist, the Chatham Christian Church can then call the evangelist as its full-time minister. Also, this suggestion would make the bookkeeping a little easier.

Brother Bob Haller made the comment that he felt this meeting was necessary not only to make a decision regarding the adoption or rejection of the South Side suggestion, but to inform the Chatham congregation where the salary monies are presently going and how the salary of the evangelist is taken care of.

Brother Jack Moffitt asked how Bob felt about the suggestion from the South Side elders.

Brother Bob Haller said that South Side Christian Church wants to support an evangelist. The amount of support sent to South Side by the Chatham Christian Church toward the full support of the Chatham Christian Church evangelist would be placed in a special fund for New Church Evangelism. South Side would continue to pay our evangelist's salary. Then, when the Chatham Christian Church can take full responsibility for the salary of the evangelist and becomes self-supporting, South Side can use the New Church Evangelism fund to begin a new Christian Church elsewhere. Bob advised that he is very much in favor of the South Side suggestion.

Brother Jack Moffitt asked whether the Chatham congregation would jeopardize their chances of keeping Brother Bob Haller as the full-time minister if the South Side suggestion was adopted.

Brother Howard Wooters stated that adoption of the South Side suggestion would not jeopardize the present status of Bob with the Chatham Christian Church unless Bob should choose to leave.

Brother Bob Haller advised that the South Side elders had already called him to be their New Church Evangelist but that he had not accepted the call because he did not feel that the time was right.

Brother John Cory made the motion that beginning April 1, 1973, the Chatham Christian Church would take the portion of funds set aside at that time for Brother Bob Haller's salary and send that money to South Side Christian Church until such time as the Chatham Christian Church can meet the full responsibility of paying Bob's entire salary.

Brother Norm Smith made the comment that the motion as stated could be made void since the motion named a particular individual instead of the evangelist.

Brother John Cory agreed to change his motion to state:

BEGINNING APRIL 1, 1973, the Chatham Christian Church will take the portion of funds set aside at that time for the evangelist's salary and send that money to South Side Christian Church until such time as the Chatham Christian Church can meet the full responsibility of paying the evangelist's entire salary.

Brother Dave Jones seconded the motion.

Brother Jack Moffitt asked what the Chatham Christian Church is currently contributing toward the salary of the evangelist.

Brother Norm Smith said that the 1973 Budget provided for \$500.00 per month for the evangelist's salary; however, in January 1973 the amount was only \$300.00.

Ms. Etta Hunt asked who determines the evangelist's salary.

Brother Howard Wooters said that the evangelist's salary is determined by South Side Christian Church as long as they are paying his salary.

Brother Jack Moffitt asked if the Chatham congregation could vote the evangelist an increase in expense money instead of an increase in salary.

Brother Howard Wooters said that he could see no reason why the Chatham congregation could not vote for an increase in expense money.

Brother Beryl Reese asked if the President's Wage and Price Freeze was the reason the Chatham congregation had not given the evangelist an increase.

Brother Bob Haller said no.

Brother Bob Haller next made the comment that if the Chatham congregation adopted the South Side suggestion, and if he felt the need

for a salary increase prior to the time that the Chatham Christian Church could take over the full salary, he would then go directly to the South Side elders instead of having to deal with the elders of two different congregations.

Brother Norm Smith advised that the Finance Committee has just given consideration for a salary increase for the evangelist for the new year. The figure arrived at by the Finance Committee would suffice for 1973.

Brother Bob Meador asked the Chatham Christian Church elders if they were recommending adoption of the South Side suggestion to the Chatham congregation.

Brother Howard Wooters said yes.

The question was called for and there was a unanimous vote in favor of the South Side suggestion.

Brother Jim Sexton announced that the Chatham Christian Church now has a basketball team and that they are playing other Christian Churches in the area. He advised that other Christian Churches have an athletic fund and that the Chatham Christian Church might want to consider an athletic fund for this and future sporting events that our church might enter.

Brother Howard Wooters said that he thought it would be a good idea to give this suggestion to the Finance Committee for further consideration.

The meeting was dismissed at 5:00 PM with prayer by Brother Bob Meador.

Carol Smith
for
Betty Kemp
Secretary

The monthly congregational meeting of Chatham Christian Church was held March 1, 1972. Mr. Howard Wooters called the meeting to order and Bob Kemp led us in prayer. The secretary's report was read and approved. The financial report was given by Norm Smith. A review of the financial situation for November, December, January and February was made.

It was moved by Steve Schilson that we invest the portion of these monies which are being set aside for site acquisition in a savings account. This was seconded and carried.

Bob Kemp gave missions and outreach report. The "Seekers" from Lincoln Christian College will survey the village of Chatham March 5. We need to provide cars and helpers.

The Christian Education Committee report was given by Norman Smith. Podiums are needed by some of the teachers. Bibles to give to some of the pupils are needed. Mrs. Eleanor Pfeiffer will be the V.B.S. Director.

Mr. Wooters, Chairman of the Worship Committee reported. He thanked Melvin Beard and Ed McCulley for refinishing the piano. The fall revival is scheduled tentatively for October 2-6. The Community Building will be available to us that week. We will be able to use it 2 evenings free and will have to pay for the other 3 evenings. Norm Smith moved that we have the revival on those dates and pay for the 3 evenings if necessary. A second was made and this passed.

Mr. Wooters read an article he has written to be submitted to the Christian Standard in hopes that they will publish a report of our growth. A motion was heard that he proceed to do this and a second was made. He will submit his article.

~~Next~~ The question was brought up about holding an elders and deacons clinic to educate our men in this area of service. Bob Haller suggested we have a Professor or someone knowledgeable in this area to lead the sessions. Mr. Jim Montgomery moved that the Worship Committee look into the possibility of holding such a clinic and report back to the congregation next month their findings. A second was heard and the motion carried.

Trustees report was given by Bob Kemp. Ground seems almost unavailable. What there is is very expensive.

Bob Haller then gave his minister's report. He read a letter from Auburn Christian Church which informed us that they had held a faith promise missions rally and will be sending to our congregation the amount of \$40 per month for the year 1972. We rejoiced that they are able to give this and that we are able to receive it. Mr. Haller instructed Betty Kemp to write them a letter of appreciation.

Mr. Haller than reported that he had invited both Auburn and Loami to our Sunrise Services on Easter Morning. They declined as they will each be holding their individual services. We will have ours also.

We have been invited to have a sign painted to mount on the Kiwanis sign board at the entrance to the town. Bob Kemp will see that this is done.

Lakeside Christian Church has invited Bunn Park and Chatham to share in their evening service on the night of March 19. The Messengers, a musical group from Villa Grove, Illinois will present a concert. Jim Montgomery moved that we accept their invitation and a second was made. Their evening service begins at 7 pm and we will go as a group.

Mr. Haller then gave a progress report for the past two months indicating an average morning worship attendance of 108, Sunday School 90, Youth Meetings 53 and Sunday evening service 49. We have had 60 transfers and 18 baptisms in our short history making a membership total of 78. He suggested that we consider the possibility of moving to the Community Building for Sunday Morning worship service and Bible School. He stressed the fact that we cannot experience any further growth if we stay in the Masonic Basement. He had inquired about the availability of the building and learned that rental would be \$10.00 per week. There was considerable discussion concerning this move, after which Norman Smith moved that we do indeed move to the Community Building for Sunday Morning Services and Bible School. There was a second made and this motion carried. We will retain the Masonic Hall Basement for Sunday evening services and other activities as has been our custom.

Mrs. R. H. Smith told us that we have been invited by the Presbyterian Church to attend World Day of Prayer Services the following Friday at their place of worship.

Mr. Howard Wooters thanked everyone for their frank exchange of ideas and opinions, and for the Christian attitude displayed by those present in handling the business at hand.

The meeting was adjourned after prayer was offered by Mr. Haller.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty Kemp
Acting Secretary

The April 5 meeting of Chatham Christian Church was called to order following our pot luck dinner. Mr. Norman Smith presided in the absence of Howard Wooters. Bob Meador opened our meeting with prayer. The secretary's minutes were approved as read and the financial report was also given. Norm Smith has available quarterly statements of giving to those who are using the envelopes or giving by check. Envelopes are still available.

The Worship Committee Report was given by J. Montgomery. The fall revival plans are being completed. On Oct. 2, ~~South~~ South Side's Minister Howard Kraps will preach; on October 3, West Side's minister, F. Strater will preach; on Wednesday October 4, Auburn's minister, Dick Baines will preach; On Oct. 5, Mr. Jack Somppi from Bunn Park will preach, and on Friday Lakeside's minister, John Carter will preach.

The Worship Committee has looked into the holding of an Elders and Deacons Training Clinic. They recommend all day session with Mr. Marion Henderson as the teacher. Jack Moffitt moved that this clinic be held on May 13. This motion was seconded and all approved. Everyone is encouraged to attend. (Even women!!!)

A talent survey will be made soon. Everyone's cooperation is requested.

A proposed missions budget was presented by the missions committee. Steve Schilson moved that this be accepted. The motion was seconded and approved.

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The Christian Education Committee reported an average attendance in Bible School in March of 111. Equipment and materials ordered are all received. ~~Fifty~~ ¹⁰⁰ small New Testaments will be made available to those who need them.

The Trustees reported on a portion of land that may be available for purchasing. They recommended that we endeavor to purchase this property located at the corner of Walnut and Woodside Road. This property is the southwest corner of what is known as Kings Point subdivision. After discussion Mr. Dave Jones moved that we give the trustees authority to make a firm offer on the property. They will offer to purchase 3 acres for the price of \$28,500 and take an option to purchase a fourth acre for the price of \$9000. They are to also investigate credit and financing in this matter. Mr. Jones also recommended that they use Jack Moffitt's ability to help them accomplish the acquisition of this property. A second was heard and this motion carried. A special meeting will be called when the actual purchase price and the price of financing is determined. At that time the congregation will be asked for a vote to actually purchase the property, if it is found that it is indeed available.

The ministers report was given by Bob Haller. The charter is closed with 89 members. Anyone who had not signed the charter and wanted to was encouraged to do so. For the three months the charter was open the morning worship averaged 117, Bible School averaged 95, youth meetings averaged 47, evening service averaged 53 and Wednesday evening bible study averaged 29. There were 64 transfers and 25 baptisms. The idea of holding a Jr. Church was mentioned and several expressed interest and willingness to help.

Mr. Norman Smith thought it was time for the Chatham Christian Church to present a progress report to South Side's elders. J. Montgomery moved that the same people who make up the finance committee be the group to do this. There was a second and this motion carried. South Side will be contacted by Mr. Smith to determine when it will be convenient for them to receive the report. They will also inquire as to South Side's feelings regarding further or periodical reports from the Chatham Christian Church.

Mr. Foust, a representative from South Side, who was at our meeting spoke of their pride in our work. Our growth has surpassed all expectations. They have been and will continue to be in prayer for us and our efforts here.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jack Moffitt. This was seconded and carried.

Bob Haller led us in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted

Netty Kemp
Acting Secretary

A special congregational meeting was held following the Sunday Morning Worship service on April 16, 1972.

Mr. Howard Wooters called the meeting to order. Bob Kemp, Trustee, reported to the congregation information recently acquired by the trustees.

The parcel of property located at the south west corner of what is known as King's Point Subdivision on East Walnut Street can be purchased as follows: Three acres for \$28,500 with an option to purchase an additional acre adjoining for the amount of \$9,000. This property can be purchased with 10% down payment. The Chatham Community Bank will loan the balance to us at the rate of 7% interest. 15% of this loan will need to be guaranteed by personal signatures. If this loan should be entered into the payments will amount to \$514 per month for five years.

After discussion, Jack Moffitt moved that we commission the trustees to purchase the property mentioned. There was a second and the vote was taken by secret ballot. When the ballots were counted there was found to be 62 affirmative votes and 2 no votes.

Mr. Wooters then told us that Melvin Beard offers to purchase the building known as the "Dickey John Building" owned by Mrs. Everett Carey on the north side of the square, and to allow our congregation to use it as we wish until such time as we are able to provide permanent quarters. Mr. Jack Moffitt moved that we accept this offer. A second was heard and a show of hands vote indicated the approval of those present.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Kemp
Acting Secretary.

Chatham Christian Church
~~April~~ congregational meeting

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The ~~April~~ monthly meeting of Chatham Christian Church was called to order by Norman Smith who presided in the absence of Howard Wooters, Chairman.

The minutes of the meetings held April 5 and April 16 were read. After a correction to the April 5 minutes they were approved.

The financial report was presented and Bob Meador moved to accept this report. A second was heard and this carried.

Bob Kemp reported for the missions committee. A review was given of the missions proposed budget. He asked that the 20% of our giving that was designated for service camps be given to Lake Springfield Christian Assembly. Melvin Beard so moved and after a second and a show of hands it was so ordered.

Howard Wooters, in his absence, sent an outline of the Worship Committee's activities. Junior Worship will begin for ages 3 - 8 on May 14, 1972. This will be held in the Junior Sunday School room. He asked for ~~xxx~~ volunteers to help. There will be need for 4 per week. He asked that we all be in prayer in preparation for the Elders and Deacons training clinic that is being held Saturday the 13th of May with Dr. Marion Henderson of Lincoln Christian College.

It was brought to our attention that because of the move, the Horace Mann Company is making some chairs available to purchase. Their employees, John Cioni and Phyllis Long were commissioned to purchase chairs up to the number of 200 for the price of \$2.50 each or less if possible. Mr. Jr. Arnold made this motion and after a second and discussion the motion was approved.

The Christian Education Committee reported. Average Bible School attendance for April was 98.6. The youth program will be discontinued for the summer, with the last meeting being May 28.

Norman Smith asked that the committee be allowed to spend in the area of \$500 for Audio Visual Equipment. Such items as record player, film strip projector, screen, table, etc. are being considered. Harold Chandler moved that we allow this expenditure. A second was heard and after discussion this motion was approved.

The trustees report was given by H. Chandler. The property which was described in last month's minutes as being available for purchase is in question as to the exact dimensions and exact acreage. Mr. Jack Moffitt explained the situation to the group. The trustees will still try to get together with the realtor who has this property and will still try to secure the land. Bob Meador, a trustee, told about other property which may be available. This is located south of what is known as Wolf Ranch.

Jack Moffitt moved that the trustees seek information about securing insurance for the personal property we are acquiring. This was seconded and the trustees will see to this.

The minister's report was then given by Bob Haller. He mentioned the North American Christian Convention which will be held in Cincinnati this summer. He encouraged our men to attend the men's fellowship. Then he told of the minuteman appeal for membership. He advised us that Lakeside will be sending us \$50 per month for this year (April 1972 - April 1973). His attendance report indicated that for the month of April the worship averaged 123, bible school 98, evening worship 53, Wed. Evening Bible study 20. Chatham Christian Church has 101 members; there have been 38 baptisms.

The Dickey-John Building which Mr. Melvin Beard offered to buy and allow us to use is not yet available. The Dickey-John Company have about \$1600 worth of equipment in the place which they will be willing to leave for about \$900. We will have to await more information on this matter.

The committee chosen to report to South Side's Elders reported that May 23 has been suggested as the date to do this. They will meet with them at that time.

Mr. Jack Moffitt spoke about the expense that Bob Haller is incurring by using his car in his calling. He moved that we give Bob Haller \$100 per month as an automobile allowance. This was seconded. Those present indicated their approval of this motion by a show of hands and the motion carried.

Norm Smith adjourned the meeting and a closing prayer was offered by Bob Haller.

Respectfully submitted

Betty Kemp
Acting Secretary

The June meeting of the congregation of Chatham Christian Church was held on June 7, 1972. The meeting was called to order and presided over by Howard Wooters, Chairman. Mr. Harold Chandler led us in prayer. The Secretary's report was approved as read and copies of the financial report were distributed for appraisal.

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A review of the meeting/was held after worship service on the past Sunday was given. Mrs. Dorothea Sager, the Realtor with whom negotiations have been underway concerning property, had approached the trustees with a contract she was willing to sign and was presenting for our approval. It was written for 2.87 acres of ground, off the corner from the original description and with no option for more property. She also indicated a desire to restrict the type of building we would eventually build, and the purchase price was indicated to be \$28,500 which was the original amount talked about. It came to light that Mr. Albert Mudd might be willing at this time to sell us a portion of property which he owns on East Walnut Street. Tom Montgomery moved that we table any action on the Sager property until we had the opportunity to pursue the possible Mudd transaction and until after the Wednesday Congregational meeting which was forthcoming. This was seconded and carried after which this special meeting was adjourned and Sunday School was held.

Harold Chandler, Trustee, reported that we now have insurance in force in the amount of \$1,000 to cover personal property which we are accumulating. He advised us of Mr. Albert Mudd's proposal to sell us property. This property is located on Walnut Street just east of the subdivision known as Walnut Park Estates. He will sell to us two acres on Walnut Street with two acres directly behind these, making a total of four acres for the price of \$8,500 per acre. Mr. Moffitt was again helpful in explaining about property matters. There is an easement of 25 feet along the west edge of the property which is held by R.E.A. Mr. Mudd will need, at his expense to have this property surveyed and the abstract brought down to date and a deed prepared. The Trustees recommend that the parcel of property described as the 4 acre tract on the southwest corner of the Mudd property north of Walnut Street, Chatham, Ill. be purchased for the price of \$8,500 per acre. The contract would, of course, be contingent upon survey, zoning, abstract, and deed being properly completed. Mr. Jr. Arnold moved that we authorize our trustees to meet with Mr. Mudd and secure this property from him as stated. There was a second and a show of hands indicated the approval of those present. The motion carried.

In order to clear the matter of the Sager property, a motion was entertained to reject the proposal Mrs. Sager had presented. There was a second and this carried. Mr. Jack Moffitt will contact her tomorrow and advise her that we are not interested in purchasing the parcel of property she has for sale to us.

Bob Meador reviewed the matter of securing a loan from the bank. There will be need for individuals to underwrite some of the loan. He will advise just what is required at a later time.

John Cioni reported that he was able to secure 9 chairs from the Horace Mann Company.

The members of the financial committee which were chosen to meet with the elders at South Side reported on this meeting. They again reaffirmed South Side's interest in the Chatham Congregation. The elders of South Side were pleased with such a report, but there are no plans for further such meetings.

The Christian Education Committee report indicated that a new adult class has been formed with Jack Moffitt as teacher. The V.B.S. is in progress - Eleanor Pfeiffer reported: New equipment is ordered consisting of a tape recorder, film strip projector, record player, screen and stand. A calling program is being instituted in an effort to maintain attendance during the summer months.

During the Bible School hour this coming Sunday June 11, Miss Debbie Condon from Illini Christian children's Home will be presenting their work. We will be unable to disperse into our several classes because of the necessity to hold services in the Masonic Hall basement instead of in the Community Building.

Mr. Wooters, speaking as Chairman of the Worship Committee, asked that all who had received talent survey sheets please fill them out completely and turn them in to him. Sheets are available to those who did not receive them.

Bob Haller gave an in depth report on Dr. Henderson's elders and deacons training sessions which were held May 13.

John Cioni moved that we meet for bible study on Wednesday nights during the last three weeks of July for the purpose of studying scripture concerning elders and deacons, after which we will take some action concerning the appointing of elders and deacons for our congregation. This motion was seconded and carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mrs. Patty Jones. Seconded and carried.

A prayer was offered by Dave Jones and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Kemp
Acting Secretary

The July meeting of the congregation of Chatham Christian Church was held July 5, 1972 with Howard Wooters presiding. Mr. James Sexton offered prayer to open the meeting. The secretary's minutes were approved and the financial secretary distributed financial statements for the inspection of those present.

The Educational Committee reported that several pieces of Audio-Visual equipment are now available and that Dave Jones is keeping these items at his home. Anyone wishing to use an item may get it from Mr. Jones. A Bell and Howell, 16 mm movie projector is being considered. The Christian Education committee asked permission to purchase this piece of equipment. Mr. Jack Moffit moved that the Christian Education Committee be allowed to purchase the projector. There was a second and approval was indicated by a show of hands.

Mr. Norman Smith compared the budget which had been used the past 6 months with the new suggested budget for the next six months. The finance committee recommends that the breakdown now be as follows:

Minister's Salary 10%; Rent 6%; Operating Expenses 12%; Missionary 10%; Christian Education 12%; Renovation 10%; Building 40%

Dennis Whitehead moved that we accept this budget as presented by the Finance Committee. A second was heard and this motion carried.

The Missions Committee report was given by Bob Kemp. He advised us that we will be having speakers from three children's homes during the next few weeks to help us determine just where to send our missions money. 60% of all missions monies will be going to some children's home. 20% will be going to New Church Evangelism. Perhaps Mr. Carl Morehouse of the Chicago area will also be speaking to us soon.

The trustees' report was given by Harold Chandler. He reported that the contract for the Mudd property has been signed. The survey of this property is now being completed. A Safety Deposit Box at the bank has now been acquired. All papers of importance are being kept there. Bob Meador is tending to the matter of filing a non-profit organization form with the State of Illinois for our church.

Mr. Wooters, Chairman of the worship committee reported. He reminded us of the forthcoming revival. He asked those who had not submitted a talent survey sheet to please do so. There was discussion about elders and deacons selection and the matter of again studying scripture concerning this important matter. It was felt by those present that we had had the best possible opportunity to study the scripture in depth under the instruction of Mr. Marion Henderson when he held his training session here last May. Mr. James Sexton moved that men, who had attended all three sessions that Mr. Henderson held, make up a committee to lay ground work for the selection of elders and deacons. The men to serve on this committee are Melvin Beard, Bob Haller, Dave Jones, Bob Kemp, Jack Moffitt, and Norman Smith. There was a second to this motion and it was approved. Concerning the matter of Mr. Cioni's motion approved in June calling for further study before taking action to select elders and deacons, there will be a short congregational meeting following services July 9.

Bob Haller's ministers report followed. On July 9 we are expecting the Sharver family to present a musical concert for the evening service. Lakeside and Bunn Park will be invited to share this evening with us. He asked for an opinion about publishing a church paper, perhaps twice a month. Bob Kemp moved that we begin this practice about the first of September. A second was made and this matter was approved.

Attendance figures for June averaged: Worship 128, Bible School 87, Evening Worship 34, Wednesday Bible Study 20. Mr. Haller encouraged the men to attend Men's Fellowship at Elm Street. The Dickey-John Building will be available in August. Discussion was held concerning the matter of rent for this building. This discussion was tabled pending information about the cost of the building to the Beards.

A motion to adjourn was made by Jim Sexton and seconded. Mr. Sexton then closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Kemp
Secretary

July 9, 1972

Mr. Howard Wooters called to order a special congregational meeting held following worship services July 9, 1972. Mr. John Cioni moved that the motion he had made concerning further bible study before taking action to select Elders and Deacons be overturned and that we proceed as per the ~~motion~~ action taken at the July 5 Congregational Meeting. There was a second and this matter was approved after which Bible School classes were conducted.

Respectfully submitted

Betty Kemp
Secretary

The August 2 meeting of the congregation of Chatham Christian Church was called to order by Bob Haller who presided in the absence of Howard Wooters. The meeting was opened by Mr. Haller with prayer.

The secretary's report was read and approved. The financial reports were distributed. The Trustees' report was given by Harold Chandler. The trustees recommend that we purchase 200 chairs at \$4.50 for use in the Dickey John Building which will be available very soon. There are still some technicalities to be taken care of concerning the property, but the loan is approved and soon we will own the 4 acres east of Chatham where we hope to build our church building.

Mrs. Eleanor Pfeiffer moved that we purchase 200 chairs at the price of \$4.50 each. This was seconded and the matter was approved.

Judy Beard gave the Education report. A teacher training program is being organized. Two dozen small chairs are needed for the smaller classes. The youth program will be conducted on Wednesday evenings this year and a few more helpers are needed. September 3 is promotion day. Research is being conducted to determine class placement at the Dickey John Building.

Mrs. Bobbie Cory moved that we purchase 2 dozen small folding chairs. This was seconded and carried.

The Worship Committee reported that the "Messengers", a singing group will be with us on the last night of the revival in October.

Jack Moffitt reported on the action of the Nominating Committee. He distributed qualification sheets for elders and sample ballots. He asked the congregation to approve this method of selecting men to be nominated to serve as elders in our congregation. After these men are nominated then the entire congregation will again vote to elect them to that office. John Cioni moved that we accept this procedure of nominating and electing elders. There was a second and the matter was approved.

Bob Haller's ministers report indicated that the Dickey John Building is now available. Bobby Cory moved that we plan to begin services there on August 31, if we have chairs. This was seconded and approved. A committee was formed to go over what needs to be done to make the building useable. This committee consists of Melvin Beard, Ed McCulley, Norm Smith and Bob Haller.

The matter of rent to Mr. Melvin Beard for this building was again discussed. Mr. John Cioni moved that the finance committee look into the matter and bring a recommendation to the congregation next month. This was seconded and approved. Mrs. Eleanor Pfeiffer moved that we adjourn. Dave Jones closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted

Betty Kemp

Secretary

Immediately following Bible School at the Chatham Community Building on August 6 the congregation was invited to go next door for the purpose of holding a short congregational meeting.

The committee organized to determine what needs to be done to the Dickey-john Building to make it useable as our place of worship made recommendations and estimates as follows:

Carpeting with Blue (176 yds)	\$ 309.00
Floors and Partitions	150.00
Stage	132.00
Ceiling - drop (1936 sq. ft.)	410.00
Panelled walls (51 sheets)	290.00
Misc. / Paint	100.00
Total	<u>\$ 1392.00</u>

Mr. Jack Moffit moved that we approve the committee's recommendations and that each of these items be completed in the order presented, as the money is available.

There was a second heard and the motion carried.

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Kemp

On September 6, 1972 the congregation of the Chatham Christian Church met. Howard Wooters presided. Norman Smith opened the meeting with prayer.

The Secretary's report was read and after a correction was made, the report was approved. Norman Smith distributed financial reports and commented on them.

The individual committees which are functioning for the coming revival reported. Jack Moffitt on publicity, Bobbie Cory on prayer, and H. Wooters on the calling committee.

The Worship Committee announced that there will be a Singpiration for our evening service whenever there happens to be a fifth Sunday in a month. The first one will occur October 29, 1972. They also recommended that we rent film to be shown on one Sunday evening a month. The motion was made by Norman Smith that the film entitled "The Life of Christ" be rented and that it be used as our evening service one night a month for several months until the entire film is seen. There was a second and this was carried.

Mr. Wooters read a report from Bob Kemp, Missions Chairman. He asked the congregation to select the recipient of our missions money. The names of Illini Children's Christian Home and Eastern Illinois Children's Christian Home were entered into nomination. A secret ballot was taken and it was decided by those present that we will give our support to the Illini Children's Christian Home at St. Joseph, Illinois. A check for the accumulated mission money will be made out by the Treasurer and the Missions Chairman will see that the Home receives it.

Harold Chandler, Chairman of the Trustees, reported that all the papers are signed concerning the property and now all that remains to be done is pay for it. We have insurance on the contents of our building. We would like to raise \$600 (over and above the regular offerings) by Thanksgiving so that a ceiling can be installed before cold weather. Jack Moffitt moved that such a fund be started and there was a second. This was approved.

N. Smith reported on Christian Education. The projection screen has arrived and a teacher training class will begin after the revival is over. There are cards to be used in the promotion of the Bible School classes.

Family night will begin September 20. There will be youth programs for the young people and bible study for the adults. Youth Choir will practice before the program and the adult choir will practice after.

N. Smith gave the financial report and then suggested that the budget be amended to allow money for rent to the Beards for the building. He suggested that the renovation fund be dropped to 8% from 10% and also that the education fund be dropped from 12% to 11%. Then the utilities and rent figure would be increased to 9%. The amount over and above what is needed each month for utilities would apply as rent to the Beards. He asked that this action be retroactive to August 1. Jack Moffitt moved that we accept this recommendation and there was a second. Motion carried.

Minister's report followed. Bob Haller mentioned that Patty Jones is hospitalized and asked us to remember her in our prayers. The church paper is being published; he asked that articles be submitted. He advised us that pews are being taken out of St. Paul's Cathedral in Springfield and these are available free of charge if we want them and will go get them. Mr. Jack Moffitt moved that we get the pews and use them in our sanctuary instead of the chairs. This was seconded and carried.

Mr. Haller advised us that the local ministers are aligning themselves together to cooperate in the Key '73 program which is promoted by World Council of Churches. He has been invited to join them in this effort. He is prohibited from doing so by his agreement with South Side Christian Church but asked if our congregation would want to select someone else to participate. This was tabled until after our elders are elected as a matter for them to direct.

The October meeting is cancelled unless called by the Chairman.

Harold Chandler moved that we adjourn and Melvin Beard closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Kemp
Secretary