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Meeting of the Male Members (twenty one years of age and over) of the Sharp Street Station M. E. Church in the Auditorium of the Church Notice or Call for the having made from the Pulpit by the Pastor the preceding Sabbath April 18 — 1897

Rev D. W. Hays Preacher in charge called the meeting to order and by motion John E. Smith was elected Secretary and Wm. O. Johnson assistant Secretary

The meeting was opened with singing and Prayer

Mr. John E Minnis moved that members desiring to speak be allowed five minutes only while any other member wanting to speak had had the floor Carried

By order of the Pastor John E. Smith the Sec read a lengthy statement giving the reasons why the Trustees thought it best to abandon the idea of purchasing the property on the N. W. Cor of Madison Ave and Biddle St also recommending property on the N. W. Cor of Dolphin and Eutaw Sts. 90 x 90 feet Price for the same ($17,375) eleven thousand three hundred and seventy five Dollars

Mr John E. Fortie moved that the recommendations of the Trustees be adopted Carried

Mr J. A. Williams moved that the Action of the Male Members authorizing the Trustees to purchase the property Cor Madison Ave and Biddle St be ~~rescinded~~ reconsidered Carried

Mr John E. Fortie moved that the Trustees of the Sharp St. Sta. M. E. Church be and are hereby authorized and directed to purchase the following described piece of property Church Lot N. W. Cor Dolphin and Eutaw Sts

36 x 90 ft Thirty Six by ninety feet. No 514 Dolphin St adjoining the above named on the West 36 x 90 ft Thirty Six by ninety ft. and No 516 Dolphin St, adjoining No 514 on the West 18 x 90 ft Eighteen by Ninety ft at Cost ($17,375) Eleven thousand three hundred and Seventy five Dollars Carried without a dissenting vote

Mr. J. A. Williams Addressed the meeting complimenting the Trustees for their good work and moved that the Male Members tender to the Trustees a vote of thanks which was carried by a unanimous vote.

Resolution to Mortgage

By Motion of Bro. Thos. E. Evans the following Resolution was unanimously adopted

Resolved by the Male Members of Sharp St Station M. E. Church in Regular Meeting assembled according to the Forms and requirements of the Charter that the Trustees are hereby authorized and empowered to Mortgage our present Church property on Sharp St and such other property held by them as is necessary to raise sufficient Means to purchase a Church site elsewhere and commence the erection thereon of a Church down at Balto. This the 21 Day of April 1897

By motion the meeting adjourned Closed with Doxology and Benediction

D. W. Hays. President

John E. Smith Secretary