

[note: Quarterly Conference Reports of the Berlin Methodist Episcopal Church]

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**Berlin April 2<sup>nd</sup> 1887**

Agreeable to adjournment, the trustees met at the house of A. D. Parmenter and the meeting was called to order by Leonard W. Brewer, chairman of the board of trustees

Then voted that the board of trustees adopt the plan or specifications as written from the original specifications

Voted on motion of F. G. Leet that the board of trustees proceed to prepare the foundation for the building

Voted on motion of A.D. Parmenter that the basement be finished given the clear unless otherwise ordered by the board of trustees

Voted on motion of A.D. Parmenter that a soliciting committee of three be appointed to solicit contributions for building the church

Rev. Paul Despardins [note: minister 1886-1888]

A.D. Parmenter

L. W. Brewer

Were chosen to act as committee

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Voted on motion of F. G. Leet that the board of trustees give out the plan or specifications to different parties to estimate on

Voted on motion of A. D. Parmenter that a note of thanks be tendered to Freeman G. Leet for the gift of a furnace to be placed in the new M.E. Church when built

Voted to adjourn this meeting subject to the call of the chairman of the board of trustees

L.W. Brewer, Chairman Board of Trustees, F. Babcock, Clerk

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**Berlin May 15<sup>th</sup> 1887**

Agreeable to notice the trustees and building committee met at the time and place appointed- Voted on motion of G.D. Mills that we hear the report of the parties that have estimated on the building and furnishing the material for the M.E. Church edifice

Estimates were received from the following parties as follows

Carter V. Perham        \$2,205.00

Freeman G. Leet        \$2,130.00

Voted that the contract for building the church edifice and furnishing the material for the same be awarded to Freeman G. Leet of Northboro Mass

Voted that the church edifice be located twenty five feet back from the front of the old front wall

Voted to adjourn for two weeks to meet at the house of Thos. C. Berry

L.W. Brewer, Chairman, F. Babcock, Secretary

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### **Berlin July 15<sup>th</sup> 1887**

Agreeable to notice the trustees and others met at the time and place appointed and procedure in the following manner with the business before the meeting

Voted that the payments for the building and furnishing the material for the church edifice be made as follows

500.00 August 1<sup>st</sup>

500.00 September 1<sup>st</sup>

500.00 October 1<sup>st</sup>

630.00 the balance when the church edifice is completed

Voted that the chairman of the board of trustees be authorized to borrow money with other members of the board to meet the payments on the church edifice

Voted that the pews be arranged in the auditorium according to the plans as furnished by the architect- with three aisles

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Voted to choose a committee of three to correspond with different parties and receive proposals for building the pews. Choose Rev Paul Despardins, D. D. Mills, F. Babcock to act as committee

Voted that the Main building be carried out full size and the recess dispensed with as shown in the plan.

[note: Barry says recess exists in the Cumberland, RI church]

Voted that the church edifice be clapboarded between the Windows instead of Sheathed - on the sides and ends

Voted that the secretary make out both contracts for the carpenter and Mason Work and present them to be Signed

Voted that the building committee arrange for the painting of the first coat of paint on the church

Then voted to adjourn

L. W. Brewer, Chairman

F. Babcock, Secretary

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### **Berlin August 31 1887**

Agreeable to notice the trustees and building committee met at the time and place appointed and proceeded as follows with the business before the meeting

Voted that the building committee make the best arrangements they can for a stairway leading from the auditorium to the vestry

Voted to procure a weather vane to place on the spire of the church edifice [note: Broken off in hurricane of Sept 21, 1938, BW Eager]

Voted that F. G. Leet purchase a vane such as may be selected by the trustees or building committee

Voted also to choose a committee of three to ascertain in regard to the insurance to be placed on the church when completed. Chose Rev. Paul Desjardins, A.D. Parmenter, F. Babcock, to act as committee

Then voted to adjourn

L. W. Brewer, Chairman

F. Babcock, Sec

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### **Berlin November 9 1887**

Agreeable to notice the trustees and others met at the time and place appointed and proceeded as follows.

Voted that the society purchase the spruce lumber of F. G. Leet that he has left of the Church edifice.

Voted that the Society buy the mortar that is in the basement for the purpose of jointing the walls in the basement and that Mr. Leet be authorized to buy the same.

Voted that the building committee be authorized to procure the lumber for the flooring in the basement.

Voted that A. D. Parmenter be the committee to superintend the grading on the ground around the Church edifice

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Voted that A. D. Parmenter be authorized to procure the stock of oil for the inside finish of the Church and do the work on the same and that the wood work inside have a hard oil finish.

A.D. Parmenter Chairman Protem

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Financial Statement of the cost of the Church and Spc  
Expenditures

Cost of Lot	\$300.00
Contract, above the sills and exclusive of painting	2130.00
Paid contractor for extra work	161.00
Cost of basement	379.78
Cost of painting	\$105.40
Cost of seating	241.36
Pulpit furniture and altar rail	49.54
Cost of lighting	67.23
Miscellaneous [sic] items	66.26
Cost of carpet	<u>103.63</u>
Total	\$3606.20

[note: total above should be 3604.20]

Amount Provided For

Subscriptions	\$1013.13
Church Aid	719.06
Estimate of Church aid to be collected	<u>260.00</u>
Total	\$2082.19

[note: total above should be 1982.19]

Balance unprovided for	\$1524.01
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[note: balance above should be 1622.01]

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**Berlin October 13<sup>th</sup> 1888**

Agreeable to notice the Board of trustees met at the Class Room of the M.E. Church at the time appointed and proceeded as following with the business before the meeting.

Voted to open the Church for the Women's Christian Temperance Union to hold their quarterly conference Nov next.

Voted on motion that money sufficient to pay the indebtedness resting on the Church be raised also to raise money sufficient to paint the Church edifice also to finish the vestery. [note: basement]

Then voted to adjourn the meeting subject to the call of the sec.

L.W. Brewer, Chairman

F. Babcock. Sec.

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Article 2<sup>nd</sup> Chose Francis Babcock, Secretary, board of Trustees

Art. 3<sup>rd</sup> Chose A.D. Parmenter Treasurer

Art. 4<sup>th</sup> Voted to day on the table

Voted that the Secretary of the board prepare a financial Statement of the Needs of the church previous to the meeting to be held in Boton [sic] May 6<sup>th</sup> 1889

Voted that a committee of three be chosen to ascertain in regard to painting the church and report at a future meeting- Chose L.W. Brewer, Arad Taylor, F. Babcock to act as committee

Voted that H.M. Johns paint be used in painting the church

Voted to procure curtains for the Church Windows and that the ladies Sewing Circle be instructed to ascertain in regard to the same

Then voted to adjourn this meeting for two weeks at 7-30 Oclk P.M

L.W. Brewer, Chairman board of Trustees

F. Babcock, Secretary

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**Tuesday Evening Mar. 4 1924**

Trustees meeting was held in the class room of the M.E. Church H.S. Wheeler presiding.

Officers chosen were as follows

Herbert. S. Wheeler, Chairman

Isaac F. Parmenter, Secretary & Treas.

Arthur B. Wheeler, Clifford Wheeler, Sean Brewer, J.W. Barter, F.A.Krackhart, Britton Jackson,  
Trustees

Voted to have a steel ceiling and to paint the same, also to paint the side walls and all wood  
work and re-finish the seats

Mr. Krackhart made motion to appoint committee of two to oversee the work. J.W. Barter & I.F.  
Parmenter were chosen on that committee

Motion was made to give. P.R. Coldwell the "job" of putting on ceiling in including level ceiling in  
class-room and both ends in the main room. This motion was carried. Price for this ceiling  
complete \$247.00

Mr. Krackhart was chosen committee of one to draw up papers for soliciting subscriptions.

I.F. Parmenter, Sec.