

Vestry Minutes of Christ Church  
1914

January 26<sup>th</sup> 1914

The regular monthly meeting of the vestry was held in the rector's study. Present, the Rector, Messrs. Martin, Gale, Kirkman, Gray, Brandau, Wright, McClelland, Robinson, Mitchell, and Dr. Wilson.

Mr. Mitchell reported for the Pew Committee that three sittings had been rented to Mr. Peyton and two to Mr. Tankard.

Mr. Brandau reported for the Music Committee that the choir was now in splendid shape. An oratorio was in preparation for Easter. The church had received the gift of a harp from the estate of Miss Ella Bonner.

Special Business, Mr. Gale reported that Mrs. Christopher had informed him that the ladies wished to install a telephone in the rector's office and have an extension to Mr. McCloud's apartments. Mr. Gale moved that the telephone be put in. Seconded and carried.

The Treasurer's report as follows was read by Mr. Gale:

Receipts and Disbursements from Nov. 18/13 to Jan 26/14

Receipts

Bal on hand last report	73
Recd. from Pew Rents	1198.33
Recd. from Episcopate	192.00
Recd. for Cong. [illeg.]	719.22

Recd. for Genl. Work	28.26
Recd. for Clergy	89.30
Recd. for Choir	31.33
Recd. for Bills Pay	800.00
Recd. for Chancl. Society	<u>33.02</u>
	3322.19

Disbursements

Expenses	109.23
Salaries	1050.25
Lights	69.25
Coal-Tankard and W.	96.16
Insurance	174.75
Chancl. Society	33.02
Printing- B.C. Co.	40.00
Geo. M. Darrow, Jr.	225.00
Bills Pay	800.00
H.B. Cleveland, Jr. (Missions)	290.19
Choir	226.66
Mrs. Leslie Warner	2.00
Bal. on Hand	<u>205.68</u>
	3322.19

Parish House Committee Dr. Wilson reported that the work was progressing satisfactorily. There would be a considerable amount to pay upon completion, 15% being then due. Additional subscriptions would be required. It was suggested that members of the vestry pledge themselves to raise certain amounts and that the Easter collection be applied to the Parish House debt. Mr. Martin suggested that names of subscribers be published in the Church Calendar. Mr. Kirkman said that he would notify delinquent subscribers by mail that the list would be published Feb'y 15<sup>th</sup> and to send balance due at once. Mr. Martin moved that the Rector appoint a committee of members of the congregation to procure a list of those who had not contributed and to devise means to secure additional subscriptions. Seconded and carried.

Discussion held regarding publication of names of communicants and showing amounts contributed by each. Dr. Wilson moved that a special committee be appointed to whom reports be submitted, this committee to take them into consideration and write letters to parishioners who are not contributing asking them to contribute and to those whose amounts are not considered large enough requesting them to give more. Mr. Martin offered an amendment that the committee be empowered to employ what clerical help would be required at the expense of the church. Seconded and carried. The following committee was appointed, the Rector, Messrs. Martin, McClelland, and Dr. Wilson. The meeting upon motion adjourned.

Chas. S. Mitchell, Secretary

February 23<sup>rd</sup> 1914

The regular monthly meeting of the vestry was held in the rectory. Present, the Rector, Messrs. Gale, McClelland, Brandau, Robinson, Kirkman, Martin, Mitchell, and Dr. Wilson.

The following reports of committee were made: Pew Committee, Mr. Mitchell reported that Mrs. W.B. Reese had secured one sitting. It was moved by Mr. Kirkman that the chairman of the Pew Committee have a chart of the pews made to be kept in the rear of the church. Seconded and carried.

Music Committee, Mr. Brandau reported that the choir was in a flourishing constitution.

Church property, Mr. Kirkman stated that some minor repairs were required but he thought it best to defer these until completion of the parish house.

Parish House, Dr. Wilson reported that the work was almost finished. Painting was done. Note in bank renewed for three months.

Treasurer's report by Mr. Gale as follows:

Receipts

On hand at last report	205.68
Recd. from Pew Rent	228.08
Recd. from Episcopate	66.00
Recd. from Congregational	231.97
Recd. from Genl. Work	75.38
Recd. from Bills Payable	<u>1100.00</u>

	1907.11
<u>Disbursements</u>	
Expense	33.60
Salaries	535.43
Lights	46.45
Bills Payable	1100.00
Choir	113.33
Congregational	20.00
Printing	40.00
Bal. on hand	<u>18.30</u>
	1907.11

Moved by Mr. Martin that the treasurer's report be accepted. Seconded and carried. Discussion was held as to whether the Easter offering should be applied to the regular indebtedness or to the parish house fund. Mr. Martin thought that it should be applied to both funds. The Rector thought a statement should be prepared.

Parish House Subscriptions - Mr. Kirkman reported that the amount subscribed was \$14,056.50 and that there had been paid in \$10,993. 50, leaving a balance of \$3,063.00.

Special Finance Committee, Mr. Martin stated that a roster of all communicants showing amounts contributed by each to Pew Rent, Diocesan Assessment, Parish Expense, and General Work had been prepared. Three letters applying to different cases were read and it was suggested that these be sent. A discussion

was held. It was moved by Mr. Wright and seconded by Mr. Robinson that these be sent after Easter. Motion carried.

The Rector appointed Messrs. Kirkman and Gale a committee to see delinquent subscribers to the parish house.

Mr. Martin suggested that a young woman be employed at a salary of \$40.00 or \$50.00 a month to act as secretary to the Rector, keep the books, and collect. It was agreed that the Rector, Messrs. Martin, Gale, and Wright be considered a committee to select a suitable person.

Upon motion adjourned.

Chas. S. Mitchell, Secretary

March 16<sup>th</sup> 1914

The regular monthly meeting of the vestry was held in the rector's study. The following were present: The Rector, Messrs. Norvell, Gray, Gale, McClelland, Martin, Kirkman, Robinson, and Mitchell.

The following reports were heard:

Church Property - Mr. Kirkman reported that the ceiling in the robing room had been plastered.

Systematic Offering - Mr. Martin reported that the people were paying well and that there had been several additions.

Treasurer's Report as follows was made by Mr. Gale:

Receipts

Balance	18.30
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Pew Rent	119.79
Episcopate	22.00
Congregational	269.05
Genl. Work	94.29
Bills Payable	<u>1800.00</u>
	1624.43
<u>Disbursements</u>	
Expense	23.90
Salaries	484.03
Lights	34.44
Printing	5.75
Choir	113.33
Bills Pay	800.00
Bal. on Hand	<u>162.98</u>
	1624.43

Discussion was held regarding the deficit and the Easter Offering. It was agreed that a statement be prepared and sent with a letter to each communicant stating amount of current expenses and also advising of the debt on the parish house. The Rector appointed the following committee to draft the letter: Messrs. Martin, Kirkman, and Wright.

Mr. Kirkman reported that about \$300.00 had been collected on the parish house fund.

Discussion was held regarding the appointing of a secretary to the Rector.

The Rector asked that a fund in the keeping of Prof. Clark, originally subscribed to St. John's Mission, be investigated. Prof. Clark had frequently spoken of this fund and it was understood that this should revert to Christ Church Parish. Messrs. Robinson and Mitchell were appointed to confer with the Nashville Trust Co., the executor of Prof. Clark's estate.

The Rector requested that as Bishop Gray would soon move to this city a pew be tendered him in Christ Church. It was moved by Mr. Robinson that this be done. Seconded and unanimously carried. The secretary was instructed to advise Bishop Gray.

Mr. Wright spoke of the necessity of installing a light on the pathway on the west side of church leading to the Parish House. A motion was made to this effect, seconded and carried.

The suggestion was made that the men of the parish have a gathering on Monday evening, March 30<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Jno. H. Peyton, Prest. of the N.C. and St. L. Ry. as honor guest.

There being no further business, upon motion, adjourned.

Chas. S. Mitchell, Secretary

April 20<sup>th</sup> 1914

Called meeting of the vestry after the annual meeting in the Parish House to elect delegates to the Diocesan Convention. Present: the Rector, Messrs. Kirkman, Gray, Brandau, McClelland, Wright, Gale, Martin, and Mitchell. The election resulted as follows: Messrs. Gale, Peyton, and Kirkman; Alternates: Messrs. McClelland, Brandau, and Mitchell.



Chas S. Mitchell, Secretary

May 18<sup>th</sup> 1914

The regular monthly meeting of the vestry was held in the Rector's study, the following being present: the Rector, Messrs. Robinson, Kirkman, Gale, Brandau, McClelland, Wright, Gray, Martin, Mitchell, and Dr. Wilson.

The following reports were heard:

St. John's Fund, Mr. Robinson reported that he had conferred with a representative of the Nashville Trust Co. There was a record in one of Prof. Clark's bank books of an amount equal to the amount in question but nothing stating for what purpose this was intended. It was Mr. Robinson's opinion that the church would get the money. The committee was instructed to further investigate the matter.

This completed the business of the vestry and it stood adjourned.

Mr. Gray as secretary of the parish meeting reported that the gentlemen present have been elected to the vestry with the addition of Mr. J.H. Peyton and Mr. W.E. Norvell as honorary members.

The election of officers was then held resulting as follows:

Mr. A.H. Robinson, Senior Warden, Mr. Norman Kirkman, Junior Warden, Mr. Chas. S. Mitchell, Secretary

The Rector announced the appointment of the following committees:

Pews: Mr. Mitchell, Chair; Messrs. Gale and McClelland

Music: Mr. Brandau, Ch.; Messrs. Wright and Mitchell

Church Property: Mr. Kirkman, Chair; Messrs. Norvell and McClelland

Systematic Offerings: Mr. Martin, Chair; Messrs. Wright and Gray

Finance: Dr. Wilson, Chair; Messrs. Robinson, Peyton, Martin, and Gray

Committee on Sunday Offerings:

Jan., Feb., and March - Mr. Douglass Wright

Apr., May, and June - Mr. Jos. A. Gray and Dr. Wilson

July, Aug., and Sept. - Mr. A.G. Brandau and Mr. Chas. S. Mitchell

Oct., Nov., and Dec. - Mr. Chas. S. Martin

The Ushers - Morning, Nave: Mr. N. Kirkman, Mr. Jos. A. Gray

North Transept: Mr. A.G. Brandau and Mr. W.A. Webster

South Transept: Mr. C.S. Martin and Mr. J.A. Tankard

Night

Members of the Christ Church Men's Club

Reports of Committees:

Church Property: Mr. Kirkman reported that prayer stools in the choir would have to be renewed. Stained glass windows had been cleaned and men will put in.

Subscriptions: Parish House - Mr. Kirkman reported that all but \$900.00 had been collected of pledges.

Parish House Building: Dr. Wilson reported that the Parish House had cost including interest on borrowed money \$25,266.79, subscriptions paid in amounted to \$17,409.00, borrowed money \$12,000.00.

Mr. Martin moved that the report of the building committee be accepted and spread upon the minutes, that the committee be relieved and that the vestry extend its thanks and especially to the chairman and show its appreciation by a rising vote. Seconded and carried.

Treasurer's report as follows was made by Mr. Gale:

Receipts

Bal. on hand	153.63
Pew Rents	175.64
Episcopate	98.00
Parish Expense	544.72
Genl. Work	100.34
Bills Payable	1000.00
Bishop Gailor	<u>44.69</u>
	2422.02

Disbursements

Expenses	174.40
Salaries	549.36
Lights	52.30
Bills Pay	1100.00

Choir	113.33
Printing	3.00
G.M. Darrow, Jr.	225.00
Coal	25.02
Epis. End	25.00
Bal. on hand	<u>154.61</u>
	2422.02

Mr. Gale requested that the treasurer's books be audited; referred to the Finance Committee. Mr. Gale insisted that this be done at once. Mr. McClelland moved that Mr. Johnson, an expert accountant, be employed to do the work. Seconded and carried.

Systematic Offerings: Mr. Martin reported that envelopes had to be sent to the adults and young recently confirmed. He recommended that letters be sent to those not non-contributing. The advisability of publishing the names of the contributors and the amounts was discussed. Referred to Finance Committee.

The Rector reported that a marble altar had been given by Mrs. C.L. Lewis, Jr. for the new chapel. The disposition of the old altar, a memorial to Miss Cheatham and given by Miss Allison, was discussed. The rector recommended that the matter be left until the next vestry meeting.

Mr. McClelland reported that the benches in the Sunday school room could be sold to the Gregory Co. for an amount sufficient to purchase new chairs. Mr. McClelland moved that a Sunday school committee be appointed. Seconded and carried. The committee would be appointed by the rector. Mr. Martin moved

that the question of chairs be left to this committee. Carried. There being no further business, meeting adjourned.

Chas. S Mitchell, Secretary

July 13<sup>th</sup> 1914

There was a called meeting of the vestry held at the American National Bank. The following were present: Messrs. Robinson, Kirkman, Norvell, Brandau, Martin, Gale, McClelland, Gray, and Mitchell. Mr. Robinson presided. The meeting was called to take action upon the death of Justice Horace H. Lurton, for many years a valued member of the vestry and at the time of his death an honorary member.

It was moved by Mr. Martin and seconded by Mr. Gale that the secretary be instituted to prepare suitable resolutions getting what help he deemed necessary and that a copy be forwarded to the family and the press. Motion carried. It was afterwards decided that the secretary communicate with Dr. Mikell at Sewanee and request him to write the resolutions.

Mr, Brandau reported that the chapel organ now stored in the church tower was suffering for attention and that a representative of the Kimball Organ Co. now in the city had offered to install it for about four hundred dollars.

Mr. Martin moved that the party be investigated and if found reliable, the music committee be empowered to have the work done on the best terms possible. Seconded and carried. Mr. McClelland moved that the workman be put under a guarantee. Seconded and carried.

Chas. S. Mitchell, Secretary

September 21<sup>st</sup> 1914

The regular monthly meeting of the vestry was held in the rector's study. The following were present: The Rector, Messrs. Robinson, Gray, McClelland, Brandau, Gale, Peyton, Mitchell, and Dr. Wilson.

Mr. Brandau reported on behalf of the Music Committee that Mr. Trigg had sent his resignation to take effect Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Ed. Fall was being considered for the place. The Kimball Co. had offered to re-erect the parish house organ and install an electric motor for about \$350.00. Mr. McClelland said that the Sunday school would undertake to raise the required amount. Mr. Gale moved that the organ work be postponed until the extent of the church's finances be ascertained. In lieu of this Mr. Gale later moved that no action be taken until the October meeting of the vestry. Seconded and carried. It was later suggested by Mr. McClelland that the organ be sold and the proceeds used for the purchase of a piano for the use of the Sunday school.

Dr. Wilson reported for the Finance Committee that the notes on the parish house would fall due in October.

The Treasurer's report as follows, was read by Mr. Gale:

Receipts and Disbursements from May 20<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> 1914:

Receipts

Bal. last report	154.61
Pew Rent	1152.06
Episcopate	96.00
Congregational	785.75

Genl. Work	220.06
Bills Payable	1200.00
Epis. [illeg.]	<u>14.62</u>
	3623.10

Disbursements

Sunday Expenses	203.87
Salaries	1802.24
Lights	37.35
Bills Pay.	1000.00
Choir	422.07
Mr. Darrow	150.00
Bal. on hand	<u>7.57</u>
	3623.10

Amounts Due and Unpaid

Rev. H.J. Mikell	183.33
J.F. McCloud	50.00
Chas. S. Martin	6.00
Douglas, Baxter, Morford Co.	186.04
Brandau, Craig, Dickerson Co.	182.50
[illeg.]	1200.00
[illeg.] Ford	1807.87
Genl. Work	320.40

Bp. Gailor

44.69

2172.96

The treasurer's books had been recently audited and the auditor's report was read. A letter was read from Mr. Martin A. Rooney, Chief Smoke Inspector of the city, regarding the installation of a down draft boiler or the use of coke or hard coal so as to comply with the city smoke ordinance. Dr. Wilson moved that the letter be answered and the inspector advised that the church would use coke. Seconded and carried. A letter from the E. and N. Mfg. Co. was read regarding a balance of \$186.04 due on an invoice of June 30<sup>th</sup>. It was moved and carried that this letter be referred to Mr. Kirkman.

A discussion was held regarding the rental of pews, a smaller number being rented than at this time last year.

There being no further business, upon motion the meeting adjourned.

Charles S. Mitchell, Secretary

October 18<sup>th</sup> 1914

A called meeting of the vestry was held in the rector's study after the morning service. The following were present: The Rector, Messrs. Gale, Norvell, Peyton, Robinson, Kirkman, Brandau, Gray, and Mitchell.

The Rector announced the [illeg.] for the coming of the Revd. R.W. Patton, Missionary Secretary of this province, who on the following Sunday would begin a series of services and meetings in this parish in the interest of Missions and Church support. A letter was read from the Revd. Mr. Whittaker of



Knoxville telling of the great good that had been accomplished by Mr. Patton in his parish.

It was answered that volunteers and autos would be used for the [illeg.] member canvass. The support of the vestry was assured the rector.

C.S. Mitchell, Secretary

October 26<sup>th</sup> 1914

The regular monthly meeting of the vestry was held in the rector's study after the missionary meeting conducted by the Revd. R.W. Patton in the parish house. The following were present: The Rector, Messrs. Robinson, Martin, Kirkman, Gale, Peyton, Wright, Brandau, McClelland, Gray, Mitchell, and Dr. Wilson.

Mr. Mitchell reported for the Pew Committee that three sittings had been rented to Mr. A.G. Campbell.

Mr. McClelland reported that the Sunday School had bought a piano. Discussion was held regarding the installation of the organ formerly in use in the chapel. Mr. Gray suggested that an electric motor be installed to operate both organs. Mr. Kirkman moved that the organ matter be deferred until after the canvass of the members of the parish on next Sunday. Seconded and carried.

The Rector requested that the treasurer be instructed to pay Mr. Gordon of the Y.M.C.A. \$27.50 to cover the church's part of the expenses incurred in the recent religious census.

The Treasurer's report as follow was read by Mr. Gale:

Receipts and Disbursements from Sept 21<sup>st</sup> the Oct 25<sup>th</sup> 1914:

Receipts

Balance	7.57
Pew Rent	742.89
Episcopate	6.00
Congregational	475.83
Genl. Work	<u>127.72</u>
	1360.01

Disbursements

Sunday Exp.	25.97
Salaries	793.66
Lights	9.68
Choir	98.33
Repairs R.B.M. Co.	86.04
Printing	82.50
Bal.	<u>263.83</u>
	1360.01

Amts due and unpaid

Bills Pay	1200.00
Ragland B.M. Co.	100.00
Printing	100.00
A.H. Allen	31.25

Bp. Gailor	44.69
Light Bill	<u>14.75</u>
	1490.69

The Rector requested that the church pay for the supper to be served at the Men's Meeting next Thursday. Meeting adjourned.

Chas. S. Mitchell, Secretary

November 23<sup>rd</sup> 1914

The regular monthly meeting of the vestry was held in the rector's study. The following were present: The Rector, Messrs. Kirkman, Gray, Gale, McClelland, Peyton, Wright, Brandau, and Mitchell.

Mr. Brandau reported on behalf of the Music Committee that Mr. Trigg had resigned.

The Treasurer's report as follows was read by Mr. Gale:

Receipts

Cash Balance	267.87
Pew Rent	351.87
Episcopate	12.00
Cong.	330.18
Genl. Work	132.24
R.W. Patton	24.91
Bills Payable	<u>1200.00</u>
	2315.03

Disbursements

Expenses	129.15
Salaries	527.75
Lights	15.86
Choir	109.58
Bills Payable	1200.00
R.W. Patton	24.91
Geo. M. Darrow	125.00
Cash on Hand	<u>182.78</u>
	2315.03

Discussion was held regarding the employment of a stenographer; would be of particular use in following up new people secured by the recent canvas. No definite action was taken.

Discussion regarding the selection of a special treasurer to handle the missionary fund; it was agreed that action be postponed until the next meeting.

The secretary read a notice from J.W. Dashiell, Secretary of the Board of Commissioners regarding special assessments against abutting property on account of improving Ninth Avenue from Church St.

Discussion regarding installation of the old chapel organ; it was suggested that the Music Committee make a report at the next meeting regarding disposition of the organ.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Chas. S. Mitchell, Secretary

December 21<sup>st</sup> 1914

The minutes of this meeting were taken by Mr. Norman Kirkman but were misplaced and Mr. Kirkman has been unable to find them.

The following resolution was passed: That no decorating of the church be permitted unless some member of the Chancel Society be presently to superintend the same and that no decorations be allowed that would in any way injure the church property.

March 25<sup>th</sup>, A.D. 1914

To the Rector and Vestrymen

of Christ Church

Nashville, Tenn

Dear Doctor Mikell and gentlemen of the Vestry,

Your action regarding a pew in Christ Church, for myself and family, quite touched my heart. Please accept my sincere and hearty thank you for your kind thoughts of me and mine.

I may not see you again as soon as I had expected as a telegram reached me here from Pres. of the Stand Com. Princeton, N.J. requesting me to take up and go on with the visitations for some months of Bishop Scarborough who died in midst of his visitations, I have agreed to do so. I will most likely go to N.J. next week. Again thanking you for your kindness and praying God's blessing on all your faithful labors for Christ and the Church.

I am yours gratefully,

Wm. Crane Gray