

Vestry Minutes of Christ Church
1915

It was moved and seconded that the vestry increase Rector's salary to 3500 per annum beginning Oct 1st 1916. That carried.

Moved that in the event for any cause the present 1578 [illeg.] assume the lease for the [illeg.] term

Carried

January 25th 1915

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

Discussion was held regarding the employment of a parish secretary. It was announced that Mrs. Jos. Gibson had applied for the position. Mr. Robinson moved that Messrs. Gray, McClelland, and Gale be appointed a committee to investigate the question of securing a parish secretary, the character of work to be done, salary, etc., and report to the vestry at a called meeting within a few days. Seconded and carried.

Mr. Brandau reported for the music committee that Mr. Jos. Brandau, Jr. has been engaged as tenor to free the place made vacant by Mr. Trigg's resignation.

Finance Committee, Dr. Wilson reported that the bazaar fund amounted to about \$1800.00.

In the absence of Mr. Gale the treasurer's report as follows was read by the secretary:

Receipts and Disbursements from Nov 23rd 1914 to Jan 23rd
1915

Receipts

Bal. on hand last report	182.78
Pew rents	853.94
Episcopate	164.00
Congregational	632.42
Genl. Work	198.19
Aged and Inf. Clergy	78.74
Choir	10.66
West Nashville C	101.14
Bp. Gailor	<u>15.84</u>
	2237.71

Disbursements

Salaries	94.88
Lights	62.39
Choir	344.89
Repairs	25.00
Printing	59.50
Missions	208.00
Geo. M. Darrow	175.00
West N.C.	101.14
Expense	57.17

Cash on Hand	<u>209.74</u>
	2237.71

Amounts Due and Unpaid

Bills Payable	1200.00
Ragland, Baxter, Morford Co.	75.00
Brandau, Craig, Dickerson Co.	50.00
Bishop Gailor	60.53
Aged and Infirm Clergy	78.74
Sunday Small Bills (about)	30.00
Electric Lights	28.95
Genl. Work	<u>545.64</u>
	2068.86

Mr. Douglas Wright, Special Missionary Secretary, reported collections amounting to \$168.70.

Mr. McClelland reported that the Sunday School had been called upon to pay \$15.00 for chairs for the Women's Bible class. As the Sunday School desires no revenues from either the men's or women's classes, he did not deem it just for the Sunday School to have to pay this. Dr. Wilson moved that this bill be paid by the church. Seconded and carried. The Sunday School wished to buy some of the old prayer books and hymnals (about one hundred of each) in use in this church. Dr. Robinson moved that Dr. Mikell be instructed to purchase one hundred each of prayer books and hymnals. Seconded and carried. Mr.

McClelland suggested that the Sunday School pay for one half of the books ordered and take what was needed of the old books.

There being no further business the meeting upon motion adjourned.

Charles S. Mitchell, Secretary

February 15th 1915

The regular monthly meeting of the vestry was held this date at eight p.m. in the office of the Rector, the following being present: The Rector, Messrs. Robinson, Gale, Wright, McClelland, Wilson, Peyton, Martin, and Gray.

On behalf of the Committee on Systematic Offerings Mr. Martin made a report which showed quite an increase in the number of persons who were using the envelopes.

Dr. Wilson reported as to the finances in connection with the Parish House, stating that there was a balance of about \$7800.00 still due and unpaid. After quite a discussion on this matter it was moved, seconded and carried that Dr. Wilson and Dr. Mikell be appointed a Committee to draft plan for presentation to the congregation providing for the Easter Offering for the indebtedness on the Parish House.

The Treasurer, Mr. Gale presented a financial report which will be found attached to the minutes.

Mr. Peyton, Chairman of the Sunday School Committee, reported that he, in company with members of his Committee, visited the Sunday School and found everything in splendid shape, the Committee being very much pleased with the organization and workings of the school. He spoke especially of how interesting

the Infant Department was and suggested that he was sure individual members of the Vestry should they visit this and other departments of the School, would not only be very much interested, but that it would be quite encouraging to the Sunday Schools and its workers to see the Vestry take an interest in their work.

Mr. Wright reported on behalf of the Mission Fund that he had collected \$279.05, \$100 having been paid for Mr. King, leaving \$179.05 on hand to be disbursed.

Dr. Mikell called for the report of the Special Committee appointed at the last Vestry Meeting to consider the employment of a Secretary for the Parish. This Committee made their report which was quite fully and freely discussed, after which the following was offered as a substitute for the recommendations of this committee; to wit:

Resolved:

That the office of Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the Parish be created with a salary of \$40.00 per month.

The said Secretary and Assistant Treasurer shall have charge of the collecting of all accounts due the Parish, under the direction of the Treasurer and Chairman of the Systematic Offering Committee, and to render such other assistance to the Treasurer as he may direct. Also to do such work for the Rector and Assistant Rector, in connection with the Parish, as they may desire to have done.

The Secretary and Assistant Treasurer shall make monthly financial statements to the treasurer for submission to the Vestry.

Upon being presented to the Vestry this resolution was upon motion, duly seconded, adopted.

It was moved and seconded and carried that the Office of Secretary and Assistant Treasurer be offered to Mrs. Joe Gibson, and the Secretary requested to so advise Mrs. Gibson.

Moved, seconded, and carried that the salary with this office begin as soon as it is filled.

It was upon motion, duly seconded and carried, agreed that beginning with the Church Year, Mrs. E.A. Fusch should receive \$10.00 per month, the same to come through the Choir fund.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Joseph A. Gray, Acting Secretary

March 22nd 1915

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

Under the head of special business a discussion was held regarding the application of the Easter offering to the debt on the parish house. The total debt amounts to \$7,865.00 with some interest to be added. To offset this \$900.00 in unpaid subscriptions and \$850.00 in bank Dr. Wilson read a letter which he recommended sending to each communicant of the parish and also suggested that Mr. Martin address the congregation after some service and that a canvass be made. Mr. Martin did not approve of the canvass as he did not think the time adequate. It was moved that a letter such as Dr. Wilson

recommended be sent to each member of the congregation signed by the Finance Committee enclosing a card and envelope for reply. Seconded and carried. It was agreed that [illeg.] be made by the following gentlemen after the service on next Sunday: Messrs. Robinson, Martin, and Peyton.

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

Receipts and disbursements from Feb 15 to Mch 22nd

Receipts

On hand at last report	34.06
Pew Rents	326.25
Episcopate	58.00
Congregation	361.48
B/Pay	110.00
Chancl. Socty	<u>1.75</u>
	892.04

Disbursements

Expenses	48.19
Salaries	483.33
Lights	28.09
Choir	114.43
B/Pay	60.00
Repairs	39.13
[illeg.]	<u>118.87</u>

892.04

Estimated deficit about \$1,700.00. It was agreed that this be added to amount of debt on the Parish House and total amount be mentioned in the circular letter.

Mr. Mitchell reported for the Pew Committee that Mr. Lambeth had secured three sittings.

Music Committee, Mr. Brandau reported that applications for the position of tenor had been received from Messrs. Gilleg.] and Tanner.

Mr. Wright, Special Missionary Secretary reported that \$483.77 had been collected, 383.77 to be disbursed.

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

Chas. S. Mitchell, Secretary

[The following are letters listed at the end of the vestry meeting minutes for 1915 regarding the appointment of Mrs. Lila Gibson to the position of Parish Secretary and Assistant Treasurer]

February 16th 1915

Mrs. Joe Gibson
1312 McGavock St.
Nashville, TN

My dear Mrs. Gibson -

Herewith I beg to hand you extract from the minutes of the Vestry Meeting last night showing the creation of the office of "Secretary and Assistant Treasurer" of the Parish, and providing that this newly created office be tendered you.

It is proper to say that the unanimous and earnest wish of those present at the meeting was that you may see your way clear to accept the position.

Cordially Yours,
Acting Secretary

February 20th 1915

1512 McGavock St.
Mr. Joseph Gray
Secretary of Christ Ch. Vestry

My dear Mr. Gray,

Your letter from the vestry received and very much appreciated. After some serious consideration relative to the duties defined of Parish Secretary and Assistant Treasurer I have decided to accept this position, and to endeavor with all earnestness to be worthy of the trust committed to me and to make it count for the good of the Parish.

Some of the work will be new to me, but having the interest of the Parish sincerely at heart, I see in no reason why I should not have it soon well in hand.

Thanking the vestry and expecting to take on my duties
Feb. 22nd.

Sincerely Yrs,
Lila M. Gibson

[The following is a note and envelope listed at the end of the vestry meeting minutes for 1915]

April 3 1915

The Wardens and Vestry of Christ Church
Nashville, Tenn

We acknowledge with grateful appreciation your kind
expression of sympathy in our bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Newton Cannon

Mrs. S.M. Fleming

Sam P. Cannon, Jr.

Newton Cannon, Jr.

W. Perkins Cannon