

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH  
HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 9, 1984

The special meeting of the Vestry called pursuant to written notice was convened by the Rector at 5:15 p.m. Present were:

The Rector	Bill Coke
The Assistant Rector	Francis Hamilton
Pete Stringer, Senior Warden	Robert Thomas
Dale Grimes	Charlie Cook
Thomas Smith	George Paine
David Waller	Roger Des Prez
Carroll Howell	Pete Squire
Mary Ellen Ragan	Roy Elam
Casper Carter	Jack Hopton
Elizabeth Koch	Pete Robinson

Also present was Eugenia Moore, President of the ECW.

For The Finance Committee, Robert Thomas presented the proposed budget for 1984, a copy of which is attached. The proposed budget was reviewed and many details discussed. It was noted that thirty-six percent of the budgeted expenditures were in the outreach category and that all budget requests had been accomodated. Upon motion by Thomas Smith, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that the budget proposed by the Finance Committee be approved as the budget of Christ Church for the 1984 fiscal year.

After a report by Pete Stringer concerning the Small Memorials fund balance, and upon motion by Thomas Smith, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that the following items be paid from the Small Memorials Fund: Adult Camp Scholarships, \$2,500; Bookstore, \$750; Hymnals, \$450 (to be set aside); and Speakers, \$300.

Peter Squire tendered his resignation effective January 15, 1984, due to his career change and imminent move to Texas. Upon motion by Robert Thomas, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that the Vestry of Christ Church accept the resignation of Peter Squire with deep regret and best wishes for the future.

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH  
HELD SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, 1984

The special meeting of the Vestry called pursuant to notice was convened by the Rector at 12:25 p.m. Present were:

The Rector	John Wellborn
Thomas Smith	Cliff Harrison
Bill Coke	Bob Russell
George Paine	Gina Lodge
Robert Thomas	Ames Davis
Elizabeth Koch	Shirley Lechleiter
Carroll Howell	Gordon Sell
Dale Grimes	Speed Thomas
Roger Des Prez	Mary Ellen Ragan
Pete Robinson	Casper Carter
Tom Kanaday	

Also present were former Senior Warden Pete Stringer and former Junior Warden Richard Lodge.

The floor was opened for nominations for Senior Warden. Robert Thomas was nominated by Pete Robinson. Upon motion by George Paine, duly seconded, nominations were closed. Upon motion, duly seconded, Robert Thomas was elected Senior Warden by acclamation.

The floor was then opened for nominations for Junior Warden. Carroll Howell was nominated by George Paine. Upon motion by Casper Carter, duly seconded, nominations were closed. Upon motion, duly seconded, Carroll Howell was elected Junior Warden by acclamation.

The floor was then opened for nominations for Clerk. Dale Grimes was nominated by George Paine. Upon motion, duly seconded, the nominations were closed. Upon motion, duly seconded, Dale Grimes was elected Clerk by acclamation.

The Rector reminded the members that the Vestry Conference would be held at DuBose Conference Center in Monteagle, Tennessee, on February 10-12, 1984.

The meeting of the Vestry adjourned with prayer at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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R. Dale Grimes, Clerk

The Rector announced the Katie Sharp also was resigning from the Vestry for personal, family reasons.

The Rector announced that a special meeting of the Vestry would be held after the 11:00 a.m. service on Sunday, January 15, 1984, for the election of officers.

The meeting of the Vestry was adjourned with prayer at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*R. Dale Grimes*  
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R. Dale Grimes, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH

HELD SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1984

The special meeting of the Vestry, called with the consent of those present for the purpose of conducting business during the Vestry Conference, was convened by the Rector at 2:00 p.m. Present were:

The Rector	John Wellborn
The Assistant Rector	Dale Grimes
Robert Thomas, Senior Warden	Mary Ellen Ragan
Carroll Howell, Junior Warden	George Paine
Ames Davis	Cliff Harrison
Roger Des Prez	Shirley Lechleiter
Bob Russell	Eugenia Moore
Bill Coke	Gina Lodge
Elizabeth Koch	Casper Carter
Pete Robinson	

Also present was the Rev. John DeBeer.

The Rector presented the first item for consideration, which was a proposal by radio station WNAH to enter a contract to broadcast the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service for approximately \$100 per week. A great number of questions were raised and discussed. Upon motion by George Paine, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that Christ Church enter into a contract at the quoted price with WNAH, not to exceed one year, to broadcast the 11:00 a.m. Sunday service, provided that the necessary funds are identified and designated by the Finance Committee.

The Rector then presented the second item for consideration, which was a proposal to enter into a contract with stained glass window designer Brenda Bellfield to provide preliminary designs for the remaining window openings in the clerestory. A potential donor for the windows has engaged in exploratory discussions with the Rector. The preliminary designs would be used to help the present or other potential donors visualize the final work. Other aspects of the issue were discussed. Upon motion by Bill Coke, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that a contract be negotiated between Christ Church and Brenda Bellfield for an amount not to exceed \$1500 for preliminary designs for a three-panel stained glass window in the clerestory of the church, provided that the necessary funds are identified and designated by the Finance Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*R. Dale Grimes*  
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R. Dale Grimes, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH  
HELD MONDAY, MARCH 19, 1984

Following Evening Prayer, the regular monthly meeting of the Vestry was convened by the Rector. Present were:

The Rector	Shirley Lechleiter
The Assistant Rector	Tom Kanaday
Robert Thomas, Senior Warden	Elizabeth Koch
Carroll Howell, Junior Warden	Bob Russell
Cliff Harrison	Thomas Smith
Roger DesPrez	Gordon Sell
John Wellborn	Casper Carter
Dale Grimes	Eugenia Moore
Mary Ellen Ragan	Bill Coke
Ames Davis	

The Rector made an informal presentation concerning various liturgical changes in the sacraments of the Church.

Upon motion of Robert Thomas, duly seconded, the minutes of the meetings held on December 12, 1983, January 9, 1984, January 15, 1984 and February 11, 1984, were approved.

Upon motion of Tom Kanaday, duly seconded, the Treasurer's report was approved.

The statistics were reviewed.

For Christian Education, Dale Grimes reported that the committee plans to recruit teachers and parents to attend one of the summer programs at Kanuga; that the committee is working on guidelines for the awarding of scholarships for camps and conferences; that the committee had endorsed the new rotation system for child care volunteers; that no church school classes will be held on Easter; that a special musical program will be presented by the Middler Choir on May 20, which is the last day of church school classes; and that the summer church school program for non-adults will consist of the showing of films in Cheek Hall.

For Property, Bob Russell reported on his meeting with David Waller, Peter Fyfe, Dale Grimes and architect Neil Bass concerning the renovation of the third floor.

For Stewardship, Ames Davis reported that newcomers and confirmands will be called upon throughout the year in order to make them fully a part of the parish without waiting for the Every Member Canvass in the fall.

For Outreach, Bill Coke reported on the many activities of that committee. The written report of that committee is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference. A decision to designate recipients of the Easter offering was deferred until the next meeting.

For Nurture, Mary Ellen Ragan reported that each activity sponsored by that committee has been assigned to a subcommittee chairman, and a list of those people is kept at the reception desk. She reported that Sally Kanaday is coordinating the Easter festivals to be held in Vestry members' homes during the Easter season. A festive coffee minute, coordinated by Carol Thomas, will be held following the 11:00 service on May 13. The Howells will host the Vestry, newcomers, and confirmands at their home on May 20. The annual parish picnic will be held at the home of Evvie Davis on June 17, organized by Lona and Tom Spencer.

For the Liturgy Committee, the Rector reported that Evening Prayer would be held each day at 5:15 p.m. during Lent. Two services will be held on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Bill Coke reported on the activities of the new Diocesan Episcopate Committee. A questionnaire is to be distributed to all parish members in Middle Tennessee by April 14 to elicit information concerning a suitable bishop for the new diocese.

The Rector reported that Pete Stringer is our representative to an advisory group for St. Mark's Mission. Other representatives are from St. Paul's, St. Matthias', and St. Phillip's. The Rector reported on several recent bequests to the general endowment. He further reported that he and Ron Jackson, Rector of St. Bartholomew's, will swap pulpits on April 29 and May 6.

The Vestry expressed its thanks to Shirley Lechleiter and Susie Davis for their valuable work in organizing the information from the time and talent sheets.

The meeting of the Vestry adjourned with prayer at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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R. Dale Grimes, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH  
HELD MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1984

Following Evening Prayer, the regular monthly meeting of the Vestry was convened by the Rector. Present were:

The Rector	Gordon Sell
The Assistant Rector	Thomas Smith
Robert Thomas, Senior Warden	Bob Russell
Carroll Howell, Junior Warden	Cliff Harrison
Pete Robinson	Eugenia Moore
Elizabeth Koch	Mary Ellen Ragan
Bill Coke	George Paine
Tom Kanaday	Dale Grimes
John Wellborn	Gina Lodge
Speed Thomas	

Representatives of the Episcopate Committee of the Continuing Diocese of Tennessee made a presentation concerning their work.

Upon motion of Pete Robinson, duly seconded, the minutes of the preceding meeting were approved.

Upon motion of Pete Robinson, duly seconded, the Treasurer's report was approved.

The statistics were reviewed.

For Nurture, Mary Ellen Ragan reviewed the details of the forthcoming Easter Festival parties.

For Stewardship, Gina Lodge reported that calls on new members of the parish will begin immediately.

For Christian Education, Dale Grimes reported on the Committee's progress concerning financial assistance guidelines for camps and conferences.

For Finance, Pete Robinson reported that Committee's recommendation that the housing allowance for the deacon-in-training who will join the parish staff this summer should be increased from \$2,700 to \$3,250. Upon motion by Tom Kanaday, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that the 1984 parish budget be amended to increase the housing allowance for



the deacon-in-training from \$2,700 to \$3,250.

For Outreach, Bill Coke reported on the activities of that Committee, including the involvement of many parish members in the Alive Hospice, and the St. Patrick's Hostel for Homeless Women. He observed that the recent Wednesday night classes concerning the Outreach activities of the parish had been an excellent way to spread knowledge of those activities throughout the parish. Upon motion of Bill Coke, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following;

RESOLVED, that the Easter offering be given to the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief, Africa Famine Appeal, as recommended by the Outreach Committee.

For Property, Bob Russell distributed copies of the preliminary architectural plans for the renovation of the third floor of the parish house. A number of aspects of those plans were discussed, including the cost of the renovation, which is estimated to be between \$200,000 and \$250,000.

The Rector presented a Report on St. Mark's Mission submitted by the parish's representative to the Mission's Liaison/Support Committee, Pete Stringer. A copy of that report is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Upon motion by George Paine, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that the Vestry authorize Pete Stringer, in his discretion, to supply St. Mark's Mission the full amount designated in the 1984 budget, in lump sum or otherwise.

Upon motion by Bill Coke, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that the Rector send a letter to Mary Arnold, expressing the commendation and thanks of the Vestry for her work with the youth choir, which has become a welcome and excellent addition to the 8:45 Sunday service.

The Assistant Rector reported on the activities of the EYC.

Eugenia Moore reported that the ECW is undergoing a period of change and that it will be looking at the needs of women and the needs of the parish in order to determine the future direction of that organization.

The meeting of the Vestry adjourned with prayer at  
8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*R. Dale Grimes*  
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R. Dale Grimes, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH  
HELD MONDAY, MAY 21, 1984

The Rector convened this regular monthly meeting. Present were:

The Rector	Gina Lodge
The Assistant	Eugenia Moore
Robert Thomas, Senior Warden	George Paine
Carroll Howell, Junior Warden	Pete Robinson
Casper Carter	Bob Russell
Bill Coke	Gordon Sell
Ames Davis	Thomas Smith
Roger DesPrez	Speed Thomas
Cliff Harrison	John Wellborn
Elizabeth Koch	
Shirley Lechleiter	

The Rector and Vestry discussed the third floor renovation proposal at length. Members expressed hope for broader planning efforts before the church makes the facility and capital commitments identified by the Bass design. Upon motion by George Paine, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following motion and then toured the third floor.

RESOLVED, that the Rector appoint a Long Range Planning Committee to study church facility needs on a broad perspective and make a first report to the Vestry in June.

Upon motion of Tom Kanaday, duly seconded, the minutes of the preceding meeting were approved.

Upon motion of George Paine, duly seconded, the Treasurer's report was approved.

The Rector reviewed the statistics and noted receipt of the largest Easter offering to date, earmarked for The Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief.

The Rector and Senior Warden described ongoing negotiations with the Sheraton for joint use of parking facilities. Noting numerous affected interests, the Senior Warden promised further reports as final options become clear.

For Stewardship, Ames Davis reported that the Fall Canvass is being organized and described several challenging stewardship concepts which were presented at the DuBose Stewardship Conference.

For Nurture, Mary Ellen Ragan reported the success of the Easter Festivals and discussed the Parish Picnic scheduled for June 17.

For Education, John Wellborn stated that the Committee will report more detailed program projections in mid-summer, to identify and justify space needs.

The Assistant Rector asked that later in the summer the Vestry discuss allowing youth representatives to participate in Vestry meetings.

For Outreach, Bill Coke reviewed their Kanuga Models Fair experience and requested volunteers for St. Patrick's Shelter.

For Property, Bob Russell noted need for building supplies for Casper Carter and Bob McClenaghan to construct in The McCloud Room (22B) additional office space to enable Mary Jane Levitch to occupy Room 22A.

RESOLVED, that up to \$500.00 be appropriated for building supplies to construct additional office space in The McCloud Room.

For Liturgy, the Rector described the music program and buffet brunch scheduled June 10 to honor Peter Fyfe's twenty-five years of service.

Upon motion by Tom Smith, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that the Altar Guild and Liturgy Committee be authorized to spend up to \$1500.00 to design and obtain a new white funeral pall.

The Rector announced notice of a \$2000.00 bequest to Christ Church from Dr. Robert Terry.

Mention was made of the ECW Annual Coffee at Maggie Wray's, the recent ECW Annual Meeting at DuBose and Christ Church's recognition by United Way for service and leadership efforts.

The meeting adjourned with prayer at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*John H. Wellborn*

John Wellborn, Acting Clerk

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH  
HELD MONDAY, JUNE 18, 1984

Following Evening Prayer at 5:15 p.m., the Rector convened the regular monthly meeting of the Vestry. Present were:

The Rector	Bill Coke
The Assistant Rector	Dale Grimes
Carroll Howell, Junior Warden	Pete Robinson
Gina Lodge	Shirley Lechleiter
John Wellborn	Cliff Harrison
Elizabeth Koch	Ames Davis
Mary Ellen Ragan	Eugenia Moore
Casper Carter	Thomas Smith
Bob Russell	Speed Thomas

Also present were Mary Jane Levitch, Carol Thomas, and Bob Shotwell.

Carol Thomas reported on the Jubilee Ministry Workshop held at Kanuga, at which she and Pete Stringer made a presentation on the Monetta Street Project undertaken by the parish and URM in 1979. She reported on several other projects presented at the workshop by other Jubilee Ministry Centers.

For Outreach, Bill Coke announced that the parish would be responsible for the Salvation Army food van the week of July 9 and that 14 volunteers would participate.

The Rector asked Bob Shotwell to report on the need for a risk management and safety program at the Church, including emergency lights, exit signs, smoke detectors, and children's safety measures. This topic was referred to the Property Committee for further consideration.

Upon motion of Pete Robinson, duly seconded, the minutes of the preceding meeting were approved.

Upon motion of Thomas Smith, duly seconded, the Treasurer's Report was approved.

The statistics were reviewed.

The Nurture Committee was commended on its work in incorporating new members into the parish.

For the Long Range Planning Committee, Dale Grimes reported on the many matters considered by that group in its two meetings in June. A summary of that report is attached to these minutes. The Vestry duly approved the two recommendations of the Committee, (1) that the renovation of the third floor of

the Parish House and Cheek Hall be undertaken contingent upon approval of a financing plan and (2) that the Committee continue to meet on a quarterly basis. The Stewardship and Finance Committees were charged with responsibility for presenting a financing proposal at the August meeting.

For Christian Education, Dale Grimes reported that the Committee was evaluating the parish education program in order to develop plans for the fall and for the next five years. Films will be shown to the children at the church school hour during the summer. Vacation Church School, chaired by Nancy Grimes and Teddie Clark, will be held July 23-27.

The Rector recognized Mary Jane Levitch, who will be ordained to the diaconate on June 24, and who will join the staff as Deacon-in-Training on July 1. She will be working in many areas of our parish life and is primarily assigned as liaison to Christian Education.

The Assistant Rector spoke on his experience at the Kanuga Youth Ministry Conference and his plans for EYC.

The Vestry deferred action until August on the Assistant Rector's suggestion that representatives of the Junior and Senior EYC's be asked to attend Vestry meetings.

For Stewardship, Ames Davis reported on the effort to make calls on newly-transferred members.

For Nurture, Mary Ellen Ragan reported on the parish picnic and noted that special thanks were in order for Lona and Tom Spencer, who chaired the event, and Evvie Davis, who again graciously offered her home for the picnic. She further reported on the formation of a caregivers group which will call on persons returning home from the hospital or who have lost close family members.

The Rector thanked all who assisted in the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Peter Fyfe as organist and choir master. Especial thanks were given to Carroll Howell and Bob Smyth.

For Property, Bob Russell reported on the architectural plans for the third floor renovation and the possibility of employing a space consultant to review space utilization throughout the building.

The Rector reported briefly on the Diocesan Convocation and the progress toward the establishment of the Continuing Diocese of Tennessee in January 1985.

It was announced that the Annual Laymen's Conference will be held at DuBose August 24-26.

The Rector announced that no meeting would be held in July.

The Vestry adjourned with prayer at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

R. Dale Grimes  
R. Dale Grimes, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE VESTRY OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
HELD MONDAY, AUGUST 20, 1984

Following Evening Prayer at 5:15 p.m., the Rector convened the regular monthly meeting of the Vestry. Present were:

The Rector	Elizabeth Koch
The Deacon-In-Training	Casper Carter
Robert Thomas, Senior	George Paine
Warden	Bob Russell
Carroll Howell, Junior	Roger DesPrez
Warden	Dale Grimes
Gina Lodge	Mary Ellen Ragan
Thomas Smith	Bill Coke
Speed Thomas	Shirley Lechleiter
Gordon Sell	Ames Davis
Cliff Harrison	

Also present were the Reverend William T. Patten, Bob Smyth, Pete Stringer, and Laura Drake.

The Reverend William T. Patten made a presentation on the School of Theology at the University of the South and commended the Parish on its support of the Church's seminaries through the 1<sup>st</sup> program.

Upon motion of Robert Thomas, duly seconded, the minutes of the preceding meeting were approved.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the Treasurer's report was approved.

The statistics were reviewed.

A report from the Long-Range Planning Committee was presented concerning the renovation of the third floor. Bob Russell, for Property, reported that the original architect's drawings will be revised to make the plan more flexible, that the installation of a lift rather than an elevator is being considered, that the use of in-house talent could reduce the cost of the project, and that a meeting with the architect will be scheduled in the future. The Rector discussed the cost of the project. As originally planned, it was estimated to cost \$250,000, which included approximately \$100,000 for the elevator. He stated that substituting a lift for an elevator would reduce that cost by \$70,000. The possibility of using in-house talent could provide further savings of \$25,000. Pete Stringer reported on his investigation of possible financing



sources. The Parish could borrow \$150,000 at 16%, which amortized over ten years would cost \$29,300 a year. Borrowing \$250,000 at 16% would require \$50,000 per year for ten years. He also stated that a portion of the money could be borrowed from the National Church at a lower interest rate. Following discussion, the Rector expressed the consensus of the meeting that the Vestry endorse the \$150,000 plan, and that the proposal will again be considered at the next meeting.

Pete Stringer then reported on the need to purchase a new computer for \$5,000 and to sell the one previously purchased.

Upon motion of George Paine, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that the Parish immediately purchase an Apple 2E computer, and that efforts to sell the present computer be continued.

The Rector reminded the Vestry that the 152nd Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee will be reconvened at St. George's on November 2 and 3. Bill Coke, as Chairman of the Diocesan Episcopate Committee, reported that nominations for Bishop must be received by September 1. The Rector announced that the Parish delegates to the 1985 Convention will be elected at the September meeting.

Upon motion of George Paine, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that the Rector, Vestry, and Wardens nominate the following persons for Diocesan offices: Bob Smyth for Standing Committee, Bill Coke for Deputy to the General Convention, and Dale Grimes for Lay Trustee of the University of the South.

Upon motion of Thomas Smith, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that the Vestry invites representatives of the two EYC groups to attend meetings of the Vestry, with those representatives being selected on a basis to be determined by the Assistant Rector.

The Rector expressed the view that holding the annual Parish meeting in January delays the commencement of new Vestry and Parish business until March and asked that the meeting be moved to December.

Upon motion of Bill Coke, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that the annual Parish meeting be held during the month of December.

Bob Smyth reported on a potential donor who is interested in giving stained-glass windows and funding renovation in the stairwell in the southwest narthex. He and the Rector have had discussions with the prospective donor and Brenda Bellfield, the artist designated for the windows.

Upon motion of Cliff Harrison, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that the Vestry authorizes the appropriate Parish representatives to enter into a contract with Brenda Bellfield to design the stained-glass windows at a price not to exceed \$12,000, contingent upon the execution of a prior agreement between the Parish and the prospective donor covering the specific details of the proposal.

Bob Smyth also reported that the chimes in the bell tower are in need of repairs that would cost \$29,000. He stated that genuine bells could be purchased for not much more than these repair costs.

For Liturgy, the Rector announced that beginning September 10, Morning Prayer will be conducted daily at 8:30 a.m. and Evening Prayer at 5:15 p.m., except on Wednesdays. The 7:00 a.m. Eucharist on Tuesdays will continue. He also reported that the Liturgy Committee is exploring the purchase of new vestments and hangings for various occasions.

For Outreach, Bill Coke reported that his committee is continuing to work on the Congregational Help Line and to support the St. Patrick's Shelter. He also reported that the Parish will employ a coordinator of volunteers for Outreach activities on an experimental basis for the remainder of this fiscal year, to be paid out of the Rector's discretionary fund. He proposed that this position be funded out of the annual Parish budget in 1985.

For Stewardship, Ames Davis reported that the Committee is in the process of revising the time and talent sheets.


For Nurture, Mary Ellen Ragan reported that Lina Wellborn and Jessica Younger are coordinating the Foyer groups.

For Property, Casper Carter reported that proposals for fire escapes from the building will be presented at a future Vestry meeting.

For Christian Education, Dale Grimes reported on that committee's efforts to evaluate the overall Parish education program and to prepare a long-range plan for program improvements and additions. He also reported that the Church School coordinators for 1984-85 are: Bella Stringer, Pre-School, Becky Rosenberg, Youth, and Elizabeth Watson, High School. Mary Jane Levitch, the Deacon-In-Training, reported on the "Wednesdays At Christ Church" program for this fall.

The Vestry adjourned with prayer at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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R. Dale Grimes, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF  
THE VESTRY OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1984

Following Evening Prayer at 5:15 p.m., the Rector convened the regular monthly meeting of the Vestry. Present were:

The Rector	George Paine
The Assistant Rector	Mary Ellen Ragan
The Deacon-in-Training	Cliff Harrison
Robert Thomas, Senior	Elizabeth Koch
Warden	Pete Robinson
Carroll Howell, Junior	John Wellborn
Warden	Casper Carter
Speed Thomas	Dale Grimes
Gordon Sell	Ames Davis
Shirley Lechleiter	Bill Coke

Also present were Laura Drake and Marion Arnold.

The Rector presented the "Clergy Team Concept" which the clergy adopted following their retreat earlier in the month. Under this concept, the three clergy staff members will share equally in the priestly functions of the Church, with the Rector maintaining administrative responsibility for the Parish.

Upon motion of Robert Thomas, duly seconded, the minutes of the preceding meeting were approved.

Upon motion of Pete Robinson, duly seconded, the Treasurer's report, using a new format, was approved.

The statistics were reviewed.

The first order of business was the election of delegates to the 1985 Diocesan Convention. The following were nominated and duly seconded: Pete Stringer, Shirley Lechleiter, Charlie Cook, Beth Koch, Bill Coke, Bob Smyth, Dale Grimes, and Casper Carter. Upon paper ballot, Coke, Grimes, Koch, and Stringer were elected delegates and Lechleiter, Cook, Smyth, and Carter were elected alternate delegates. The Rector charged these persons with the responsibility of keeping informed about the November convention so that they will be prepared to act knowledgeably at the 1985 Convention.

Upon motion of Bill Coke, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that we, the Christ Church Vestry, endorse the principle of proportionate giving, accepting the tithe (10%) as the standard of Christian giving, and calling on this Parish to endorse this principle and accept this standard. As an outward and visible sign of this commitment, we pledge that 36% of the Parish's budgeted income will go outside this Parish for God's work in His world.

The Rector announced that the Parish had purchased a new Yamaha piano for \$2,700 as required by the growth in our music program. This was a non-budgeted item but was paid for in part from funds within the music budget that were not needed for organ repair, and in part from small memorials.

The Rector announced that Pete Robinson will chair the Nominating Committee for new Vestry members to be elected at the annual Parish meeting on December 16, 1984. A form for Vestry nominations was distributed, and a copy is attached hereto. Nominations must be submitted by December 1 in order to be included in printed materials before the Parish meeting.

The Rector announced that Bill Coke had withdrawn his name from consideration as the nominee of this Parish for Deputy to the General Convention.

Upon motion by Beth Koch, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously elected Carroll Howell to be nominated by the Parish for the position of Deputy to the General Convention.

For Christian Education, Dale Grimes reported that 75 adults and 121 children registered for Church School classes on registration day, September 9, 1984. He further reported that with funds in the Christian Education budget the Parish had purchased a television and VCR for approximately \$1,500. This equipment is being used to show movies to children in the first through sixth grades during the Wednesday evening programs, and will be used for special Church School programs and during the summer. The Deacon reported that 109 people are attending Wednesday evening classes.

For Outreach, Bill Coke asked Marion Arnold to report on the growing number of transients who have been assisted by the Parish. A copy of her report is attached hereto. Bill Coke then presented a proposal for a Mothers' Day Out program for

children of the homeless in Downtown Nashville. A copy of the proposal distributed at that time is attached hereto. The Outreach Committee recommended that the program be undertaken on a 60-day trial period for 15 children, ages 2 to 6, one day per week. A director for the program will be hired. Following considerable discussion, it was apparent that many questions concerning the program's possible ramifications have not yet been answered, and for that reason the program will be strictly on a trial basis. A member of the Parish Child-Care Subcommittee will be included in the planning committee for this program.

Upon motion of Casper Carter, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that the Vestry adopt the recommendation of the Outreach Committee to undertake the Mothers' Day Out program as outlined on a 60-day trial basis.

Bill Coke further reported for Outreach on the various activities of that committee in dealing with the issue of hunger.

Upon motion of Bill Coke, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that the Vestry adopt the recommendation of the Outreach Committee that the Thanksgiving offering be designated for the Second Harvest Food Bank.

For Nurture, Mary Ellen Ragan reported that the Guild of the Christ Child will be headed by Ellen Duncan. She further reported that the Foyer Groups have been organized and will become active in the near future. She also reported that Pete Stringer has accepted responsibility for organizing the family camp, and that it will be held April 13-15 at Cumberland Mountain State Park. 150 places have been reserved for Parish members.


For Stewardship, Ames Davis reported that the Every Member Canvass is proceeding toward its goal and that a stewardship dinner will be held on October 24, 1984.

For Liturgy, the Rector reported that the stained-glass window contract previously approved had been signed and sent back to the artist, Brenda Bellfield.

The Assistant Rector reported on the activities of the EYC groups. Of 35 potential participants, 20 attended the first meeting. An excellent group of advisors has been recruited to meet with the groups weekly for nine months. The Junior EYC advisors are Wes Ramsey, Beverly Groover, and Elizabeth Watson. The Senior EYC advisors are Robert and Stacey Devine. The Assistant Rector further reported on the formation of a steering committee for youth ministry, having jurisdiction over the EYC and other youth needs.

The Vestry adjourned with prayer at 8:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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R. Dale Grimes, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY  
OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
HELD MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1984

Following Evening Prayer at 5:15 p.m., the Rector convened the regular monthly meeting of the Vestry. Present were:

The Rector	Beth Koch
The Assistant Rector	Thomas Smith
The Deacon-in-Training	Speed Thomas
Robert Thomas, Senior	Dale Grimes
Warden	Eugenia Moore
Carroll Howell, Junior	Shirley Lechleiter
Warden	Bob Russell
Bill Coke	Cliff Harrison
Gordon Sell	John Wellborn
George Paine	Ames Davis
Mary Ellen Ragan	Tom Kanaday

Also present was the Rev. Gay Welch.

The Rev. Gay Welch, a Methodist minister who teaches at the Vanderbilt University Divinity School, led a discussion of the changing role of women in the Church and its theological implications.

Upon motion of George Paine, duly seconded, the minutes of the preceding meeting were approved.

Upon motion of George Paine, duly seconded, the Treasurer's report was approved.

The statistics were reviewed.

The Rector asked Bill Coke, the chairman of the Episcopate Committee of the Continuing Diocese, to discuss the resolutions his committee would be proposing at the Reconvened Convention in November concerning the process for the election of a new bishop. It was reported that 79 proposed nominees had been submitted for that office. Copies of the two resolutions are attached hereto and incorporated herein. It was the sense of the Vestry that Resolution 4 was preferable.

Upon motion of Carroll Howell, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:



For the past two years, Charles W. Cook has served as the Chairman of the Structure Committee for the Continuing Diocese in Middle Tennessee. During this time he and his committee have talked with many Episcopalians throughout Middle Tennessee to explain what the new Diocese will mean for the growth of the Church in this area. The successful formation of the new Diocese will be in no small measure due to the tireless efforts of Charles Cook. In recognition of his efforts, the Vestry of Christ Church, his home Parish, takes this opportunity of thanking him by officially entering this letter into the minutes of Christ Church.

For the Nominations Committee, it was announced that 11 parishioners' names have been submitted as nominees for the Vestry to date.

For Outreach, Bill Coke reported on the Parents' Day Out program for the homeless of Downtown Nashville. He reported that Betty Grimes and Libbie Greer have agreed to serve as co-directors of that program. Since the last Vestry meeting, certain health issues had been raised and explored by the program's advisory committee. To address these concerns, Bill Coke introduced Betsy Triggs, M.D., a pediatrician at Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Dr. Triggs discussed all the possible health risks and gave her opinion that they were fairly remote. She suggested that the carpets and fuzzy toys used for Sunday School and Parish child care should not be used in the Parents' Day Out program. She stated that if hard plastic toys are washed very well, there would be no way to transmit disease with them.

For Property, Bob Russell reported on a meeting with Neil Bass, the architect for the third floor renovation project. Mr. Bass will be submitting a new drawing in the near future to incorporate a number of suggestions that had been made. He further reported that Bob Shotwell is obtaining estimates for a sprinkler system for the entire church, which he anticipates will be a very expensive undertaking.

Upon motion of Bob Russell, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that the Vestry authorizes certain expenditures in connection with electrical work on the second floor for the new computer, consisting of an amount not to exceed \$750 for new electrical lines from the circuit box and \$500 for cabinets and a computer center.

Following a discussion of the long-range need of the Parish to acquire additional property for building expansion, upon motion of George Paine, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that the Vestry authorizes the Senior Warden to study and undertake the best method for approaching Commerce Union Bank concerning the possibility of acquiring its property located behind the Parish House.

For Stewardship, Ames Davis reported that the annual stewardship dinner will be held on October 24 and that 147 of the Parish's 552 pledging units are involved in the canvass as either captains or workers. He further recommended that more Vestry members should be involved in stewardship, that responsibility for it should be rotated, and that a budget item should be established for stewardship in recognition of the possible future need of employing a consultant to assist with the canvass.

For Nurture, Shirley Lechleiter reported that the Time and Talent Sheet would include a category for drivers for Church activities; that the Committee is encouraging people to prepare and freeze meals for Parish members who need them; that Fall Confirmation will be on November 25; and that a party for the newly-confirmed and transferees will be held at the home of Joe and Carroll Howell on December 2.

The Rector announced that a lay pastoral care group has been meeting with the Assistant Rector to organize and coordinate clergy-lay activities in pastoral care.

For Christian Education, Dale Grimes reported on several activities of that committee. The Parish sent 12 Sunday School teachers and coordinators to the annual Dubose Christian Education Conference, which along with the Church of Ascension in Knoxville was the largest number of participants from a parish. The clergy are discussing their vision of the meaning of Christian Education in this Parish as part of the ongoing long-range planning for Christian Education.

The Vestry adjourned with prayer at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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R. Dale Grimes, Clerk

RESOLUTION FROM WILLIAM G. COKE, DELEGATE, CHRIST CHURCH, NASHVILLE

ON THE EPISCOPATE SUBCOMMITTEE OF THE STRUCTURE COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, we pray that the Holy Spirit operates throughout the entire process of selecting a Bishop, and

WHEREAS, this convention is committed to an open process for receiving nominees as well as an informed delegation, and

WHEREAS the Episcopate Committee has been diligently laboring to develop a process which is sensitive to all points of view, and

WHEREAS there are trade-offs to be made in balancing availability of information versus the practicality of making everyone completely informed on all proposed nominees, and

WHEREAS there are currently over 80 proposed nominees making the provision of personal data difficult and financially impractical,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Episcopate Committee be requested to recommend to the Convention in January, 1985, the names of at least ten nominees for Bishop; to offer opportunities for the delegates to meet the nominees in person prior to the Convention; and to provide to the delegates prior to January 10, 1985, as much information as has been available to the Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any other nominations may be made at any time during the election process from the Convention floor.

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WHEREAS there are trade-offs to be made in balancing availability of information versus the practicality of making everyone completely informed on all proposed nominees, and

WHEREAS the Episcopate Committee has received over 80 proposed nominees for Bishop of this Diocese, all of whom have been determined to be canonically eligible to serve this Diocese as Bishop,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in the interest of openness, that all proposed nominees be placed in nomination for Bishop and as much information as is practical be published by January 10, 1985, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any other nominations may be made at any time during the election process from the Convention floor.

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
VESTRY OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
HELD MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1984

Following Evening Prayer at 5:15 p.m. the Rector convened the regular monthly meeting of the Vestry. Present were:

The Rector	Speed Thomas
The Assistant Rector	Gordon Sell
The Deacon-in-Training	Tom Kanaday
Robert Thomas, Senior Warden	Shirley Lechleiter
Cliff Harrison	Mary Ellen Ragan
Dale Grimes	Bob Russell
Thomas Smith	Roger Des Prez
Ames Davis	Gina Lodge
Pete Robinson	John Wellborn

Also present were Laura Drake, Parker Thomas, Nancy Singlin, Candy Berger, Doug Baxter, Bea Fernandez, and George Houk.

Nancy Singlin, Candy Berger, Doug Baxter, Bea Fernandez, and George Houk, members of St. Mark's Mission, made a presentation concerning the activities and plans of St. Mark's.

Upon motion of Gina Lodge, duly seconded, the minutes of the preceding meeting were approved.

Upon motion of Gina Lodge, duly seconded, the Treasurer's report was approved.

The statistics were reviewed.

The Rector reported that the Reconvened 152d Convention of the Diocese of Tennessee had authorized the Episcopate Committee to screen candidates for Bishop and to submit no less than ten nominees to the 153d Convention in January. He also reported that Dale Grimes was elected Trustee of the University of the South, Carroll Howell was elected first Alternate Lay Deputy to the General Convention, and Ed Landers was elected an Alternate Clergy Deputy.

The Rector welcomed Parker Thomas as the representative of the Senior EYC. The Senior EYC intends to send a different representative to each meeting.

For Christian Education, Dale Grimes reported that the committee had approved guidelines for awarding financial assistance to persons desiring to attend adult camps and conferences and summer youth camps. The Assistant Rector reported on a meeting with parents of high school students concerning confirmation, program development, and the EYC.

For Nurture, Mary Ellen Ragan reported on the upcoming confirmation and the vestry party for the twenty confirmands and the newly transferred-in. She further reported members will be asked to act as Christmas hosts for persons who cannot be with their families. She also reported that the parish presently advertises the worship schedule in the yellow pages for \$52.00 a month. In the discussion that followed, it was stated that the advertisement contains much concise information that is probably beneficial because of our downtown location in a tourist city.

For Worship, the Rector reported that the parish has received a new pall.

For Property, Bob Russell reported on the third floor renovation plans and stated the necessity of obtaining bid drawings in order to meet the September 1985 completion date. He also reported that Coleman Helme is planning the landscaping around the Church buildings. Mrs. Davis has generously donated the funds for this project.

For Finance, Pete Robinson reminded Committee Chairman of the dates for the budget hearings.

For Stewardship, Ames Davis reported that the Every Member Canvass has received pledges to date of \$367,000, which is ahead of the \$356,000 total for last year. Follow-up efforts should increase the total for this year. The Rector remarked that the Canvass had been extremely well done this year.

For Outreach, Bill Coke reported on the Parents' Day Out Program. No problems have been experienced, although not as many children have been participating as expected. The directors of the Rescue Mission and St. Patrick's shelter will be reminded weekly of the availability of the Program.

Upon motion of Tom Kanaday, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, that the Vestry approves the recommendation of the Outreach Committee to give the Christmas offering to the Presiding Bishop's World Relief Fund.

The Vestry discussed the current practice of making separate gifts to the Diocese, EMMT, and St. Mark's through the Outreach budget. The opinion was expressed that all such giving should be coordinated and unified at the Diocesan level. It was also stated that the current practice runs counter to the stewardship philosophy of this parish, which seeks to consolidate all fund-raising in a single canvass.

Upon motion of Pete Robinson, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the following:

RESOLVED, the the Vestry recommends that the parish leadership encourage the continuing Diocese of Tennessee to consider unifying parish giving to the Diocese, EMMT, and missions so that all such funds may be distributed according to a consistent Diocesan plan for outreach and mission development.

For nominations, Pete Robinson announced that twelve persons have been nominated for the Vestry.

Upon motion of Tom Kanaday, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the resolution attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment A.

Upon motion of Roger Des Prez, duly seconded, the Vestry unanimously adopted the resolution attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment B.

The Rector made the following announcements: confirmation will be held at St. Bartholomew's on November 25; a party for the newly-confirmed and those who have transferred in will be held at the home of Joe and Carroll Howell on December 2; the annual parish meeting will be held on December 16; the Vestry will meet on December 17 to elect officers; and the Vestry conference will be held January 4-6, 1985.

It was further announced that the parish now owns a computer and two word processors and that the communicant list with a data base is being put on the computer. The valuable assistance of Carol Thomas in this process was recognized.

The meeting of the Vestry was adjourned with prayer at 8:10 p.m.



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R. Dale Grimes, Clerk

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY  
OF  
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
December 17, 1984

Following Evening Prayer at 5:15 p.m. the Rector convened the regular monthly meeting of the Vestry. Present were:

The Rector	George Paine
The Assistant Rector	Mary Ellen Ragan
The Deacon-in-Training	Robert Russell
Ames Davis	John Sergent
Roger Des Prez	Tom Smith, Jr.
Carol Elam	Bob Smyth
Pearline Gilpin	Jim Snell
C. J. Harrison, Jr.	Tom Steele
Tom Kanaday	Speed Thomas
Shirley Lechleiter	John Wellborn
Gina Lodge	Donald Whitfield
Eugenia Moore	

Also present were Bob Thomas and Carol Howell. The Rector recognized the newly elected members of the Vestry and announced that the first order of business was the election of the Senior Warden, the Junior Warden and Clerk.

Upon motion duly made and seconded Ames Davis was elected Senior Warden by acclamation.

Upon motion duly made and seconded Shirley Lechleiter was elected Junior Warden by acclamation.

Upon motion duly made and seconded Tom Smith, Jr. was elected Clerk by acclamation.

The Rector and Vestry discussed the annual parish meeting held December 16, 1984, which was attended by 160 communicants. The Rector received suggestions from members of the Vestry concerning planning the time, place and form of the annual parish meeting to be held in December, 1985.

Upon motion, duly seconded, the World Relief For Ethiopia Fund was designated recipient of the loose Christmas offering.

The minutes of the November meeting were corrected and approved as corrected.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved as submitted.

The statistics for the month of November, 1984 were reviewed.



The Rector reminded the Vestry of the Vestry Planning Conference to be held at DuBose Conference Center from 6 p.m. on January 4, 1985 through noon, January 6, 1985. The Rector reminded the Vestry of the meeting of the Covention Of The Continuing Diocese Of Tennessee to be held Janaury 24th through January 26th, 1985, at Christ Church. The process of electing the Bishop of the new Diocese and those nominated for the position was discussed by the Rector and Vestry.

There being no further business to come before the Vestry, the meeting was adjourned with prayer at 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Thomas O. H. Smith, Jr., Clerk