

Vestry Minutes of Christ Church
1861

At a meeting of the Congregation of Christ Church held on Easter Monday the 1st of April 1861 - The Rev. L.L. Smith in the Chair - The Treasurer then proceeded his report of the Financial condition of the Congregation, which on motion was ordered to be received & filed -

The persons hereinafter named were then duly elected vestrymen for the ensuing year viz. Messrs. F.B. Fogg, G.M. Fogg, Jno. Kirkman, Wm. Driver, M. Watson, Jas. Bankhead, George Lee, B. Douglass, A. Crawford, Jas. A. Whiteside, & C. Carvill -

There being no other business the meeting adjourned sine die -

G.M. Fogg
Secretary

At a meeting of the Vestry of Christ Church on Monday night April 29th 1861 Present the Rev. L.L. Smith, F.B. Fogg, G.M. Fogg, Jas. Bankhead, John Kirkman, C.C. Carvill.

On motion the vestry proceeded to elect delegates to the next Diocesan Convention to be held at Somerville on Wednesday the 15th day of May 1861 when the Rector declared that Messrs. F.B. Fogg, J.A. Whiteside, & George Lee were duly elected.

Adjourned

G.M. Fogg Secy

At a meeting of the Vestry held on Monday the 4th November 1861 Present Messr. F.B. Fogg in the chair, J. Kirkman, Bankhead, Crawford, Carvill, Houston, & G.M. Fogg -

Mr. F.B. Fogg presented to the Vestry the letter from the Rev. L.L. Smith resigning the rectorship of Christ Church from and after the first of January 1862, with the condition that he be permitted to supply the pulpit at his own expense until that

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time & that he be permitted to go to Norfolk Va. with his family immediately -

The following resolutions were then unanimously adopted -

Resolved that the resignation of the Rev. L.L. Smith as pastor of the Congregation of Christ Church, be and the same is hereby accepted, and that on behalf and Congregation we tender to him our sincere thanks for the constant and faithful performance of the advisory and manifold duties of his Pastoral charge -

Resolved that it is with deep regret we assent to his resignation and assent to the dissolution of the convention which has so long and happily existed between him & the Vestry and Congregation for the period of four years and a half that we have enjoyed the services of our Pastor there has been the utmost harmony and confidence between him and the Vestry and Congregation and our intercourse has been most agreeable and kind. His great moral and religious excellence have been exemplary and his learning and eminent abilities, his high literacy standing as a Preacher of the Gospel have elicited our warmer approbation - Under his care we have been enlightened and instructed in the great principle of Christianity and in the interpretation of the Sacred Scripture, he has shown uncommon research and acute investigation -

The Vestry on behalf of themselves and the Congregation, tender to our Rector and his family the warmest wishes for their happiness and prosperity and earnestly hope that their removal to their native home may be attended with every temporal & spiritual blessing -

On motion adjourned -

G.M. Fogg Secy

At a meeting of the vestry of Christ Church held on Monday the 30th December Present F.B. Fogg Senior Warden in the chair,

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Messrs. Kirkman, Carvill, Watson, Bankhead, Crawford, & G.M. Fogg - The Secretary presented a statement of the amounts of the Congregation with him which were ordered to be filed, and it was thereupon ordered that the Secy be requested to motif all delinquent pew holders that until they pay up their dues immediately their pews will be rented to someone else -

On motion Messrs. F.B. Fogg & C. Carvill were appointed a committee to wait on the Rev. Smith of Va. who has officiated on the Church for the past six weeks, and to tender him the thanks of the Vestry for the valuable services he has rendered and also to represent to him that in the present troubled condition of our national affairs and the peculiar condition of the Congregation, the Vestry were not disposed to employ any person to officiate permanently as Pastor, but that if it suited his convenience the Vestry would be glad to have him remain with us until he could obtain a permanent location - Also if he should decline to remain upon those terms, that then they be directed to apply to some other clergyman to officiate and to report what they had done to a subsequent meeting of the Vestry -

G.M. Fogg the Secretary & Treasurer of the Vestry tendered his resignation of both those offices in consequence of having other engagements that would occupy so much of his time, that he could not perform the duties properly - Which was accepted - Whereupon Mr. Bankhead nominated Mr. A. Crawford to fill the vacancy who was unanimously elected to take effect after the 1st January 1862.

It having been announced that James A. Whiteside had departed this life on motion Russell Houston was then unanimously elected vestryman to fill his place -

Adjourned

G.M. Fogg
Secretary