

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY
Christ Episcopal Church
Monday, January 14, 1963
4:30 pm

PRESENT: William H. Barton, Jr.
Wentworth Caldwell
Owsley R. Cheek
Arthur W. Crouch
Arthur Crownover, Jr.
Thomas W. Goodloe
Clarence M. Holt
Richard P. Lechleiter
Shade Murray
John B. Murrey

Lewis D. Pride
Lester H. Robb
Albert P. Rose
Thomas C. Seckman
Alfred D. Sharp
J. Haskell Tidman
Warren C. Wilkerson
T. Cecil Wray
The Rev. G. W. C. Thomas
The Rev. John R. Lodge

The meeting was opened with a prayer by the Rev. Mr. Thomas.

The minutes of the meeting of December, 10th were read and approved with minor corrections.

Mr. Crouch presented the Treasurer's Report, which was received and ordered filed. He further reported that immediately following the first of the year the last payment had been made on mortgage for the rectory, which now was entirely clear, and that the \$9,000 bank note had been paid as of January 9, 1963.

He explained that the deficit shown for 1962 operations had been a combination of at least three major factors: \$3,100 less in receipts than had been expected; \$2,200 in excess expenditures over budget estimates; and the \$3,300 cost of installation of a new boiler. In addition to these factors, the deficit also was an accumulation of small deficits carried over from previous years.

Mr. Crouch also presented the report of the Finance Committee, in the absence of Mr. Proctor. He stated it was the unanimous feeling of the Finance Committee, in view of the continuing deficit in operating funds for a period of several years, that the time had come when this matter would have to be faced. Since there was so little time between the final determination of the amount of funds available for the fiscal year 1963 and the Annual Meeting, the Finance Committee has determined that they would not submit a detailed 1963 budget at this time.

Mr. Crouch moved, seconded by Mr. Robb:

That the recommendation of the Finance Committee not to submit a detailed budget for passage at this meeting be approved;

That the Vestry recommend to the new Vestry to be elected that a 1963 budget be prepared by the new Finance Committee, and that this new Finance Committee be instructed to submit it for approval at the February, 1963, Vestry meeting; and

That the incoming Vestry and Finance Committee undertake a detailed study of the total indebtedness of the church, including ways and means of a more satisfactory financing of the present real estate loans, building fund loans, and temporary bank loans which will be necessary and that a report on their findings and recommendations be made to the Vestry by mid-1963.

THE MOTION PASSED.

Mr. Sharp stated his objections to the diocesan apportionment and pointed out that within ten days to two weeks delegates from Christ Church would have to inform the Annual Diocesan Convention as to whether or not they would accept the annual apportionment. He pointed out the inequities of the present system, which he felt worked to the disadvantage of downtown churches such as Christ Church. There was lengthy discussion on this point and agreement that this was a phase of the financial program which must be seriously considered in the new budget.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

The Rector

Secretary

AGENDA

For Vestry Meeting on January 14, 1963

~~MCCLURE~~ ROOM

DANDRIDGE

4:30 PM (Before the Annual Parish Meeting)

Call to Order
Opening Prayer
Minutes of meeting of December 10, 1962
Treasurer's Annual Report
Report of Finance Committee
Adjournment

* * * * *

9:30 PM (After the Annual Parish Meeting)

Call to Order
Opening Prayer
Welcome to new members
Appointment of Secretary protempore
Elections to Vestry office
Senior Warden (Must be a vestryman)
Junior Warden (Must be a vestryman)
Treasurer (canons do not specify that he must be a vestryman)
Two Assistant Treasurers
Secretary (canons do not specify that he must be a vestryman)
Appointments: (May be announced Sunday)
Chairman of Department of Administration
Chairman of Department of Christian Education
Chairman of Department of Worship
Chairman of Department of Evangelism
Chairman of Department of Community Relations
Under the Department of Stewardship:
Chairman of Finance Committee
Chairman of Property Committee
(The Property Custodian will be appointed by the Rector in consultation with the Chairman of the Property Committee)
(Chairman of the EMC is elected by the Vestry at the March Meeting on nomination by Finance Committee.)
Election of Delegates:
1 delegate and 1 alternate to College Work Committee
1 delegate and 1 alternate to Episcopal Development Council
1 delegate to Executive Board of St. Luke's
3 delegates and 3 alternates to Diocesan Convention to be held at Calvary Church, Memphis, from 9:30 AM Wednesday, January 23 to approximately lunchtime on Friday, January 25.
Announcement of Meetings:
Special All Day Session, Saturday, February 2 at Christ Church beginning with 8:30 celebration of Holy Communion followed by breakfast.
Regular meetings 2nd Monday of every month 5:15 PM with recess for supper, business resumed until 8:15 PM.
Next regular meeting: Monday, February 11 at 5:15 PM in Cheek Hall.

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Monday, January 14, 1963

The Vestry of Christ Church was called to order, January 14, 1963, at 9:30 pm by the Exchange Rector, the Rev. G. W. C. Thomas.

The following men were nominated for Senior Warden: Cecil Wray, Joe T. Howell. Mr. Howell declined the nomination.

Upon a motion by Clarence Holt, seconded by Shade Murray, and carried, the nominations were closed and Cecil Wray was declared elected by acclamation.

Mr. Shade Murray was nominated as Junior Warden.

Upon a motion by Clarence Holt, seconded by Charles Robinson and duly carried, the secretary pro-tem (the Rev. John R. Lodge) was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot for Mr. Shade Murray as Junior Warden.

Mr. Cecil Wray requested, that in view of the excellent development of the financial program by Mr. Arthur Crouch during the past few years as treasurer, he be elected to the post again. Hearing no objection, Mr. Crouch was declared elected by acclamation.

Mr. Howard Eskridge and Mr. J. Haskell Tidman were nominated as assistant treasurers. Hearing no objection, Mr. Wray declared them elected by acclamation.

Paul B. Anderson was nominated secretary and was declared elected by acclamation.

The following appointments as committee chairmen were made by the Senior Warden:

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------|
| Property Committee | Clarence Holt |
| Worship Committee | Richard Lechleiter |
| Evangelism Committee | William Barton |
| Christian Education Committee | Thomas Seckman |
| Community Relations Committee | Albert Rose |

After nominations were duly made the following persons were elected as delegates and alternates to the Diocesan Convention in Memphis on January 23, 24, 1963, and in the order as listed:

Delegates: Shade Murray, Owsley Cheek, Arthur Crownover
Alternates: William Barton, Alfred D. Sharp, Wentworth Caldwell

The Senior Warden explained that Martha Trousdale had requested to hold the final session of the Fortnightly Group in Cheek Hall on Friday, March 29th. It was duly moved, seconded and carried that permission to use Cheek Hall on March 29th, by the Fortnightly Group be refused with regret because of Lent, and that we would be glad to have them use it after Easter.

Upon request of the Senior Warden, it was duly moved, seconded and carried that the treasurer be authorized to pay all normal and usual bills.

There was considerable discussion over the instructions to the delegates for the Diocesan Convention. It was agreed that they be authorized to accept the contribution to Sewanee of \$1 per communicant per year. There was a difference of opinion, however, over acceptance of the Apportionment.

Mr. Crouch stated that the apportionment can be met if the church budget remains the same. Mr. Rose felt it was more than we should be expected to bear in view of the size of Christ Church, and its budget in comparison with other churches in the diocese. Mr. Wray thought we should accept it this year, but instruct delegates that we would not accept an increase next year. Mr. Howell said we need to raise money in a special campaign to take care of our obligations and future plans, and that we should plan for same this year and raise it next year. He felt we should observe the diocesan rules and accept the Apportionment.

It was moved by Charles Robinson, seconded by Mr. Tidman, and carried, that the delegates to the Diocesan Convention be authorized to accept the apportionment this year.

It was moved by Charles Robinson, seconded by Clarence Holt, and duly carried, that a letter be sent at once to the Bishop and Council giving them notice that Christ Church, Nashville, does not anticipate making an increase in the apportionment in the year, 1964.

After nominations, Mr. Andrew Grimes, was elected delegate and John Murrey, alternate, to the College Work Committee.

Mr. Joe Howell and Mr. Albert Rose were duly elected delegate and alternate respectively to the Episcopal Development Council.

There being no further business, the Senior Warden declared the meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM.

The Rector

Secretary

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Monday, February 11, 1963
5:15 pm

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Exchange Rector, the Rev. G. C. Thomas.

Mr. Wray, the Senior Warden, announced that Mr. C. Robinson has been appointed Chairman of the Finance Committee and called upon him to make his report.

Mr. Robinson announced that the Finance Committee had selected Robert Warner and Richard Hinch as Chairman and Co-Chairman respectively of the Every Member Canvass. It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Wray and carried, that these appointments be confirmed by the Vestry.

Mr. Robinson then explained the budget (copies of which were circulated), line by line and by departments, explaining the differences in the expenditures and receipts for 1962 as compared with those proposed for 1963. Mr. Robinson was commended for his explanation of the budget. Upon a motion by Mr. Tidman, seconded by Mr. Proctor and carried, the budget was unanimously adopted.

Mr. Robinson noted that an allocation for subscriptions to the Episcopalian was not included in the budget as it was decided that hereafter communicants will take out their own subscriptions. Mr. Crouch suggested that in order for the membership to secure the group rate that the subscriptions be handled through the Church office and submitted in a package plan for the entire membership. It was agreed that the Board of Christian Education will propose a method for promoting subscriptions.

The Treasurer, Mr. Crouch, pointed out that the income to the Church is irregular and that we have a \$9,000 deficit going into 1963. He said it would be necessary to borrow money in order to meet operating expenditures. It was then moved by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and carried that the Treasurer be authorized to borrow up to a total of \$5,000 on 90 day notes, as needed to meet expenses. The Secretary was instructed to notify the bank by letter, along with a copy to the Treasurer.

Mr. Robinson reported that Mr. Dudley Gale left his entire property, house furnishings, exclusive of books which go to Sewanee, plus approximately \$58,000 in Gale-Smith debentures to Christ Church. It was not expected that the bonds would be received for another 14 or 15 months but the property will be received by the Church within three weeks. Mr. Davis said that the will attaches no strings to the property but it was rather apparent that Mr. Gale would like to have the Church use it for recreational purposes or for the residence for the Curate. The Senior Warden then appointed the following committee to handle the details relative to Dudley Gale's property and to report to the Board in full: Chairman: Shade Murray, Wentworth Caldwell, Paschall Davis.

After the minutes were read it was duly moved, seconded and carried, that they be approved as submitted.

The Treasurer's report for January 1963 was presented by Mr. Crouch and is placed on file with the minutes.

Mr. Thomas reaffirmed that Mr. Robinson had been appointed Finance Committee Chairman and Andrew Grimes as Chairman of the Committee on Administration.

Mr. Wray raised the question about the times for Vestry meetings. He stated that none of the clergymen thought it was necessary to have two meetings: one before dinner and one after dinner. Mr. Wray suggested the Vestry meet at 5:15 PM and adjourn at 6:30 P.M.

Mr. Thomas pointed out that the men of the church had very little opportunity to participate in either the business of the church or church activities. He thought that the period before dinner, which was reserved for a "bull session," be opened to all men of the church and that there be dinner for the Vestry afterwards. He thought that this might be tried in a series of four Vestry meetings beginning with the meeting on March 11. He suggested such subjects as: (1) The Challenge of the World Situation to World Missions of the Church (2) The Unchurched.

After discussion it was agreed by consensus that men of the church and the vestry meet together at 5:15 to 6:15 PM. Dinner for the Vestry will follow.

REPORTS

1. The Board of Christian Education

Chairman Tom Seckman announced that on February 24 at 9:00 AM the family church service would be reinstated. He explained that this had been approved by Mr. Ferris and that there was a strong request from families with young children to do this. He said that the service would be geared to children, that the Junior Choir would sing, and Sunday School would be held at 10:00 AM as usual. The regular service would be at 11:00 AM as usual. He also announced that a series of classes on leadership would be held to instruct Sunday School teachers and other church leaders in techniques of getting the most participation within a group in a short time. Mr. Seckman announced that there would be no Sunday School on February 17 when Bryan Green would be holding services in the City Auditorium.

2. Worship

Chairman Lechleiter said that there was nothing special to report at this time except that the Vestry probably would like to know more of the committees functions. He said that it has special duties largely in the area of co-ordination relating to the music, Altar Guild projects, etc., in relation to worship services.

3. Evangelism

Chairman Barton reported from the circulated report of the Evangelism Committee which is on file with these minutes.

4. Community Relations

Chairman Albert Rose said there was nothing to report except there remained a question about giving the addressograph list of communicants to St. Luke's Community Center. Mr. Davis said that the church would be glad to address the envelopes for the Community Center to all communicants when the staff could get to it after Bryan Green's visit. Mr. Thomas pointed out that there was a need for volunteers to help out with letters, addressing, etc., as the staff was overloaded with clerical details.

5. Property

Chairman Holt announced that the church received two fine shelves made by Lester Robb and installed by him in the Narthex of the church. The Senior Warden instructed the Secretary to thank Mr. Robb for this. Mr. Holt explained that the Property Committee was authorized to spend \$6,400 on the lighting, \$6,200 of which had been spent to date. There remains the purchase of fixtures for the transepts. However, there was enough money left over from the installation of the memorial windows that could be transferred to the Memorial Fund and the cost of the additional lights be paid from this source.

There was discussion as to the purchase of ordinary fixtures at \$8 a fixture or custom fixtures at \$56 each for the twelve transepts. It was then moved by Mr. John Murrey, seconded by Mr. Tidman, and carried, that the Treasurer be authorized by the Vestry to transfer funds reserved in the window cleaning account to the Memorial Fund for the purchase of the custom lights for the transepts.

6. Diocesan Conference

Delegate Owsley Cheek called upon Mr. Davis and Mr. Thomas to make such comments as they cared to about the Conference. Mr. Thomas said the Bishop's address was great and mentioned that he didn't like the \$14,000 deficit in the Bishop's budget. Mr. Davis also expressed enthusiasm over the successful Conference. Mr. Cheek said that Mr. Thomas made a very fine talk to the Conference even without having advance notice. He said that Mr. Thomas' remarks were very enthusiastically received.

7. Church Family Night

Mr. Thomas announced that the Wednesday night services had been discontinued and that plans for replacing them have been agreed upon by Mr. Lodge, Mr. Anderson and himself. He noted that the organization of Christ Church was such that each church group was largely identified with its own projects rather than all-church projects. He referred to Mr. Anderson's description of this as the "sorority type" of organization. He reported that it was planned to have 4 or 5 meetings throughout the year that were for the entire church family. The first of these would be Sunday, March 24 at 5:00 PM, which is Mothering Sunday. A second meeting could be a follow-up of the Bryan Green Visit. A third could be between Easter and Whitsunday and a fourth during the first week in September.

There was favorable reaction to this proposal and it was agreed that the function and administration of these programs fell within the providence of the Evangelism Committee. There being no objection to this the Chairman, Mr. Barton, was so informed.

It was moved by Dr. Sanders, seconded by Mr. Wray and carried, that the meeting adjourn.

The Rector

Secretary

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Monday, March 11, 1963
5:15 pm

| | | |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| PRESENT: | Paul B. Anderson | John Murrey |
| | William H. Barton, Jr. | E. T. Proctor |
| | Hearn G. Bradley | Charles H. Robinson |
| | Wentworth Caldwell | Dan Sanders, Jr. |
| | Owsley Cheek | Thomas C. Seckman |
| | Arthur Crouch | N. S. Shofner |
| | D. Andrew Grimes | M. Van Smith |
| | Clarence M. Holt | J. Haskell Tidman |
| | Joe T. Howell, Jr. | T. Cecil Wray |
| | Richard P. Lechleiter | The Rev. G. W. C. Thomas |
| | Shade Murray | The Rev. John R. Lodge |
| | | The Rev. J. Paschall Davis |

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Exchange Rector, Curtis Thomas.

There were 10 men present to join with the Vestry in a man-to-man talk with the Exchange Rector.

Mr. Thomas talked informally on the subject of the role of the men of the church, using many illustrations of successful meetings and projects for men in churches in England. His talk ended with an invitation for discussion on the possibilities of men of Christ Church engaging in programs and fellowship.

In the discussion the experiences of the meeting of the men of Christ Church were reviewed. Many of the handicaps of having successful meetings were mentioned. Among these were the parking situation and a suitable time and place convenient for all. The group indicated interest in having meetings of the men of the church provided that the programs were attractive and relevant, and that an appropriate time and place could be agreed upon.

Upon motion by Charles Robinson, seconded by Shade Murray, the Brotherhood of St. Andrew was asked to explore the possibility of sponsoring a series of meetings of the men of the church and to report back at the next Vestry meeting. Motion was carried.

Dinner, 6:15 - 7:00 PM

Vestry reconvened after dinner and the minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. The following corrections were made:

At the bottom of Page 14 the Committee to handle the Dudley Gale property was appointed by the Chairman of the Finance Committee, rather than the Senior Warden.

On Page 15 the word "conference" should be changed to "convention" in connection with the Diocesan Convention in Memphis.

The minutes were accepted as corrected.

Mr. Lodge reported that Charles Carter is preparing to enter Holy Orders and he will need the recommendation of the Vestry to proceed.. Mr. Carter's activities in Christ Church were described and recommendations were made by several of the Vestry. Their signatures were affixed to the form

for this purpose and duly recorded by the Secretary.

The Treasurer, Mr. Crouch, referred to the printed Treasurer's Report that was circulated and pointed out the drop of \$5,000 in collections on current pledges. He noted that this was not anticipated and that it would be necessary for collections to rise considerably in order to meet current obligations.

Joe Howell reported that about 15,000 people attended the Bryan Green meetings during his visits and that the total receipts were approximately \$4,200. After expenses were paid the remainder of the proceeds were sent to the diocese. Many comments were made upon the success of the Bryan Green visit. It was moved by Shade Murray, seconded by Wentworth Caldwell, and carried, that the Vestry register a vote of thanks to Joe Howell and his committee for their excellent work in making the Bryan Green visit a success and a monumental achievement for the Episcopalians in this area.

In the absence of the Senior Warden, Shade Murray reported that at the meeting of the Finance Committee last week Cecil Wray proposed that William Keese and the Rector of St. Paul's, Chattanooga, be invited to speak to the Vestry at its next meeting about the Tom White Associates fund raising firm. The purpose of this is mainly to share with us the advantages and disadvantages of the fund raising campaign conducted at St. Paul's. Mr. Wray recommended that the meeting of the Vestry be held from 5:00 to 7:00 P.M., without dinner.

It was then moved by Joe Howell, seconded by Charles Robinson, that William Keese, and the Rector of St. Paul's, Chattanooga, be invited to meet with the Vestry at its next meeting on April 7, the meeting to be held 5:00 to 7:00 P.M., without dinner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Chairman Grimes reported on the Committee on Administration. He presented the Hostess's report for January 16 to March 9, 1963, the details of which are on file with these minutes.

Mr. Grimes pointed out that the report showed a surplus from the kitchen, Mardi Gras, and Lenten luncheons in spite of several handicaps, including bad weather, sickness and reservations which were not paid for. He commended the Hostess for efficient management and splendid food service.

Chairman Seckman reported on the Board of Christian Education as follows:

(1) The family service at 9:00 A.M., Sunday mornings will be discontinued until further notice.

(2) The Sunday School has been trying to find a suitable plan for Sunday School materials. Beginning in the fall the Sunday School will begin with the Episcopal Church Fellowship Series. He explained that the Seabury system was not working out uniformly. It requires highly trained Sunday School teachers throughout the entire Sunday School in order to be effective. There are not enough trained teachers to make the system work in our church. He said that under the new plan teachers can substitute material of their own at their discretion without jeopardizing the series.

There was no report on the Worship Committee.

William Barton reported on the Evangelism Committee in accordance with the report filed with these minutes.

There was no report on Community Relations Committee due to the absence of Albert Rose, the Chairman.

Mr. Davis requested to make clear again that St. Luke's Community Center was not denied the use of the addressograph list of Christ Church communicants as reported. The reason the community center did not have access to the list was purely due to a misunderstanding and a failure to make contact with the church office at the appropriate time. John Murrey then commented on the extensive work that the staff of Christ Church does for other churches and other Episcopalians in this area and that this excellent service should be recognized and commended.

The Chairman of the Finance Committee, Charles Robinson, reported that the Committee recommends the following:

(1) That the Dudley Gale property, house, and contents be sold for the obvious reason that the debts of Christ Church are such that we could not afford to keep such expensive property. If we were to keep it some action about the property next to Christ Church would be required. The Dudley Gale property would be considered as a luxury item at this point. After it was clarified that Dudley Gale probably would have liked the Church to keep the property, nevertheless good financial sense prevails in this recommendation.

It was then moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Hearn Bradley and unanimously carried, by a vote of 18, that the Dudley Gale property, house and contents be sold.

(2) Mr. Robinson moved, Mr. Howell seconded, and it was unanimously carried, by a vote of 18, that the method of sale be as follows:

(a) That all contents of the Dudley Gale house be sold at auction, after giving relatives of Dudley Gale the opportunity to buy any items at appraised value.

(b) That the Dudley Gale property and house be sold by the Finance Committee at the best possible advantage to Christ Church.

Upon a question raised by Mr. Lodge it was agreed that the Bishop of the Diocese be informed about the sale of the Dudley Gale property as there may be a Canon relative to property given to the Church in order that the title may be cleared.

Mr. Robinson said that the Finance Committee would come back to the Vestry for instruction as to the distribution of the funds from the sale of the Dudley Gale property. Mr. Robinson concluded by saying that he has talked with Bob Warner and Dick Hinch, Co-chairman of the Stewardship program, and their interest is high over its prospects.

Chairman Holt of the Property Committee reported that several complaints about the condition of the kneeling boards prompted him to investigate the cost of replacement which would be approximately \$1,500. An alternative would be that upholstery material be purchased and that the men of the church cover the kneeling boards. This would cost about \$500. In the discussion that followed it was agreed, without vote, that no expenses for kneeling boards be incurred until

after the sale of the Dudley Gale property and that it be considered as a possible item in the Stewardship drive.

As a result of the fall of Mrs. Luke Lea on the steps leading from the main floor to the landing at the west side entrance, it was proposed by Paschall Davis that immediate steps be taken to fix the hand rail at this point. There was considerable discussion as to how this should be done, following which it was moved by Joe Howell, seconded by Wentworth Caldwell and carried, that the Property Committee be instructed to investigate the situation relating to hand rails extending to the last step on all of the stairways of Christ Church and propose a solution to the Vestry.

REPORTS OF DELEGATES

Chairman Grimes of the College Work Committee said there was no report as the first meeting of that committee is to be held later this week.

Upon notice by the Exchange Rector that we are entitled to two representatives on the EDC it was moved by Mr. Proctor, seconded by Wentworth Caldwell, and carried, that the alternate representative to the EDC, Albert Rose, be appointed as a Christ Church delegate to EDC.

As delegate to the EDC Joe Howell reported that EDC now stands for Episcopal Development Corporation. He said that this body is now incorporated in order to locate, acquire, and hold title to property. He reported that many of the delegates didn't know a great deal about EDC and wanted to be instructed, therefore the first meeting was given over largely to this instruction. A Board of Directors has been elected, an unusual feature of which is that persons may be elected to this Board who are not delegates within the Corporation. There are three laymen and two clerical persons on this Board. The Rev. Robert Hayden, St. Bartholomew's, was elected president, and Joe Howell, Vice-President. The Board has chosen five major areas of activity and has set up committees to develop each of these areas. They are:

- (1) Worship
- (2) Community Relations
- (3) Church Expansion
- (4) Finance
- (5) Evangelism

The chairmen of these five committees constitute the program steering committee for the EDC.

Paul Anderson reported on a conversation with Cecil Wray regarding the election of the Lenten speakers. Mr. Wray had said there was some feeling that there could be improvement in this selection for 1964. Therefore in order that we might ask our delegate to the EDC to report our suggestions for Lenten speakers for 1964 it was moved by Paul Anderson, seconded by Shade Murray and carried, that Joe Howell be asked to secure the list of Lenten speakers for 1964 that have been selected and report back to the Vestry.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary

Rector

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Monday, April 8, 1963
5:15 pm

| | | |
|----------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| PRESENT: | Paul B. Anderson | Charles H. Robinson |
| | William H. Barton, Jr. | Albert P. Rose |
| | Dr. Hearn G. Bradley | Thomas C. Seckman |
| | Arthur Crouch | Dr. N. S. Shofner |
| | Andrew Grimes | M. Van Smith |
| | Clarence M. Holt | J. Haskell Tidman |
| | Joe T. Howell, Jr. | T. Cecil Wray |
| | Richard Lechleiter | The Rev. G. W. C. Thomas |
| | Shade Murray | The Rev. J. Paschall Davis |
| | John Murrey | |

The minutes of the meeting of March 11th were accepted.

Mr. Thomas read the letter of resignation as Chairman of Ushers by Norvell S. Rose to be effective June 1st. It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Dr. Shofner and carried that the Vestry accept the resignation of Norvell S. Rose as Chairman of Ushers, and that an express of thanks be written by the secretary.

A letter from J. R. Jackson enclosing a check for \$211.00 was read by Mr. Thomas. The check was to pay for the purchase of certain items from the Dudley Gale estate. The letter, attached to these minutes, also expressed appreciation to Mr. Shade Murray and others of the Vestry for their thoughtful handling of the Dudley Gale affairs.

Mr. Robinson referred to a letter to Walter Stokes from Mr. Battle Rodes, enclosing a check for \$200.00, in appreciation for the use of the church for his daughter's wedding. The letter and Mr. Stokes' reply is attached to these minutes.

Arthur Crouch presented the Treasurer's Report. Pledges are in arrears and if money does not come in within the next few weeks the Stewardship and Finance Committees may have to take some measures to get them brought up-to-date. It was moved by Mr. Wray, seconded by Mr. Howell, and carried, that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

Cecil Wray explained that William Keese was unable to attend the Vestry this evening but will be here on May 13. Mr. Wray said that it was not his purpose to sell the White and Associates Company to the Vestry for a fund raising campaign but rather to have Mr. Keese explain to us firsthand the experience of St. Paul's Church during its last campaign. Mr. Wray pointed out that there has been some talk about a possible home for the aged and it has even been mentioned that such could be built on the Christ Church property close by. The Church has a sizable group of Senior Citizens and this may be something of interest that we should look into.

Mr. Wray announced that the Veterans Administration requested use of Cheek Hall for a luncheon on the 2nd of May. After considerable discussion it was moved by Mr. Wray, seconded by Mr. Grimes and carried, that permission be granted for the Veterans Administration to hold a luncheon in Cheek Hall on Thursday, May 2, 1963.

This situation led to a discussion as to the need for the Vestry to make decisions of this nature without having a policy on the use of church facilities by outside groups. It was then recommended by Mr. Grimes that the Vestry ask the committee on Administration to propose a policy to the Vestry for action on the use of food service and the church facilities by other than church groups. The recommendation was accepted by consent.

The Senior Warden presented a report on the apportionment meeting showing the amount given by other comparable churches in the diocese along with other figures on membership, per capita expenses, etc. This report is on file with these minutes. The report shows that the per capita costs for the operation of Christ Church was the highest of all churches listed. There was extensive discussion about this report, which was presented largely for informational purposes in order that the Vestry would have better understanding about why the Christ Church apportionment is so high.

Mr. Wray announced that Mr. Grimes has resigned as Chairman of Administration. He then moved that M. Van Smith be appointed as the new Chairman of Administration. The motion was seconded by Shade Murray and duly carried.

As his first duty as Chairman of Administration, Mr. Smith presented the hostesses report from March 19 to April 7, which is attached to these minutes.

Richard Lechleiter reported that the Altar Guild is having the Aumbry now placed in the chapel, and formerly in the church, recessed in the west wall. The expenditure will be approximately \$300.

The report of the Evangelism Committee was presented by Mr. Barton and is attached to these minutes. He announced that the new Inquirer's Class will begin on June 9th. He asked if anyone had candidates for this class to please notify him.

The report of the Finance Committee was presented by Mr. Robinson. It was moved by him, seconded by Mr. Wray and carried, that all proceeds from the estate of Dudley Gale, deceased, be used as follows:

(1) That a small contingency fund be established to handle incidental expenses;

(2) That the funds be applied to Building Fund Note which now stands at \$46,860.

(3) That any remaining funds be sent to the Trustee at Third National Bank to be applied on the real estate loan for property next to the church.

As part of the Finance Committee's report Shade Murray gave a detailed report on the auction sale of contents of the Dudley Gale home. Ramsey Realty and Auction Company handled the auction with the assistance of Virginia Walker, an appraiser. The auction company handled the sale for a fee of 15% rather than the usual 20%. Total receipts amounted to \$12,901.64.

"Mr. Shade Murray reported that the total receipts from the sale of the late Mr. Gale's personal property amounted to \$12,901.64; and, after paying the cost of the auction and appraiser (\$1,953.85), the church received a net of \$10,947.79."

A detailed report is attached to these minutes. In addition several items were saved out for Christ Church. Among them were two portraits of Bishop Leonidas Polk, one in his Confederate Uniform, and another in his Bishop's vestments. Mr. Murray said the distribution of these could be up to the Vestry. He suggested that one might be kept by the church, one could be sent to Sewanee and possibly the Polk Foundation might be interested in one or both of them. Upon the suggestion of Mr. Robinson the matter was referred to the Finance Committee for recommendations. Mr. Murray said that Mr. Gale's personal effects were not put into the auction, that some were given to a long time helper and the rest were given to St. Luke's.

Mr. Robinson announced that 11 real estate agencies were working on the sale of the Gale property where there was an Open House last Sunday. The church next to the property was consulted first but after a meeting with some of the members it was learned that they did not have the money to purchase. Mr. Robinson said they hoped to sell the property within a month.

Mr. Robinson also announced that Christ Church was named the beneficiary of Dudley Gale's government insurance policy in the amount of \$10,000. He said that Mr. Crouch, the Treasurer, is in the process of handling this policy. Upon Mr. Robinson's recommendation it was moved by Mr. Wray, seconded by Dr. Bradley and carried, that the Finance Committee be given the authority to act in relation to the proceeds from the insurance of Mr. Dudley Gale in the amount of \$10,000.

Upon recommendation of the Finance Committee Chairman, the Vestry approved the payment of \$100 per quarter, beginning April 1, for Arthur W. Crouch for accounting services in keeping the church books.

It was moved by Mr. Wray, seconded by Mr. Tidman and carried that the Vestry of Christ Church give a vote of thanks to Shade Murray for the devoted time and work that he has given to the auction sale.

It was suggested by Mr. Wray that the Property Committee arrange to have the 9th Avenue vestibule painted.

Mr. Thomas expressed his appreciation for the Church-Family Night and said that it lived up to his highest expectations. It was agreed that the next Church-Family program would probably be the church picnic in June and that Mr. Barton and the Evangelism Committee will make arrangements.

Van Smith reported on the Brotherhood's action in relation to the men of the church. The Brotherhood suggested Tuesday, May 7, breakfast at 7:00 AM in Cheek Hall for the first meeting and that there be a corporate communion at 6:30 AM. Various points of view were expressed about having a corporate communion and it was finally agreed not to do so at first, that it was quite agreeable that the first program be on Tuesday, May 7, at 7:00 AM.

It was moved by Mr. Wray, seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried, that the Vestry request of the EDC to invite the Rt. Rev. David Rose, the Suffragan Bishop of Southern Virginia, and the Rev. Peyton Williams as Lenten speakers in 1964.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

The Rector

Secretary

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Monday, May 13, 1963
5:15 pm

| | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| PRESENT: Paul B. Anderson | Charles H. Robinson |
| Hearn G. Bradley | Albert P. Rose |
| Wentworth Caldwell | Dr. Dan S. Sanders, Jr. |
| Owsley R. Cheek | Dr. N. S. Shofner |
| Arthur W. Crouch | M. Van Smith |
| Clarence M. Holt | J. Haskell Tidman |
| Joe T. Howell, Jr. | T. Cecil Wray |
| Richard P. Lechleiter | The Rev. Curtis Thomas |
| Shade Murray | The Rev. John R. Lodge |
| John Murrey | |

The meeting was opened with prayer by the exchange rector, Mr. Thomas. The minutes were approved as written.

The treasurer's report as presented by Mr. Crouch was accepted.

Upon the request of the Senior Warden it was voted that the vestry meetings for June, July, August, be held at 5:00 pm and close at 6:00 pm without dinner.

Department of Administration: It was agreed that the punchbowl, candelabra, etc., from the Dudley Gale estate be kept in Christ Church in order to be covered by insurance. The report of the hostess is attached to the official minutes.

It was announced by Richard Lechleiter, Chairman of the Worship Committee, that there was a change in the first soprano soloist in the choir from Mrs. James Hamilton to Mrs. Carole Jennette.

Finance Committee: Upon the suggestion of Mr. Charles Robinson, the chairman, that Everett Crutcher would be given \$50 per month retirement pay until his social security becomes effective. It was moved by Mr. Tidman, seconded by Mr. Howell and carried that this be done. Mr. Robinson stated that the Finance Committee will handle the Dudley Gale insurance through the Third National Bank and will be applied on the Endowment Fund.

Upon a motion by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Howell and carried, it was agreed that the loose offering of May 26 will be designated for Cuban relief.

Mr. Robinson announced that a letter would appear in the bulletin in May announcing the church's financial condition involving the disposition of the Dudley Gale property. A letter on stewardship will follow in the bulletin in June.

Property Committee: Mr. Holt announced that the hot water tank in the rectory burst the day before and was replaced. He also described the condition of the area way into the basement and the need for painting of gutters and trim at the rectory. He said the estimates were: Guniting of cement work \$350; painting gutters and trim \$647. After considerable discussion it was decided without vote that expenditures for these items be withheld until the financial condition of the treasury was improved (perhaps two or three months) and pending re-estimates of costs.

College Work Committee: John Murrey, Chairman, commended Mr. Wilcox for the fine work he is doing at St. Augustine's.

EDC: Mr. Howell, referring to the remarks of Mr. Keese prior to dinner in connection with the fund campaign at St. Paul's in Chattanooga, compared the EDC to the Chattanooga Planning Commission. He pointed out that the latter was a well-established body that planned for such campaigns for the entire Chattanooga area and was a district asset to any such campaign.

In Nashville, the EDC is not as well-established with the participating churches, but Mr. Howell anticipates there will be closer working relationships among the local churches in the future on matters of this type.

Mr. Rose reported that the budget for the institutional chaplain, Mr. Rice, was approved by the EDC. He explained that currently the diocese contributes \$4,500 per year to this budget, but eventually, the EDC will take over the entire budget and withdraw from the College Work program, which will then be entirely supported by the diocese.

St. Luke's: It was moved by Mr. Wray, seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried, that the secretary be instructed to notify Norvell Rose to give a report on St. Luke's at the next vestry meeting.

Men's Breakfast: M. Van Smith, president of the Brotherhood of St. Andrew, explained that the breakfast for May 7th was cancelled because of a similar meeting at St. George's that evening at which Chancellor Heard was giving an address. Mr. Smith advised that the breakfast will be held at 7 am Tuesday, May 21st and that Dr. Henry H. Hill, President Emeritus, George Peabody College will speak, and Mr. J. Paschall Davis will preside.

Mr. Joe Howell reported that Dr. John M. Holt will receive a fellowship at the American University of Oriental Research in Jerusalem in biblical archeology. His expenses there will be paid, but there will be additional expenses in the amount of \$1,000 to \$1,200. Dr. Holt is not affiliated with a particular parish, but is closely associated with Christ Church. In view of this, Mr. Howell asked permission to write a letter to people in the church who know Dr. Holt, and give them the opportunity to contribute to his expenses. It was moved by Dr. Shofner, seconded by Mr. Holt, and carried that permission to write the letter be granted.

Mr. Wray told of Robert Simpson's interest in a mission at Dickson. Mr. Simpson wanted to know if Christ Church could assist in its development. After discussion it was agreed that Christ Church could not do so officially, but that Mr. Simpson could assist individually and could encourage other individuals in Christ Church to do so. Mr. Wray felt that the mission should be the consideration of the Department of Missions of the diocese.

A collection for flowers for Mr. Dudley Gale's funeral was taken.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Rector

Secretary

Minutes of the Vestry
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Monday, June 10, 1963
5:15 P.M.

| | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| PRESENT: Paul B. Anderson | John Murrey |
| William H. Barton | E. T. Proctor |
| Dr. Hearn G. Bradley | Charles H. Robinson |
| Wentworth Caldwell | Dr. Dan Sanders, Jr. |
| Owsley Cheek | Thomas Seckman |
| Arthur Crownover | Van Smith |
| Andrew Grimes | Cecil Wray |
| Richard P. Lechleiter | The Rev. G. W. Curtis Thomas |
| | The Rev. John R. Lodge |

The minutes were approved as corrected. Correction: that the minutes should read that Slim's salary be reduced from \$100 to \$50 on a permanent basis.

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Wray presented a letter of thanks from the Veterans Administration for the use of Cheek Hall for its luncheon.

He also presented a letter from Mrs. Lloyd Stowe asking for a special Sunday collection for a Japanese Mission. After discussion it was moved by Wentworth Caldwell, seconded by T. Proctor and carried, that the Vestry regrets it cannot give up its Sunday offering for this purpose at this particular time. In the discussion it was pointed out that most extra offerings are planned or endorsed through the appropriate Episcopal channels. It was felt that this particular request should go through those channels for approval.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer's Report attached to these minutes was accepted upon a motion by Mr. Wray, seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried.

RECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Thomas reported that the laymen's luncheon meetings at Noon in some ways have been excellent from the discussion standpoint but not from attendance. He said that about 25 laymen signed up for the meetings and the majority favored Noon or late afternoon meetings.

Mr. Thomas announced that a farewell party for the Ferris family will be held at Southend on August 25. The next day the Ferrises will depart for home. Mr. Proctor told about the splendid visit he had with the Ferris family when he was in Europe.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr. Lechleiter, Chairman, urged attendance at the Evensong program on Monday, June 24 at 8:00 P.M. John Murrey added that the music will be exciting and interesting to hear and said that Christ Church will be host to the American Guild of Organists.

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

M. Van Smith presented the Hostess' Report which is attached to these minutes.

Upon his suggestion for cleaning the glass windows on the outside of the Parish Hall it was agreed that this be done in the latter part of August.

Mr. Smith said that the punch bowl, candelabra, etc., from the Dudley Gale estate are insured and are now installed on the church properties.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Thomas Seckman, Chairman, regretfully announced the resignation of Andrew Grimes, Assistant Superintendent of the Sunday School. He expressed great loss to the church of Mr. Grimes' leadership, which has been very satisfactory. Mr. Seckman said that he will have a replacement soon.

Summer family church session at 9:00 A.M., began yesterday, June 9.

He reported that the recruiting of teachers for fall is now well underway.

AIR CONDITIONING

Mr. Thomas commented upon the poor air conditioning on Sunday, June 9. The temperature in the church was 80 degrees. It was generally agreed that it was most uncomfortable and that the priests and choir suffered the most under these conditions. Mr. Seckman explained that the air conditioning system is 10 years old. Although it has 35 tons capacity it probably has only 10-15 tons capacity at present. This is due to several factors, one of them age of the equipment, but mostly the mistreatment the equipment got during the time of construction of Cheek Hall. He thought it was improbable that the situation could be changed much without additional or new equipment. This would cost in the neighborhood of \$60,000. There are no air conditioning outlets in the chancel of the church. The air flow is from the back of the church forward. There also being no outlets for air movement in the chancel cool air does not reach that part of the church.

EVANGELISM COMMITTEE

W. Barton, Chairman, presented the report which is attached to these minutes. He announced that the new Inquirers Class started last Sunday and there will probably be 10 persons ready for confirmation in the fall.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

C. Robinson announced that there is a possibility to rent out the storage space on the second floor in the church garage. Whether or not this would provide income is dependent upon the additional costs in taxation and insurance. Mr. Pride is investigating these matters. Upon a motion by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Cheek it was carried that the Vestry give the Finance Committee authority to negotiate a lease dependent upon the findings about the tax and insurance costs.

Mr. Crouch the Treasurer, referring to the Treasurer's Report said that it will be necessary to borrow money for straight operating expenses in order to pay bills. This is due to the \$14,000 deficit on January 1, 1963, and a note of \$5,000 to meet expenses to date. It was moved by Mr. Crouch, seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried that the Vestry authorize the Treasurer to borrow up to a total of \$10,000 including the \$5,000 on the original note now held by the Third National Bank.

Mr. Robinson felt that a word of encouragement to the Stewardship Committee in connection with the letters recently appearing in the Bulletin was certainly in order. He feels that the membership should be informed of the church finances

and particularly of the operating deficit. About \$9,000 of that deficit was incurred through unusual expenses in 1962 such as the boiler, roof repairs, etc. The only way to meet this deficit he felt is to increase income from various sources and hold down expenses. Members of the Vestry concurred.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Paul B. Anderson

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Monday, July 8, 1963
5:15. P.M.

| | | |
|----------|------------------------|------------------------|
| PRESENT: | Paul B. Anderson | Joe Howell, Jr. |
| | William H. Barton, Jr. | John Murrey |
| | Dr. Hearn Bradley | E. T. Proctor |
| | Wentworth Caldwell | Charles H. Robinson |
| | Owsley Cheek | Dan Sanders, Jr. |
| | Arthur Crouch | M. Van Smith |
| | D. Andrew Grimes | T. Cecil Wray |
| | Clarence M. Holt | The Rev. John R. Lodge |

The minutes were approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Crouch reported that receipts in June were excellent, and that pledge payments were probably due to letters in the Bulletin. As of July we are only \$4,000 behind in pledges.

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Wray and carried, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted.

A comment was made that contributions to the John Holt Fund be sent to Christ Church.

COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Van Smith presented the Hostesses financial report which is on file with these minutes.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mr. Lodge reported that the attendance at the 9:00 A.M. service is more than twice that at the same time last year. He said the 11:00 A.M. service dropped to 230 last Sunday but the 7:30 A.M. service was steadily increasing. A total of 400 attended church last Sunday. In February when attendance is at its height about 500 attend.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr. Robinson said that Robert Warner and his committee request that Sunday, November 17 be set aside as Loyalty Sunday.

It was ^{so} moved by Mr. Crouch, seconded by Mr. Wray and carried.

The Stewardship Committee will do a random test with 20 communicants by visiting them in advance of the canvass and talk with them about stewardship. There will be no request for money. The purpose is to test the effectiveness of preparing people for giving.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Robinson reported that Mr. Dowling, an organ repair expert, is the prospective tenant for the second floor garage. Damage from a small fire there will probably return about \$1100.00 from insurance. The rent suggested is \$75.00 per month. There will be a tax increase of about \$20. Net amount from rent would be \$700. If he can do it for that amount then we will draw up a lease for two years. Mr. Dowling will use one car space in the garage. His presence will be a protection and help avoid

some of the unsightly conditions in the garage.

EPISCOPAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Mr. Joe Howell announced that the census of Episcopalians will be taken this fall and it is hoped that all parishes will take part. Volunteers will take the census house to house in Metropolitan Nashville.

ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY CENTER

Mr. Wray said that there was some question about continuing St. Luke's as it was running a deficit. It has enough money to finish out the summer and there will be a letter campaign in the fall. Continuation might be dependent upon the success of the campaign. The EDC has taken the situation under advisement. It is the plan of the EDC that the Diocese support the college work and the EDC pick up the community relations work.

Mr. Anderson expressed his concern about the closing of St. Luke's. He said that the agency was ideally located in a neighborhood that needs its services. It is not a hopeless neighborhood but one of fairly young families most of whom have lower-middle incomes. He felt that the neighborhood could assist in the support of St. Luke's if given the opportunity. Mr. Howell concurred. After Mr. Wray reviewed the recent history of St. Luke's, including the self-study, he suggested that the time may be close at hand for a re-appraisal.

COMMITTEE ON WORSHIP

Mr. Robinson reported that Peter Fyfe had approached him about the need for a humidifier in the organ. Estimated cost is \$323. This amount is not included in the Worship Committee budget and could not be paid from that source. Mr. Robinson was confident that the request from Mr. Fyfe was quite legitimate and that the humidifier might save on costly repairs later.

It was moved by Mr. Grimes, seconded by Mr. Proctor, and carried, that the purchase of a humidifier for the organ be approved and that Mr. Robinson be authorized to proceed with Peter Fyfe to install it.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Paul B. Anderson

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY
CHRIST CHURCH
August 12, 1963
5:15 P.M.

| | | |
|----------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| PRESENT: | Paul B. Anderson | E. T. Proctor |
| | Dr. Hearn G. Bradley | Charles H. Robinson |
| | Wentworth Caldwell | Albert P. Rose |
| | Arthur Crouch | Dr. Dan S. Sanders, Jr. |
| | Clarence M. Holt | Thomas C. Seckman |
| | Joe T. Howell, Jr. | Dr. N. S. Shofner |
| | Richard P. Lechleiter | M. Van Smith |
| | Shade Murray | T. Cecil Wray |
| | | The Rev. G. W. Curtis Thomas |

COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Holt reported on a letter he received from the insurance company and said that the company found no recommendation to make relative to the stairways in the church.

Dr. Bradley reported on conversations with members of the Alter Guild regarding the flooring behind the alter that need refinishing. After it was pointed out by Mr. Wray that Peter Fyfe did not want to have them carpeted for acoustical reasons, it was duly moved and carried that the Alter Guild could refinish the floor area behind the alter at their expense.

REPORT OF SENIOR WARDEN

Mr. Wray reported that the Diocesan Budget for 1964 is up 4%. The asking for our apportionment is \$38,806 as compared with \$37,529 this year. He said we would have to decide on our apportionment by December, 1963.

Mr. Wray announced that it was time to appoint the "keyman" for the Episcopal Churchmen of Tennessee. Last year John Murrey represented Christ Church. After discussion Mr. Thomas appointed Lewis Pride.

Mr. Wray announced the gift of stained glass from St. John's, Southend-on-Sea to Christ Church and showed a news picture of Mr. Ferris receiving same in England. Members of the Vestry heartily concurred with Mr. Howell's proposal that Christ Church give an exchange token. It was agreed to await action until Mr. Thomas and Mr. Ferris could talk it over and suggest an appropriate exchange.

TREASURER'S REPORT

(See printed report attached to these minutes.) Mr. Crouch announced that the John Holt Fund will amount to \$1400 - \$1500, and noted that receipts for August were good. Mr. Wray moved, Mr. Robinson seconded, and it was carried that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

REPORT OF THE EXCHANGE RECTOR

Mr. Thomas regretfully reminded the Vestry that this was his last meeting with them. He expressed his desire to return home, see his family and friends, but like Mr. Ferris he didn't want to leave. He has had so many new experiences, and his work in Christ Church has been invigorating, stimulating his entire ministerial career. Mr. Thomas recognized the fact there is such a large church staff, and commended them for their faithful support. He noted that the attendance and the financial figures for this year largely parallel those of last year, and commented on the increased

attendance at St. George's where they now have services at 7:30 A.M. and 10:00 A.M. rather than three services. He thought this might be worthy of Christ Church's consideration. Mr. Thomas summarized the development of the men's work in the Church beginning with the first breakfast meeting, the questionnaire to determine the best time for meetings, and the decision to have luncheon discussion meetings on Monday and Tuesday every other week in Cheek Hall. He said about 30 men were currently involved in these and that they could possibly lead to the formation of a lay auxiliary. Their continuation will depend upon the decision of Mr. Ferris. Mr. Thomas concluded with thanks to the Vestry and said that he would have much more to say at his farewell.

Upon a motion by Mr. Wray, seconded by Mr. Robinson and carried, the November meeting of the Vestry will be held on Tuesday, November 12, 1963 rather than at the usual time.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
Paul B. Anderson

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY
 Christ EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 September 16, 1963

| | | |
|----------|--------------------|---------------------|
| PRESENT: | Cecil Wray | C. Holt |
| | M. Van Smith | A. Grimes |
| | Tom Seckman | A. Crouch |
| | Dan Sanders | O. Cheek |
| | C. Robinson | W. Caldwell |
| | E. T. Proctor, Jr. | William Barton, Jr. |
| | J. Murrey | Paul Anderson |
| | Shade Murray | Mr. Ferris |
| | Mr. Davis | Mr. Lodge |

The meeting was opened with prayer by the Rector.

COMMUNICATIONS. Cecil Wray presented a request from Mrs. Goss that the United Church Women be permitted to have a luncheon in Cheek Hall on November 1. It was so moved by Arthur Crouch, seconded by John Murrey and carried.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Mr. Crouch announced the John Holt fund now stands at \$1279. After it was noted that we are in arrears on Diocesan payments, Mr. Ferris questioned how much longer we could spend more than we take in and announced that he would like to meet with the Finance Committee. Mr. Robinson noted the reduction of the building fund loan and endowment and an increase in the apportionment program. He said that income is good and the prospects for next year are better. Owsley Cheek commended the staff for prodding us to keep up on pledges. The report was received and filed.

THE RECTOR'S STATEMENT. This being the first meeting of the Vestry since the Rector's return he wanted to express his deep appreciation and thanks for being given the opportunity to spend a year in England at St. John's, Southend-On-Sea. Very expressively, he told of how much it had enriched his ministry, and contributed so greatly to his and his family's lives. It was good to be back at Christ Church and he felt sure that the Church would benefit from his experience in the months ahead. With much feeling he concluded with "thank you very much".

ADMINISTRATION. The report of kitchen finances and operations was read and placed on file.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. Tom Seckman reported that there was an overflow attendance Sunday due to the Rector's return. He said he has as many good teachers as he needs at the moment, but there is need for another adult class at 10 A.M. The Parents Class is now combined with the Adult Discussion Group.

EVANGELISM. The report was reviewed and placed on file. There will be a confirmation service at St. David's next Sunday at 11 A.M. The next confirmation class will begin September 29. Mr. Lodge announced that the 9 A.M. service will continue until further announcement. Mr. Ferris said he would like to consider it further and discuss with the Board of Education.

STEWARDSHIP. The Finance Committee thinks that we should review the lease with Lowe and Campbell because of our financial condition. It was moved by C. Robinson, seconded by Tom Proctor and carried that the lease with Lowe and Campbell be reviewed beginning January 1, 1965 at \$600. per month for 5 years with the provision that lease can be terminated by either party after the first two years.

Cecil Wray felt that the Church would be in a better position to negotiate with the Urban Renewal Authority about the property next door if the building remains

on it rather than if it were converted into a church parking lot. Pete Robinson thought there might be a possibility of working out an arrangement with the owner of the parking lot next to the garage for Church parking. He said he had not heard from Mr. Dowling about renting the second floor of the garage.

Shade Murray announced that the Dudley Gale house had been leased to two students for \$215. per month which will more than pay for taxes and interest. He has two prospects for purchase of the property, and is trying to get a net of \$40,000 to the Church. He said that subdividing the property would not be advisable.

Tom Seckman expressed hope that we will have another course of action relative to Lowe and Campbell building as many church activities are limited by lack of parking. This brought forth much discussion which concluded in a motion by Tom Seckman, seconded by Tom Proctor, and carried that a parking committee be appointed to study the matter of parking and that the Chairman be authorized to appoint his own committee. Mr. Ferris appointed Andrew Grimes as Chairman.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE. Mr. Crouch explained that when budget was made up last year the Property Committee was short-changed, and he emphasized that Clarence Holt had performed a wonderful service by holding down expenses. It was moved by Cecil Wray, seconded by Pete Robinson, and carried that the actions of the Property Committee for the past year be ratified by the Vestry.

ST. LUKE'S COMMUNITY HOUSE. Paschall Davis reported that the EDC met at St. Luke's and agreed to be responsible for raising the Center's budget. They plan to part on a campaign and secure support from business firms in West Nashville.

Mr. Ferris requested that the two Wardens meet with him as a steering committee for the next Vestry meeting.

Paschall Davis raised the question as to whether or not Christ Church should enter into an official arrangement with Holy Trinity Church in regard to race issues. He is now meeting with representatives of Holy Trinity informally. Tom Proctor thought representatives of both vestries could meet informally and get acquainted. Mr. Ferris said he wants to be involved in this and doesn't want to split the churches. He said that all churches are confronted with this issue and if they don't face up to it they are done. Mr. Lodge said this was an area of great significance, that Christ Church and Holy Trinity are segments of the body of Christ confronted with the same problem. They and we have wisdom and insights, which if they can be shared we could enable the Christian community to face the crisis in our midst. Cecil Wray thought the Church should back this venture. Mr. Ferris said that the role of Christian laymen is a more important role than that of the Clergy. He thought the association with Holy Trinity could be done by church members without having an official act of Vestry, and that Mr. Davis could invite members of our Vestry to meet with him and representatives of Holy Trinity. After further discussion Mr. Ferris assured Mr. Davis that the consensus of the Vestry was to proceed on an invitational basis.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/

Paul B. Anderson

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Monday, October 7, 1963
5:15 P.M.

| | | |
|----------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| PRESENT: | Wentworth Caldwell | Albert Rose |
| | Owsley R. Cheek | Dr. Dan S. Anders |
| | Arthur W. Crouch | Dr. N. S. Shofner |
| | Andrew Grimes | Thomas Seckman |
| | J. T. Howell | M. Van Smith |
| | Richard Lechleiter | J. Haskell Tidman |
| | Shade Murray | The Rev. Raymond T. Ferris |
| | John Murrey | The Rev. John R. Lodge |
| | Charles H. Robinson | The Rev. J. Paschall Davis |

The minutes of the previous meeting were not available for approval.

Due to the fact that this Vestry meeting was scheduled one week ahead of the normal meeting date, a treasurer's report for the previous month was not available. However, Mr. Crouch reported that receipts for September had been satisfactory.

ADMINISTRATION. Mr. Smith presented the report of the Hostess which is attached to these minutes.

EVANGELISM. Mr. Murray reporting for Mr. Barton presented the membership and transfer statistics for the previous month.

STEWARDSHIP. Mr. Robinson stated that all vestrymen will be asked to sign their Every Member Canvass pledge cards at the next scheduled vestry meeting and urged all members to give prayerful thought to their stewardship at this time.

FINANCE. Mr. Murray, reporting for the Finance Committee, announced that the Dudley Gale house and property has been sold for the sum of \$40,000 net to the Church. The transaction will be closed sixty days from the sale contract date in accordance with the existing lease agreement. Mr. Robinson congratulated Mr. Murray on the excellent manner in which he had handled the property negotiations for the Church.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS. Mr. Rose reported that Captain Nussbaum has agreed to remain at St. Luke's Community House on a permanent basis, having completed his two years of service on a trial basis.

PROPERTY. A discussion was held regarding the installation of a burglar alarm system in the sanctuary and the Property Committee was directed to investigate the matter and report back to the vestry. Mr. Robinson recommended that the door to the parking garage be removed to provide an additional parking space.

EPISCOPAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. Mr. Howell expressed encouragement regarding the EDC's acceptance of its responsibility and cited the EDC's recent action regarding St. Luke's as an example of this new feeling. He announced that Mr. Owsley Cheek has been appointed by the EDC to head a fund raising campaign for St. Luke's in the coming year.

Mr. Rose reported that the work of the Institutional Chaplain under the sponsorship of the EDC was progressing very well and is another example of the fine work being done by the EDC.

A discussion of the plans of the Nashville Housing Authority was held with regard to the urban redevelopment program in the area of Christ Church. Mr. Howell was asked to meet with the Housing Authority to find out more definitely what their plans are for our area and to report his findings to the Vestry.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Robinson, Acting Secretary

MINUTES OF THE VESTRY
CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Monday, November 12, 1963
5:15 P.M.

PRESENT: William H. Barton, Jr. Charles H. Robinson
Wentworth Caldwell Thomas C. Seckman
Arthur W. Crouch M. Van Smith
Clarence M. Holt J. Haskell Tidman
J. T. Howell, Jr. T. Cecil Wray
John B. Murrey The Rev. Raymond T. Ferris
E. T. Proctor The Rev. John R. Lodge

The pre-dinner discussion period was devoted to the study of the report of the Church survey for the City of Nashville and Davidson County.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Mr. Crouch announced that the October receipts from current pledges were the largest received for any single month in the history of Christ Church. It was moved, seconded, and carried that the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented.

STATEMENT BY THE RECTOR. Mr. Ferris announced that he will be at DuBose on the regular scheduled date of the December Vestry meeting. After due discussion it was decided to hold the December meeting on the regular date. Mr. Ferris asked that the Vestry be prepared to elect our delegates to the Diocesan Convention at the December meeting. He also appointed Mr. Crouch, Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Proctor, and Mr. Murray as a Nominating Committee for the nomination for election to the Vestry at the Annual Parish Meeting to be held in January, 1964.

ADMINISTRATION. Mr. Smith reported on the operations of the kitchen for the month of October. His report was filed with the Treasurer.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. Mr. Seckman announced that on December 8 the Christ Church School children are being asked to bring gifts to the Church which will in turn be given to St. Luke's Community House. He also stated that the Blessing of the Creche and a Christmas party will be held on December 22.

EVANGELISM. Mr. Barton reported on the statistics of the Parish. He announced that Confirmation will be at 4:00 P.M. on November 24 and that a reception and family dinner will be held immediately following the service.

FINANCE. Mr. Robinson moved that the Thanksgiving Offering be designated for the Presiding Bishop's Fund for World Relief. It was seconded and carried. Mr. Robinson announced that after due discussion the Finance Committee recommends that the Christmas Offering be designated for the reduction of the operating deficit. Mr. Proctor so moved, it was seconded and carried. Mr. Robinson moved that a resolution ratifying (1) the sale of the Dudley Gale property for \$40,000 and (2) the execution of the Warranty Deeds dated November 11, 1963, by the Rev. Raymond T. Ferris, Rector and Mr. T. Cecil Wray, Senior Warden, conveying said property be approved and duly filed. Mr. Crouch seconded the motion and it carried. Mr. Robinson announced that all department heads will receive duget forms for the coming year and asked that the proposed department budgets be brought to the next Vestry meeting.

PROPERTY. Mr. Holt was authorized to purchase paint for two Sunday School class rooms on the third floor. The painting is to be done by members of the Sunday

School under the supervision of the Department of Christian Education. Mr. Ferris reported that the trees at the Rectory were in bad need of attention. Mr. Holt was authorized to get an estimate on the necessary tree work and report back at the next Vestry meeting.

EVERY MEMBER CANVASS. Mr. Robinson reminded the Vestry of Loyalty Sunday on November 17. The Vestry made their pledges at the close of the discussion period.

A discussion was held regarding an appropriate gift for Christ Church to send to Southend-on-Sea. Mr. Howell moved that Mr. Walter Stokes be authorized to correspond with the Rev. Curtis Thomas regarding a suitable gift to cost in the vicinity of \$250.00 and to report his findings back to the Vestry. The motion was seconded and carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles H. Robinson

MINUTES OF VESTRY OF CHRIST CHURCH
December 9, 1963

| | | |
|----------|----------------|---------------|
| PRESENT: | Tom Seckman | Tom Proctor |
| | William Barton | J. Lodge |
| | A. Grimes | A. Rose |
| | C. Holt | P. Davis |
| | Joe Howell | H. Bradley |
| | O. Cheek | M. Van Smith |
| | Cecil Wray | Dan Sanders |
| | C. Robinson | Paul Anderson |
| | J. Murrey | |

The meeting was opened with prayer by Mr. Lodge.

Episcopal Development Corporation. Joe Howell reported that the quarterly meeting of the EDC had its largest attendance at its last meeting. The subject was "The Survey" which is based on the Planning Commissions population trends. There are five areas recommended for Episcopal development. The EDC feels that steps to be taken are:

1. Acceptance of fiscal responsibility based on recommendations of the survey.
2. Develop a step-by-step plan.

The minutes were approved as read by C. Robinson.

TREASURERS REPORT. In the absence of Mr. Crouch, the report was given by C. Robinson. It was received and placed on file.

RECTORS REPORT. A statement from the Rector was presented proposing that there be inclusiveness of all the clergy in the Nashville area at the Lenten services in 1964. Mr. Davis suggested that we have Negro chaplains at the Lenten services. Recognizing the import of these proposals Mr. Wray asked each member of the Vestry to voice his views as an individual which would not be included in the record. It was then moved by Paul Anderson, and seconded by Joe Howell that all Episcopal Clergy in the Clericus be invited to serve as Chaplains at Christ Church during the coming Lenten services. A motion to table by Dr. Bradley and seconded by William Barton was not carried. The original motion carried.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION. Mr. Lodge, reporting for Tom Seckman, said there was a good response on the gifts for St. Luke's. He announced the party for children at the church and the blessing of the Creche.

EVANGELISM. The report, presented by William Barton, was received and placed on file. He announced the total communicant strength was over 900.

FINANCE. Pete Robinson reported for Bob Warner that the canvass raised slightly over \$103,000. He said the buyers are taking over the Dudley Gale property and that the church would stand the cost of repairs to buidling in the amount of \$100-\$200.

PROPERTY. It was moved by C. Holt, seconded by Tom Proctor, and carried that the stained glass window from St. John's be placed in the Wheeler Room at a cost of \$100. and after the first of the year.

Mr. Holt said he had been receiving complaints from the kindergarten that they can't get the rooms cool enough in the winter because of the heating pipes overhead. It was moved by Mr. Holt, seconded by Andrew Grimes, and carried that authorization

be given for expenditures in 1964 to cover the steam pipes in the kindergarten and nursery.

Mr. Holt suggested that Tom Seckman appoint a committee to handle the redecorating of rooms for 8th and 9th grades as authorized by the Vestry November 12.

St. Luke's. Owsley Cheek reported that it had been agreed to raise \$12,000 for St. Luke's over and above the amount given by the churches. The solicitation will be among selected businesses and individuals at large and on a once-a-year basis. Joe Howell reported that Captain Nussbaum was appointed director on a permanent basis after a two year trial.

DIOCESAN CONVENTION. The following were duly nominated and elected as delegates and alternates to the Diocesan convention, to be held in Chattanooga January 22-23, 1964:

| <u>Delegates</u> | <u>Alternates</u> |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Cecil Wray | 1st Shade Murray |
| Dan Sanders | 2nd Alf Sharp |
| Charles Robinson | 3rd Frank Green |

PRESIDING BISHOP'S FUND FOR WORLD RELIEF. Mr. Davis said that the Rector would like to have the Vestry become more acquainted with this program. He described what was being done for Cuban relief which is quite extensive.

National Council of Churches of Christ. Because several people had asked about how the National Council of Churches was financed Cecil Wray explained that a part of Christ Church funds goes to the Diocese, and a part of that goes to the National Council of the Episcopal Church, which in turn, gives to the National Council of Churches. Our National Council is a member of the National Council of Churches. No diocese, nor church is a member. Out of each \$17 given to Christ Church one penny goes to the National Council of Churches.

Mr. Lodge announced that the Baptist Churches were conducting a religious survey in Nashville and had invited all denominations to participate. After discussion it was agreed without vote that Christ Church not participate in the survey.

Respectfully submitted,

Paul B. Anderson