# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH January 20, 1986

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

The Rector	Eugenia Moore
The Assistant to the Rector, Miller	Brad Reed
The Assistant to the Rector, Levitch	Bob Russell
The Pastoral Counselor, Peerman	John Sergent
Laura Drake	Bob Smyth
Frances Corzine	Jim Snell
Ames Davis	Tom Steele
Pearline Gilpin	Speed Thomas
Cliff Harrison	David Waller
Shirley Lechleiter	Lina Wellborn
Scott Lee	Don Whitfield
Gina Lodge	

It was reported at the meeting that the position of Christian Education Coordinator was approved and filled by Dale Loftus; that her salary was \$2,500 to be included in the budget, and \$2,500 from R.D.F., and both proposals were moved, seconded and approved by The Vestry voting at the Conference January 4 at DuBose.

Gina Lodge then gave the 1986 Budget financial report (see enclosed in notebooks). She said that the finances for the Third Floor Renovation would be borrowed from the endowment, and that at the February Vestry meeting the financial committee would have a full plan of how we will pay back the endowment funds.

Gina Lodge also stated that it had been decided to use the checks not designated for pledges in the Sunday offering plate for the payment for the Third Floor. It is impossible, however, to include this in the budget at this time since the procedure is so new. Jim Snell said that there would have to be some flexibility in this, as they have been used for special projects in the past.

Brad Reed asked how a charity applied for help from our outreach program, and the Rector suggested that a note explaining the process approved by the Vestry be placed in each member's notebook.

Brad Reed also asked if we get a Financial Statement from the Diocese. The Rector replied that we did, at the convention, and that it is important at this time that both our parish and the Diocese take a close look at what we are doing financially.

Cliff Harrison then moved that we accept the Budget as presented; Bob Russell seconded the motion, and it was approved by a unanimous vote of the Vestry.

It was also duly moved, seconded and unanimously approved by the Vestry that the plate offerings not pledged go to the renovation of the Third Floor.

The minutes of the previous Vestry Meeting, with the addition of the names of new Vestry members, were approved as corrected by a unanimous vote of the Vestry upon a motion duly made and seconded. It was then moved that the December Treasurer's Report as presented to the Vestry be accepted, and this was done upon a motion duly made and seconded.

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Following Catherine Snell's wonderful dinner the following new business was discussed.

The announcement of the formation of a Diocesan Committee, consisting of the Vestry leadership team and the convention delegates, was announced by the Rector to keep the Vestry and parish informed of development in the Diocese.

The Rector then distributed the report of the Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs. Frances Corzine reported that she, Marion Arnold and Barbara Reynolds from this parish were members of the coalition; that there would be a workshop given by the group this spring at DuBose open to all, and that the coalition was continuing to gather information for the Diocese.

Cliff Harrison then reported a bequest of approximately \$20,000 from Harvey Pride's estate, and moved that the Vestry approve signing a waiver freeing the executors from investigating mineral rights in the Pride Estate that had proved fruitless in both the Estate of Lewis Pride and others. Having been duly made and seconded, the motion was unanimously approved by the Vestry.

Youth Committee chairman John Sergent reported that there were twenty-two persons at the Youth Committee Meeting held on Saturday, including nine young persons; that he felt the meeting a success, and that there would be another meeting this Sunday during the regular Sunday School hour.

Bob Smyth, the Liturgy Chairman, announced that six persons had been selected by the committee as new lay readers and chalice bearers; and that they be recommended to Bishop Reynolds to be liscensed. They are Margo Todd, Margo Baeder, Lester Robb, Nancy Hodges, John Hammon and Skip Higgs. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved that the six names be sent to the Bishop. In addition, Bob Smyth said that Kate Davis would be a new lay reader.

He also reported that a significant gift had been made by the Tankard family that will take the form of a concert or concerts to be presented from time to time, using the interest from this gift.

Ames Davis announced that this years Outreach programs will concentrate on the homeless in the downtown area, and that there would be a workshop for all persons interested in this project on Saturday, February 8 from 7:30 a.m. until noon. Three or four of the actual recipients of this Outreach will participate in the program.

Marion Arnold's report to the Vestry from our Congregational Helpline shows that 1198 actual persons have been individually helped in 1985; with a total expenditure of \$10,130.41.

Jim Snell, chairman of the Nurture Committee, announced that Lester Robb had agreed to help in the program for the Elderly; and that Carol Howell will have several gatherings at her house for those members who feel "out of touch." He asked that the Vestry help to identify these persons. He also said that he had found all assistance to help put out a new church directory, but that he still needed someone to head this job.

The Rector then welcomed the Pastoral Counselor, and asked if anyone had any

questions about his position.

He also said that in the discussion of the third floor renovation it seemed evident that we would have a capital funds drive, probably in the Spring of 1987.

Scott Lee then reported for the Christian Education Committee that only one class needs a new teacher for the Epiphany Term. He also said that Dale Loftus is on board as C. E. Coordinator, defining her duties and responsibilities. He then said that Brad Reed would serve as liason from C. E. to the Youth Committee.

Bob Russell reported that our building program is on schedule.

The Rector asked if this Vestry meeting was the kind we wanted.

He announced that the Bishop was urging all in the Diocese to come to the convention final dinner at the Radisson.

There being no further business to come before the Vestry, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Conzina Frances Corz

Clerk

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH FEBRUARY 17, 1986

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

The Rector	Brad Reed
The Assistant to the Rector, Miller	Bob Russell
The Assistant to the Rector, Levitch	John Sergent
Laura Drake	Bob Smyth
Ames Davis	Jim Snell
. <b>.</b>	Tom Steele
Carol Elam	Speed Thomas
Shirley Lechleiter	David Waller
Scott Lee	Lina Wellborn
Eugenia Moore	Don Whitfield

The Minutes of the previous Vestry Meeting, after two spelling corrections, were approved as corrected by a unanimous vote of the Vestry upon a motion duly made and seconded.

Don Whitfield reported that we are \$10,000 ahead of the budget because of interest paid to the endowment from insurance and property. As we begin to borrow for our construction this situation will no longer exist.

The Budget was then unanimously moved, seconded and approved by a unanimous vote of the Vestry.

Shirley Lechleiter reported that attendance is higher because our records are being better kept.

The Rector reported that our on-going parking problem has been given to the ad hoc committee on building.

The Rector named the committee to brainstorm for leaders for the Capital Funds Drive. Those persons are: Cliff Harrison, Gina Lodge, David Waller, Brad Reed, Bob Smyth, Peggy Warner and Tom Steele.

The Rector has also named Bob Smyth to head a committee to develop new ideas for the annual parish meeting to be held December 16.

Shirley Lechleiter reported on the Diocesan Leadership Committee. She reported on three of the resolutions adopted by the convention.

- 1) To keep the name of the present Diocese of Tennessee
- 2) To set up an endowment fund with the money from the sale of Dandridge Towers to be used to support those in the diocese who are handicapped and poor.
- 3) That the Towers remain low cost. Shirley also reported that Carol Thomas will head the planning committee to carry out the "Visioning," and that the committee will report developed and achievable goals to the Bishop by July.

The Rector brought up the possibility of providing 4 parking spaces to the Dioscesan Office when they move downtown. Jim Snell then suggested that we investigate renting a commercial space together.

The Vestry then adjourned for dinner. Following a delicious Catherine Snell dinner Committee Reports were given.

Speed Thomas reported that the Youth Committee has had two meetings with both the Jr. and Sr. E.Y.C.'s and the clergy represented. There is a Dioscesan E.Y.C. meeting scheduled for March 7 and 8; and Christ Church members will attend.

Ames Davis reported the Outreach Committee has formed a task force to see what community efforts, other than Christ Church's are being made with the homeless.

Jim Snell reported for the Nurture Committee that a committee is making plans for the Parish Week-end Away April 11 - 13 at Cumberland Mountain State Park.

Also, under the leadership of Jackie Woodward and Peggy Ward a new parish directory is in the planning. Pictures are scheduled for April, and the hope is to have the directory by August. Mary Jane Levitch requested that children's names be included with the family listings.

Bob Russell reported for the Building Committee that renovations and additions are a little ahead of schedule. His committee has undertaken to look at parking possibilities and solutions.

Scott Lee will reform the Christian Education Committee by asking that members commit to two years' service to provide continuity.

Don Whitfield reported that the Finance Committee had met to discuss financing for the third floor.

Bob Smyth reported for the Liturgy Committee that Christ Church has been given a handcarved Italian Creche by Michael Corzine.

The Rector announced dates to be remembered are:

Evensong Sunday March 2 National Boy Choir Sunday March 16 Vestry Meeting Monday March 17 at 5:15 p.m.

The whole Vestry affirmed the new schedule.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Corzine, Clerk -2-

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH March 17, 1986

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

The Rector	Eugenia Moore	
The Assistant to the Rector, Miller	Brad Reed	
The Assistant to the Rector, Levitch	Bob Russell	
Frances Corzine	John Sergent	
Ames Davis	Bob Smyth	
Carol Elam	Jim Snell	
Pearline Gilpin	Speed Thomas	
Cliff Harrison	David Waller	
Shirley Lechleiter	Don Whitfield	
Scott Lee	Laura Drake	
Gina Lodge		

The minutes of the previous Vestry meeting were approved as corrected. Don Whitfield gave the Treasurer's report, and especially noted that two months into 1986 we are behind the budget in collecting pledges. Mary Jane Levitch suggested that parishioners be reminded to pay their pledges by an entry in the Vestry Notes that go in the Bulletin.

Don said that the procedure for paying for our third floor renovation would be presented in a clear manner in a later report. The Treasurer's report was then unanimously accepted by the Vestry upon a motion duly made and seconded.

In going over the statistics for the month it was especially noted that the attendance at the 8:45 service shows a large increase.

The Rector then announced that beginning March 18 work would begin on the new ramp, therefore eliminating parking on the side of the building. Both the Rector and Sam Miller had heard unfavorable comments about our towing policy in the parking lot, and asked that the Vestry be goodwill ambassadors to the parish on this issue. Mary Jane Levitch asked that we stress that there are no more "passes" to park, since some are confused over the "passes" given out at the beginning of our construction.

Bob Smyth said that a committee has met, and is looking at both long and short term options on parking.

The Rector then reported on the Ad hoc Committee on Capital Funds (see attached report). He asked for additional names of possible parishioners to head the campaign.

The Rector then reported that 16 men from Matthew 25 had spent Tuesday through Sunday nights in Cheek Hall -- he explained that these men are <u>employed</u>, but have not been working long enough to find places to live. He explained the difficulties with finding more permanent places to house these men, and said that Fletch Coke was presently exploring the possibility of using the space over Agner's Restaurant.

Shirley Lechleiter then opened the discussion on a recipient or recipients, of the Easter Offering (see enclosed sheet). Matthew 25 and Reconciliation Guest House were both discussed, either as sole recipient or as a divided recipient. After thorough discussion, and upon a motion duly made and seconded, it was approved by the Vestry as an offering to be split between Matthew 25 and Reconciliation Guest House.

Following a delicious Catherine Snell dinner, the Vestry reconvened to

hear reports.

1. The Diocesan Convocation will meet April 19 at St. George's, including all lay and clergy on any leadership committees, for what is basically the next step in working on 'Visioning.'

2. Bob Smyth announced that the parish is operating on a full Easter Liturgical schedule and asked the Vestry to take advantage of any or all of these offerings.

3. John Sergent gave the Youth Committee report, concentrating on an evening with Gary Dietz, the Youth Director at St. Stephen's Church, Edina, Minnesota (see attached). He then asked for vestry discussion on hiring a youth consultant. Brad Reed remarked during the discussion that we had made youth our top priority at our Vestry Conference, and that we should therefore support whatever the Youth Committee feels we need.

4. Scott Lee then gave the Christian Education report. (see attached). He reminded us of the Easter Celebration following the 8:00 a.m. service and the Church School Spring Festival May 25.

5. Gina Lodge then gave the Stewardship report for Tom Steele. She announced that Tom's group had met with last year's team and had set up a timetable.

6. Bob Russell announced for the Property Committee that the building project is on schedule. He said that we now have plans for the handicapped restroom.

7. For the Nurture Committee Jim Snell announced that we are actively working on our new directory. He underlined the contribution Jackie Woodward is making to this. He asked all of us to offer rides to our older friends. He urged all of us to sign up early for the Parish Weekend Away organized by Wayne Glenn.

Dr. Snell added that a Mid-life Conference would be held at St. George's that same weekend, keynoted by Liston Mills.

He also added that Lester Robb is chairing our task force on aging, and that Bella Stringer is in charge of the reception after the Easter Vigil.

The Rector stated that the Lay Pastoral Care Committee is really a part of Nurture. Sam Miller said that this group creates relationships with the recipients so that in a crisis they are comfortable calling. The Rector reminded us of how easy it is to lose touch with people when they can no longer attend church.

Sam Miller then told the Vestry about the new singles group at church. He mentioned their caroling at Christmas, the pancake supper, and the Seder to be led by Rabbi Randall Falk.

The Outreach Committee continues to focus on the homeless. Marion Arnold will work 1/2 day a week as coordinator for this committee. She will visit the agencies we serve and study their needs, and report to the Committee.

Tom Ward then welcomed Gordon Peerman, our lay pastoral counselor. He spoke of his concern with confidentiality, and emphasized how much the church staff has respected this with his appointments.

The Rector then reminded us of the services to take place during Holy Week and urged us to take advantage of them.

The next Vestry meeting will be April 21.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH April 21, 1986

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

The Rector	Eugenia Moore
Sam Miller, Asst. to Rector	Brad Reed
Mary Jane Levitch, Asst. to Rector	Bob Russell
Frances Corzine	Bob Smyth
Carol Elam	Jim Snell
Cliff Harrison	Tom Steele
Shirley Lechleiter	Speed Thomas
Scott Lee	David Waller
Gina Lodge	Don Whitfield
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The minutes of the previous Vestry meeting were approved as corrected. Don Whitfield then gave the Treasurer's report. He said that our current pledges are still lagging behind last year; that the Treasurer's Committee would keep watching this and continue to remind the congregation through the <u>Bulletin</u>. He also announced that our income from the McCurdy Fund has increased significantly; that he would be in touch with the U.S. Trust Co. which handles the fund to be certain that this increase is to continue, and will advise the Vestry when he has talked with the Trust Co.

The Treasurer's report was approved after a motion properly moved, seconded and unanimously voted.

Speed Thomas then gave the Youth Committee Report, condensing and clarifying Gary Dietz's proposal that had been mailed to Vestry members. He reminded us that Dietz had been found by George Reynolds after a thorough search for his church in Edina, Minnesota; that Youth was a high priority in the Diocese's Visioning, and suggested that at some point Dietz might be in the Diocese on a permanent basis. The proposal that seems most desirable would cost between \$2,700 and \$3,000.

Several Vestry members reminded us that it has been quite some time since we spent significant monies on our youth and that we had come such a long way in our program that the time was now ripe for professional help.

Both the Rector and Sam Miller expressed the need to recognize the excellent parish leadership that has brought the Youth program to where it now is, and the need to incorporate that leadership into the consultation process so that we may incorporate what is good in what we now have into what we plan for the future.

They also stressed their desire for Clergy involvement.

It was suggested that some of the Stockard Fund, and some of the E.Y.C. monies might be used to help fund the consultation program.

After a wonderful Catherine Snell dinner the Vestry re-convened and voted on a motion duly made and seconded, to approve the proposal made by Gary Dietz subject to finding necessary funds, with a \$3,000 ceiling. Bob Russell then gave a report on the Construction and Renovation. He said that though we continue to be on schedule, the doors for the restroom will not be in until June 1.

He also stated that, after negotiating, he has a bid to renovate the downstairs bathroom facilities for the handicapped, using the existing light fixtures, for \$8,300.

The Rector noted that it was difficult to discuss additional funding without discussing the Capitol Funds Drive. He said he has discussed chairing the drive with someone, and would hope to have this person, and additional chairs, in place by June. Organization would then take place in the summer and fall with a consultant being brought on board to help determine a reasonable figure that the parish can raise. The drive would then take place January - April. He added that we must keep in the mind of the parish that our regular yearly pledge comes first, and then the additional funds that may go to the Capitol Funds Drive, probably on a three year pledge.

The Rector urged committee heads to prepare a "wish list."

Gina Lodge said that we will need to include some items in the drive that have not been done to build enthusiasm, and Carol Elam again urged that we need not only to see the Third Floor ourselves, but to find sometime to set aside for the congregation to see it. It was decided that we would have that time following the Church School Open House on May 25.

Bob Russell then stated that he felt that the handicapped bathroom facility would round off our program for the handicapped, and would be more cost effective if done at this time. The Vestry then unanimously voted to spend \$8,300 to renovate the downstairs bathrooms on a motion that had been duly made and seconded.

It was then announced that in a friendly lawsuit initiated by Christ Church, St. Ann's, and the Church of the Advent, the income from the Good Shepherd Fund, set up in 1886 to provide an indigent hospital and never used, could now be divided for "proper use" among the three churches.

It was also announced that the Harvey Pride bequest had been determined to be about \$12,000, with an additional \$1,000 interest.

About 100 diocesan leaders met at St. George's on Saturday, April 12, for a "Distillation " of their vision of ideas. They met in small groups, and turned their reports in to Carol Thomas, chair of the Diocesan Committee.

It was announced that there would be an open house on Sunday, May 4, at the new Diocesan offices.

The Outreach Committee reported that Matthew 25 now has a home in the space above Agner's Restaurant, and that the Storefront Ministry would be in their space for another two years. Marion Arnold's report on her new work with the Outreach Committee was then read.

It was reported by the Nurture Committee that work on the new directory is progressing; that the Parish Weekend Away had been a real success with approximately 70 in attendance. It was then announced that the Parish Picnic would be June 22, with the 27th as a rain date.

The Vestry will have a party for the newly transferred in and confirmed May 18.

It was stated that the Seder led by Rabbi Randall Falk was attended by 70 people and was great fun and was sponsored by the newly formed Singles Group at Christ Church. Sam Miller announced that the Singles were now forming a Bible Study group.

Frances Corzine reported the Coalition on Alcohol and Other Drugs met at DuBose April 10-12 with approximately 40 people, including Bishop Reynolds.

Brad Reed reported for the Pastoral Counseling Committee that Gordon Peerman's ministry in this position had been an overwhelming success. The Vestry then approved an increase in Gordon Peerman's salary of \$5,000 subject to the approval of the Finance Committee on a motion duly made and seconded. It was stated that this needs to be built into next year's budget, and it was asked that they come back to the Vestry with a report.

Speed Thomas asked that we use the first minutes of the next meeting to tour the third floor.

Bob Smyth formally announced his betrothal to Elaine Hughey. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY

OF

#### CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

#### MAY 19, 1986

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

The Rector The Rev. Samuel G. Miller, Jr., Assistant The Rev. Mary Jane Levitch, Assistant The Rev. Gordon Peerman, Pastoral Counselor Frances Corzine Carol Elam Pearline Gilpin Clifford J. Harrison Shirley Lechleiter Scott Lee Gina Lodge

Brad Reed Robert V. Smyth Tom Steele J. Speed Thomas Donald Whitfield Lina Wellborn Laura Drake

The minutes of the previous Vestry meeting were unanimously approved.

Don Whitfield then gave the treasurer's report. He said that having compared the current pledges with where we were at the same time last year, that figure seems to be in a satisfactory place. He also announced that we had received the necessary money from the Episcopal Endowment Fund to be used at this time for the building fund.

The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

The statistics were then gone over, and it was announced that we would have approximately twenty-seven confirmands in June.

The Vestry then adjourned to tour the third floor.

After a delicious Catherine Snell dinner, the Vestry reconvened, and the rector announced that the tour would take the place of an ad hoc committee report.

It was announced that \$2,000 from the Stockard Fund and \$500 from the combined EYC groups would be used to finance the youth project.

It was also announced that there was enough excess in the budget to take care of Gordon Peerman's raise.

As an update on the youth project, Sam Miller announced that he had talked with Gary Dietz, and that he would be here June 13 thru 15, July 18 thru 20, and September 5 thru 7.

The rector announced that Charlie Wray would head the capital funds drive. The diocese may have a three to four million dollar drive in the near future. There was some question of combining the two, but the rector doesn't see how this is possible. The bishop hopes the drive can take place a year from now.

The rector then opened the floor for discussion. Bob Smyth stated that he would like the Vestry to approve a contingency fund to take care of minor construction problems that might come up as the contractors finish the building project.

He made a motion that the Ad Hoc Planning Committee be allowed to spend up to \$5,000 to make a pleasing and inconspicuous merging of the new construction with the existing building.

Shirley Lechleiter asked if we should put our "cosmetic" wishes in front of the diocesan fund drive.

It was asked and agreed to that the Ad Hoc Committee on Construction and Renovation stay in place through the monitoring of the "wish list," but emphasized that the "wish list" and the finishing project were not the same.

At this point, John Sergent called the question and upon being duly seconded, the motion was unanimously passed.

The rector will be responsible for getting the wish list and getting it to the committee on capital funds.

Shirley Lechleiter then gave the report of the diocesan committee, and said that it was hoped that we would provide leadership to implement the Visions of the Diocese for Spiritual Community; for providing resources; for making the diocese a social actor; and for providing growth and unity. Mary Jane Levitch asked that anyone who either had the interest or energy, or knew anyone who did, please see either her or Shirley.

Scott Lee then gave the Christian Education Report. (See attached.) Vacation Bible School will be held June 9-13.

Then it was announced that the Christian Education Committee is exploring the possibility of offering a church school class for exceptional children, especially those with Down's Syndrome. The committee felt that this would be possible this November, and if the response from our parishioners is not too large, we may open it to others.

Mary Jane Levitch asked for Vestry support and for education on this issue in the parish.

Tom Steele then reported on Stewardship, and said that letters to solicit captains would be out during the first two weeks in June.

October 6th is the date set for captain's dinner; the 22nd of October is to be the worker's dinner with the parish being invited. On the 26th, the workers will be commissioned at a Sunday service. November 9th has been set as Loyalty Sunday.

Tom Steele then thanked Gina Lodge and Brad Reed for their help in helping to get the campaign organized.

Jim Snell gave the Nurture Report and questioned the benefits of the party fornew church members. It was agreed that there needs to be further discussion, with perhaps another time (breakfast, etc.) considered. He pointed out that the photography process for the directory is coming along, with the main problem being the proofing. Two events are coming up: confirmation and the parish picnic.

The Outreach Committee reminded the Vestry of the upcoming workday for the elderly.

The rector then further defined Marion Arnold's job, and explained that she would work one-half day a week coordinating the efforts of the outreach agencies.

Gina Lodge reporting for the Finance Committee stated that out of the staff day away, it became evident that we needed more computer software. This will cost approximately \$1,500 and could come out of Small Memorials. It was moved, seconded and unanimously approved that this money be provided.

It was then announced that one of the bonds purchased with the proceeds from the sale of the rectory has now matured and stated that it was felt that these funds should be sent to the Episcopal Endowment Corporation. It was further recommended that a separate fund titled "housing, etc." be established and as each treasury bond matures the proceeds be deposited with the Corporation in that fund and the interest from this fund will be credited to the administrative budget.

This was put into the form of a motion, seconded, and unanimously approved by the Vestry.

Gina Lodge then pointed out the need for an Administrative Committee to study personnel practices and determine policy. Pearline Gilpin volunteered to assist with this committee. The rector announced the Leadership Team would discuss the issue.

The rector announed the following dates to remember:

Trinity Sunday - May 25th Summer Sunday Morning Schedule - June 1 Bishop Reynolds at both services - June 8 June Vestry Meeting - June 16 Parish Picnic - June 22 No Vestry Meeting in July August Vestry Meeting - August 18

Jim Snell then announced that the diocese has put together a survey on aging and would circulate this survey not only to discover facts, but perceptions. A Christ Church task force will gather our own data. Jim asked the Vestry to encourage people to participate in this.

It was noted that we have a new sign at the front of the church donated by a client of Gordon Peerman's.

Scott Lee asked for names of any prospective Sunday school teachers for the fall.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

#### MINUTES CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY MONDAY, JUNE 16, 1986

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

The Rector	Scott Lee
The Rev. Samuel G. Miller, Assistant	Gina Lodge
The Rev. Mary Jane Levitch, Assistant	Brad Reed
Laura Drake	Robert Russell
Frances Corzine	Jim Snell
Ames Davis	Bob Smyth
Carol Elam	Speed Thomas
Pearline Gilpin	David Waller
Clifford J. Harrison	Lina Wellborn
Shirley Lechleiter	Don Whitfield

The minutes of the previous Vestry meeting were approved as corrected.

Don Whitfield presented the treasurer's report. He pointed out that what we are seeing in payment of pledges has a historical basis. It is his feeling this trend will continue satisfactorily throughout the year.

The stated that the savings account had been closed, and the funds invested in the money market account to take advantage of a higher yield. The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

The statistics were reviewed. It was noted that the 8:45 service continues to have a high attendance. The ll o'clock service attendance is off; this was attributed to Vanderbilt students going home for the summer.

The Rector announced that we had 25 confirmands at our confirmation service, and one person confirmed at another church.

Speed Thomas reported on the initial meeting Friday and Saturday, June 13th and 14th, with Gary Deitz, the Youth Consultant. (See attached report.) Mr. Deitz requested that persons attending the meeting "dream" a perfect youth program, and describe a statement of purpose. The next session will deal more concretely with what can be done to reach particular goals. He also announced that there would be two additional advisors for the Senior EYC.

The next meeting will be July 25th, 26th, and 27th. At the conclusion of that meeting specific proposals for the fall will be defined.

Bob Smyth, reporting for the Wish List Committee, stated the charge of the committee is to make recommendations for projects to be included in the Capital Funds Drive, if it is determined that we have the capability to raise more money than is needed to retire the debt. Further the committee hopes to prevent our falling into a piecemeal approach to accomplish projects as they come up, and to avoid this, a long-range plan is needed. He commented that our building use needs to continue to function effectively, and in order for us to do this, the committee would like to investigate employing a firm whose expertise is in restoration architecture, space planning, liturgical planning, etc.

Several Vestry members reminded the committee of the timing problem with the Capital Funds Drive. Carol Elam, a member of the committee, felt we could have a report by August.

Both Brad Reed and Jim Snell felt that a master plan would be an appropriate part of a Capital Funds Drive.

The Rector advised the committee to go ahead with the plan to talk to a consultant.

The Vestry then adjourned for dinner, and reconvened after a delicious Catherine Snell cold summer meal.

The Rector announced that the Capital Funds Committee was making progress, and there would be a report at the next Vestry meeting.

Ames Davis reported on the proposed Sunday feeding program for the homeless. (See report attached.) This program is currently being handled out of the Store-Front, but had previously been handled out of Community Care Fellowship. This has become impossible, and the proposal is to move the program to Cheek Hall. The program will be monitored by our membership volunteers during the 11 o'clock service. It will be a supplement to the Mission feeding program.

The Rector stressed the need for education about this program with our parishioners, and emphasized the program will be handled by volunteers from the area Episcopal churches, and will cause no further stress on our staff.

A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed to approve the feeding program as outlined, with an amendment that barriers be closed and transients not cross the barriers, and that the cutoff time be as early as possible.

Diocesan Committee - Shirley Lechleiter stated that Mary Jane Levitch is the convener of the Unifier and Management of Differences Committee. She noted that several of our parishioners are convening committees, and that we are "incredibly represented."

Christian Education - Scott Lee reported that we now have half of the twenty-two teachers we need for the fall program. He thanked Lina Wellborn and Katie Steele for Vacation Bible School, and commented that teachers and thirty-five children had a wonderful time. He noted that new members of our congregation served as volunteers.

Stewardship - Brad Reed, reporting for Tom Steele, stated that the leadership met lastweek, and established what appears to be a realistic calendar.

<u>Nurture</u> - Jim Snell noted the Festive Coffee Minute following confirmation had been a success. He urged the Vestry to attend the parish picnic. He announced that a Questionnaire on Aging was being mailed with the newsletter, and requested the Vestry to urge the congregation to fill out the questionnaire and return it.

He pointed to the successful and friendly breakfast fellowship going on with the new summer schedule. He announced that Lina Wellborn would head the Foyer Groups this fall. She will try to energize the groups with a new concept and perhaps an introductory party.

Liturgy - Bob Smyth noted that a favorable review of the music commissioned for Peter Fyfe's anniversary had come out, and stated that the composer was in the congregation at the 11 o'clock service this past Sunday.

Outreach - Ames Davis (see attached report) mentioned the work day for the elderly. He reported that the Metro Social Services Commission is keeping Marion Arnold apprised of essential needs of the community. Much of this can be done on an individual basis. The second Saturday in July will be another "work day."

<u>Property</u> - Bob Russell informed us the building program is approximately 30 days behind schedule because of the restroom and a delay in delivery of the doors. He felt construction should be completed by the first of the month.

There were no Youth or Finance reports.

Sam Miller reported that there is now an organized weekly Bible Study Group and a lunch two Sundays each month for singles, and that a coordinator is needed, especially for the lunch group. The Rector pointed out that the Singles' Group had grown out of Sam Miller's Wenesday Night Singles' Class.

Mary Jane Levitch urged the Vestry to attend the summer Sunday School class. Jim Snell asked that they begin at 9:45 instead of 9:30 to allow the excellent fellowship at breakfast to continue through the summer.

It was decided that because of the position of the Wish List we would have a Vestry meeting July 21.

Other dates for the summer are:

June 22nd-Parish Picnic July 21st-Vestry Meeting July 27th-Hughey/Smyth Party August 10th - Hughey/Smyth Wedding August 18th - Vestry Meeting

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

### MINUTES CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY JULY 21, 1986

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

The Rector	Scott Lee
The Rev. Samuel G. Miller, Jr.	Brad Reed
The Rev. Gordon Peerman	Bob Smyth
Frances Corzine	Jim Snell
Ames Davis	Bob Russell
Pearline Gilpin	John Sergent
Clifford J. Harrison	David Waller
Shirley Lechleiter	Lina Wellborn
Gina Lodge	Don Whitfield
	Charlie Wray
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Charlie Wray reporting on the Capital Funds Drive first explained the diocesan plan. He went briefly over the (tentative) list of projects to be funded, and said that the goal to be raised would depend upon the results of the feasibility study.

Because of the proposed new tax laws, major contributors will be called on this fall, and the formal kickoff will be in February or March.

The consensus of the Christ Church Capital Funds Committee, after full and lengthly discussion, was that we should not have our own capital funds campaign, but should join with the diocese, with the first \$350,000 of our members' contributions being used to pay off our debt and the remainder going to the diocese.

Upon a motion duly made and seconded, this consensus was unanimously approved by the Vestry.

The minutes of the previous Vestry meeting were unanimously approved.

The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

The Vestry reconvened after a delicious Catherine Snell dinner.

Bob Smyth reporting for the Committee on Space Use stated the committee had met with Michael Emrich. Mr. Emrich gave the committee a preliminary report which is being studied.

Shirley Lechleiter asked if the decision concerning the Capital Funds Drive would affect this committee. Bob felt it would take the pressure off and in the long run be helpful.

Bob Smyth also reporting for the Committee on the Annual Parish Meeting stated that the committee suggests that the Annual Parish Meeting be divided into two parts: part one to take care of one function of the parish meeting, i.e., to elect the Vestry; part two to focus on the functions of communication and community building. There was agreement as to the value in this type of approach, but that the second event would be a difficult thing to bring off.

There were no Diocesan, Stewardship, Nurture, or Finance reports.

Ames Davis announced that there have been four feedings to the homeless during the 11:00 service. The meals have been over well before the end of the service, and there have been no unfortunate incidents.

Christian Education. Scott Lee and Dale Loftus represent Christ Church on the Diocesan Committee for a Research/Resource Center. This committee is studying the feasibility and placement of such a center.

Scott Lee announced that teacher orientation is set for September 6th, and the fall schedule begins September 7th. He and Dale Loftus will conduct the teacher orientation. They hope to present this format to other area parishes and missions.

The rector reminded the Vestry that Gary Dietz will be the preacher at the 8:45 and 11:00 services on September 7th.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

### MINUTES CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY AUGUST 18, 1986

Following Evening Prayer at 5:15 the regular monthly meeting was convened by the Rector. Present were:

The Rector	Eugenia Moore
The Rev. Mary Jane Levitch	Brad Reed
The Rev. Samuel G. Miller	John Sergent
Laura Drake	Jim Snell
Frances Corzine	Bob Smyth
Ames Davis	Tom Steele
Pearline Gilpine	Speed Thomas
Cliff Harrison	David Waller
Scott Lee	Lina Wellborn
Shirley Lechleiter	Don Whitfield

Speed Thomas reported on the Youth Committee meetings July 25th and 26th with Gary Dietz, and on the activities of the group since being charged at the Vestry Conference. He reported that once the subjects of greatest interest in each major area were determined, the schedule for the evening meetings was made showing the general topic and the person responsible for that function. It was decided that the best way to arrange Sunday mornings was to take several of the subjects determined earlier and have a three-week mini series followed by a break before another mini-series was begun.

The Rector thanked Speed for all of his time and effort, and added that letting the youth take part would be a big help in the acceptance of the program. He added that we needed to let parents be involved, but not interfere.

The minutes were then approved as amended.

After a marvelous Catherine Snell dinner the Vestry reconvened.

The treasurer's report was approved. Don Whitfield stated that we are beginning to feel the shortfall of borrowing from ourselves. He added that our pledges are following a predictable pattern and that we would catch up at the end of the year.

Statistics for the previous month were reviewed.

The Rector called attention to a new item on the agenda: The Clergy Report. Under this new agenda item, Sam Miller announced that the Bishop had asked him to organize a young adult conference. He met three times with a design team made up of members from St. David's and St. George's, and two leaders from the national church. A three day conference at DuBose followed concerning identify, jobs, intimacy, and power. An evaluation of the conference will be made in September in New York. The national church will present to other dioceses a program based on the above.

Sam also announced that Robert and Dale Loftus will call together a meeting of young adults in the parish to see what kinds of programs they are interested in.

The Rector reported that he was the coordinator of the Morton Kelsey Conference at Kanuga later this month, and several Christ Church parishioners were attending the conference.

Mary Jane and Sam will be attending a LEAD workshop in October.

Under the heading of old business Bob Smyth addressed the proposal for changing the Annual Parish Meeting. He said he was afraid to go ahead with the proposal if there was no more enthusiasm than presently being shown by the Vestry. There was consensus that there would be perhaps more participation under the new proposal, and that it would involve the congregation earlier in the year. It was agreed that we would "chew on this," and discuss it further.

It was announced that we would know more about our capital funds drive in the diocese by the next meeting.

It was agreed that we would hold our building improvements before the parish at the church school hour on either the 28th of September or the 5th of October.

David Waller announced a volunteer "clean up" day on Saturday, August 23rd.

Diocesan Report. Shirley Lechleiter reported that the diocesan subcommittees would turn in their reports and have hearings September 15th. The Rector stated that he liked the goals as stated in the interim report of the planning committee.

Stewardship. Brad Reed, reporting for Tom Steele, stated that 72 captains were in place, and that workers were now being solicited. The Captains' Dinner will be October 6th, where the importance and mechanics of the personal calls will be stressed. It is necessary that we are all clear about this canvass and the capital funds drive, and to understand that our canvass must come first.

<u>Christian Education</u>. Scott Lee stated that Martha Bennett still hoped to have a class for the mentally retarded, and wanted to go to the newspapers to publicize this. Scott felt, as did Jim Snell, that this should not be publicized at this time.

Mary Jane reported that the first series of Wednesday Evenings at Christ Church would include an Inquirers' Class which Sam Miller will lead; <u>The</u> <u>Divine Comedy</u> of Dante Alighieri under the leadership of the Rector; and, a class titled <u>The</u> <u>Church and Caesar</u> which The Honorable Thomas A. Wiseman, Jr., will conduct.

She concluded that we are also looking at one additional adult Sunday morning class.

Liturgy. Bob Smyth stated that "my wife and I" would like to thank each one for his part in making their wedding such a wonderful occasion.

Outreach. Ames Davis reported that both the Sunday lunch program and Matthew 25 continue to be successful endeavors.

<u>Property</u>. Bob Smyth disclosed a gift of \$21,000 for the construction of the entrance hall from Maggie Wray in memory of Cecil Wray. A plaque will be placed in the hall commenorating this gift.

Finance. No Finance Committee report.

Nurture. Jim Snell reported that the directory should be in hand shortly. He stated that he hoped the new approach in promoting Foyer Groups would be helpful, and announced that Pearline Gilpin would be in charge of the United Thanks Offering.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

MINUTES CHRIST CHURCH VESTRY SEPTEMBER 15, 1986

Following Evening Prayer at 5:15, the regular monthly meeting of the Vestry was convened by the rector. Present were:

The Rector	Brad Reed
The Rev. Samuel G. Miller	Bob Russell
The Rev. Mary Jane Levitch	John Sergent Jim Snell
The Rev. Gordon Peerman	
Laura Drake	Bob Smyth
Frances Corzine	Tom Steele
Ames Davis	Speed Thomas
	David Waller
Pearline Gilpin	Lina Wellborn
Cliff Harrison	
Scott Lee	Don Whitfield

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Tom Steele spoke on Stewardship. He said that all captains and many workers were in place, and reminded us of October 6th, the dinner for Captains, and the October 22nd Stewardship dinner. He then described the diocesan stewardship meeting under the direction of the Rev. Edward R. Rich, III, Bishop Reynolds, and representatives from each parish and mission in the diocese. Two hours of Scriptural references to Stewardship were gone through at the meeting, and stewardship and evangelism were seen as two sides of the same coin, helping others to become better stewards of the resources God has entrusted to their call. He also compared stewardship and fund raising stressing that stewardship is what we are involved in at this time.

A discussion of whether to talk specifically about money followed, with the consensus being that money will have to be raised since the diocesan capital funds drive will follow quickly.

The Vestry was then dismissed following a blessing of the evening meal, and then reconvened following a delicious Catherine Snell dinner.

The minutes were then approved as amended.

The treasurer's report was unanimously approved.

Statistics for previous month reviewed.

Under the heading of old business, Bob Smyth reported that Gina Lodge is heading up Vestry elections, and would welcome any ideas concerning the parish meeting.

The Rector reported on the diocesan capital funds drive. The upshot of the feasibility study was that conditions are presently good for a drive of two million rather than three and one-half million. The campaign will be designed around Outreach, Missions, and Youth Ministry. He added that we now know enough about this drive to be able to explain it to our membership during the Every Member Canvass. Brad Reed added that he felt the parish still needs a captial funds plan. Bob Smyth replied that his committee on future plans for our physical plant was still in place and working.

David Waller commented that this will give us prioritites to address when someone wishes to make a specific gift, and thus have some control, since the Rector had said that we were attempting to discourage "designated" giving.

Carol Elam added that the possibility of designated gifts being made this year in anticipation of the tax change gives impetus for us to get our building priorities plan completed.

Frances Corzine reporting for the Diocesan Coalition on Alcohol and other Drugs stated a series of training sessions will be held to enable two people from each parish and mission to become knowledgeable in the field of chemical substance abuse, and thereby able to help with related problems in individual parishes.

Tina Whitfield is heading up the Renovation Celebration for Sunday, September 28th. The congregation will be invited to tour the new facilities, and Learning Centers will be held for younger children.

Brad Reed reported that Gordon Peerman's calendar for pastoral counseling could be filled with Christ Church parishioners and was really overflowing. The cost of renovating the tower will be approximately \$25,000. The use of this area for Gordon's people would maximize confidentiality. Brad reported that the committee continued to be delighted with the direction pastoral counseling is taking under Gordon.

Bob Russell reporting for the Property Committee stated that we would have a cost over-run of about \$5,000, and that this would include the cost of changing the angle of the front steps.

Jim Snell reported that the church directories would be delivered in the next ten days. (The Rector confessed that they were in the building, and Cliff Harrison voiced the consensus of the Vestry when he said,"I want mine tonight." At the close of the meeting, the Rector indulged us with the distribution of our copies.)

Jim Snell also announced that Foyer Groups have attracted eighty people; fifty of which were at the Stringers for the Kick-Off for Foyer Groups.

Scott Lee then handed out the Christian education booklet that had been distributed to all teachers. He reported that all three adult classes had over one hundred in attendance the previous Sunday.

Speed Thomas reported on the success of the third conference with Gary Dietz. He added that there were twenty present at Sr. EYC and fourteen at Jr. E.Y.C. this past Sunday. Sam Miller added that the Sunday morning programs for youth were also going well.

The Rector then thanked David Waller for "Clean-Up Day."

Ames Davis stated that the Sunday lunch feedings continue to go well.

Bob Smyth then thanked Susie Davis, and asked that these thanks be

recorded for her workshop for acolytes, which had an attendance of twenty.

He also made mention of the fact that the bells are not ringing because they are worn out.

The Rector stated he would like to take a sabbatical beginning in January of 1988 through August, 1988, to read, study, reflect, etc. He said this would be discussed several times in the coming months, and for now asked Brad Reed who is familiar with the benefits of a sabbatical to be available for questions.

He reminded us of future dates. The next Vestry meeting will be held at St. Luke's Community House.

There being no further business, the directories were distributed, and the Vestry adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH October 20, 1986

St. Luke's Community Center

Following a tour of St. Luke's Community Center at 5:30 P.M. and dinner at the Center, the regular monthly meeting of the Vestry was convened by the Rector. Present were:

The Rector	Gina Lodge
The Rev. Samuel G. Miller	Brad Reed
The Rev. Mary Jane Levitch	Jim Snell
Ames Davis	Tom Steele
Carol Elam	Speed Thomas
Shirley Lechleiter	David Waller
Scott Lee	Lina Wellborn
	Don Whitfield.

The minutes were approved as amended. Corrections to the September minutes: Carol Elam and Gina Lodge were in attendance.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. Brad Reed asked about the substantial drop in the fund balance from December 31, 1985 to September 30, 1986. Don Whitfield stated that he would answer this question at the next Vestry meeting. The report was then unanimously approved.

Statistics for the previous month were reviewed.

Gina Lodge reported on the Annual Parish meeting and Vestry election. Brad Reed will oversee Vestry nominations. The election will take place on Sunday, December 7, 1986. Parishioners may vote at any time that morning. Names and pictures of nominees will be mailed to the parish. Nominations must be submitted by November 10, 1986. Five new Vestry members will be elected. If a run-off election is needed, it will take place on Sunday, December 14, 1986. Absentee ballots will be available at the Church from November 30, 1986 to December 7, 1986. A sheet including details and all the above dates will be sent to the Parish. Elaine Hughey will handle logistics of the election itself.

Tom Ward reported on the Capital Funds Drive. Shirley Lechleiter expressed concern that the Parish was not being educated about the Capital Funds Drive, so that they could take advantage of the changes in tax laws. Jim Snell suggested that a notice be put in the Bulletin to help alleviate that problem. Tom Steele asked that the notice go in the Bulletin after the Every Member Canvass.

Mary Jane Levitch reported on the Clergy Conference and stated that some general brainstorming had taken place with Bishop Reynolds concerning the organization of the Diocese. Specifics addressed included staffing, organizational structure, and responsibility for programs. Tom Ward asked about program areas which Christ Church might oversee. A general discussion followed with outreach mentioned as a logical area of involvement. Vestry Minutes

Tom Steele reported for the Stewardship Committee that the Captains' and Workers' Dinner would be held on Wednesday, October 22, 1986. Commissioning of workers will take place Sunday, October 26, 1986 and calls will be targeted for October 26, 1986 to November 9, 1986.

Ames Davis reporting for the outreach committee moved that Matthew 25 be the recipient of the Thanksgiving offering. Jim Snell seconded the motion which was unanimously approved. Tom Ward mentioned that the Sunday Lunch Program continues to run smoothly.

Scott Lee reported on the Christian Education Conference at DuBose which was held on October 10, 1986. Christ Church had the largest representation among church school teachers at the conference. He suggested changing the name of the Christian Education Committee to the Church School Committee. This suggestion was referred to the Leadership Team which will report their opinion at the next Vestry meeting.

David Waller stated for the Property Committee that there had been three additions to the third floor renovation which include a new door for the entrance, widening of the steps to the new entrance, and a canopy for the back door.

Tom Ward asked for feedback on his proposed sabbatical. A full discussion followed. Brad Reed suggested that a second notice concerning the proposed sabbatical be put in the Bulletin and that parishioners be directed to him or the Junior or Senior Warden for answers to questions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Elam

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# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH November 17, 1986

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

The Rector	Eugenia Moore
The Rev. Samuel G. Miller	Brad Reed
The Rev. Gordon Peerman	Bob Russell
Frances Corzine	John Sergent
Ames Davis	Jim Snell
Carol Elam	Tom Steele
Pearline Gilpin	Speed Thomas
Shirley Lechleiter	David Waller
Scott Lee	Lina Wellborn
Gina Lodge	Don Whitfield

A designated gift of \$25,000, to remodel the Tower to provide space for the pastoral counselor, was explained by the Rector and discussed by the Vestry. The discussion centered on the issue of the Space Use plan proposed by the Ehrenkrantz Group, and whether that should be in place before we accept designated gifts, or whether, since the plan has not yet been approved, it might not be possible to accept the gift at this time. Access to the Tower and the possibility of getting a feasibility study on this gift only were also discussed.

After a full discussion, the consensus of the group was that we would get an opinion on the cost and feasibility of this use of the Tower Room, and graciously accept the gift with the contingency that we could put it to the use for which it was intended.

Following a delicious Catherine Snell meal, the meeting resumed, and the minutes of the October meeting were approved as ammended.

Don Whitfield then gave the Treasurer's report which was unanimously accepted.

Statistics for the previous month were reviewed.

The proposed Ehrenkrantz Group Space Use plan was then discussed. Carol Elam explained the background of the Ehrenkrantz Group, praising their expertise with buildings of our type and age.

Ames Davis suggested that someone from the Property Committee work with the committee on Space Use, and the motion to accept the group's proposal was tabled until the next Vestry meeting.

At this point the Rector suggested that it might be a good idea not to install the new Vestry until the January meeting because of this and other pending issues.

Scott Lee then gave the report of the Christian Education Committee. He

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pointed out that the Christian Education Committee only deals with our Church School program through sixth grade, and moved that we add an Adult Education Committee to the standing Vestry committees, at which time the present Christian Education Committee would become the Church School Committee. John Sergent seconded this motion, which was unanimously passed. Scott Lee pointed out that with these committees in place the Youth Committee would continue its responsibility for that age group.

Shirley Lechleiter than gave the report of the Diocesan Committee. She reported that the Diocesan Convention would be held January 29 through February 1 in Cookeville, and that we must elect 4 delegates. (The Rector pointed out that traditionally the Wardens are two of those delegates). Shirley said she had the nomination forms for this and also for deputies to the General Convention, and for representatives to Bishop and Council.

Tom Steele then gave the report of the Every Member Canvass. Last year at this time we had 360 pledges totaling \$318,000, and this year we have 261 pledges totaling \$328,000. By the next Vestry meeting he will have a more finalized report.

Bob Russell gave the report of the Building Committee, and said that the only thing remaining to be done is the widening of the parking lot steps.

Jim Snell thanked Carol Howell for the Festive Coffee Minute following Confirmation, and announced that we had ten confirmands and one person received. He also announced that the Task Force on Aging would meet November 18.

Scott Lee announced that 200 young people are now being taught in our Church School. He said that December 7th would be the date of the Advent Learning Centers, and that December 21st would be the date of the Christmas Pageant, and urged the Vestry members and all other church members to attend.

Speed Thomas said that the Sr. E.Y.C. would have a weekend away beginning December 6th, and that we now have 25 young people in our Jr. E.Y.C. and 35 in the Sr. E.Y.C.

Ames Davis then announced the Workshop on the Homeless this Saturday. He moved that the Christmas Offering be designated to Matthew 25, and added that this project has had an 80% success rate. The motion was unanimously passed.

Gina Lodge asked that the Vestry committee chairs please get their requests for next year's budget in to the Finance Committee.

In the absence of Bob Smyth, the Rector announced that we would be returning to Rite II the first Sunday in Advent.

The Rector and the other clergy left at this time to allow a full discussion of the Rector's proposed sabbatical. Following this discussion a motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to give the Rector a sabbatical of four to six months at full salary to begin in January, 1988.

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The Rector returned to the meeting and thanked the Vestry for their vote. He announced that the Vestry Conference would be at DuBose January 9 -11. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

# MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE VESTRY OF CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH December 15, 1986

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

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Don Whitfield gave the Treasurer's report and said that he is seeing results of the new tax law both in pledges completed for 1986 and in pledges prepaid for 1987. The Treasurer's report was then approved as presented.

Bob Smyth then discussed the use of the tower space for the pastoral counselor. He said that in the meeting with Michael Eurich and a subsequent report, that the Ehrenkrantz group felt that the gift of \$25,000 would be an adequate budget for the tower renovation.

The Rector then presented the "Room in the Inn" plan to the Vestry. He said that several churches in the city had volunteered to house the homeless who have no other shelter on nights when the temperature falls below 32 degrees. Our night would be Thursdays. Ames Davis and Bill Coke told how the group would be picked up at the Salvation Army after having been screened there. The Rector thanked the Vestry for approving this plan in between Vestry meetings, and Jim Snell moved that this approval be logged into the minutes. The motion was duly seconded, and unanimously approved by the Vestry.

After a delicious Catherine Snell dinner the Rector passed around a sheet for the Vestry to indicate committee preferences. He then asked the Vestry what they wanted covered at the Vestry Conference and took suggestions.

The	Vestry elections were then held.	Elected were:
	Bob Smyth - Senior Warden	Frances Corzine - Clerk
	Brad Reed - Junior Warden	Don Whitfield - Treasurer

Delegates and alternates to the Diocesan Convention were then elected. They are: Delegates: Bill Coke, Jane Hardy, Shirley Lechleiter and Bob Smyth. Alternates: Carol Thomas, first alternate; Charlie Robinson, Susie Davis, and Charlie Wray.

Persons were then nominated for Diocesan positions: Mary Jane Levitch, Deputy to General Convention; Bob Smyth, Standing Committee representative; Cliff Harrison, Dandridge Trust board member.

Carol Thomas then handed out a report on the software and hardware needs for our computer system. Her recommendation was that the software packages tailored for churches best meets our needs and that we would do well to stay with IBM compatible software and stations. She also said that the offer made to us is financially favorable. She answered the Vestry's questions on the availability of maintenance, and pointed out that the company was headquartered in Brentwood. Gina Lodge said that the Finance Committee recommends that we purchase this equipment. Speed Thomas moved, it was duly seconded, and the Vestry unimously voted to purchase the equipment.

A report on the Diocesan Capital Funds Campaign was given by Bill Coke, who said that \$800,000 has been pledged to date, with \$255,000 coming from 46 pledges from Christ Church with 35 of those called on still out. The consensus of the Vestry was that it would be most helpful to have some education in the congregation before the general campaign.

Tom Steele then reported that the stewardship campaign was about \$40,000 ahead of where we were at this time last year. It appears that we will have 375 pledging units this year where we had 350 last year.

Ames Davis then reported that Matthew 25 is about to close a lease on a rooming house to serve as a half-way house for 5 more men.

The Rector then explained that Bill Harkins, a Master of Divinity graduate of the Vanderbilt Divinity School who has now been offered a full scholarship in the Divinity School's Ph.d. program, will be joining us in June. He has been working in Atlanta, and will be helping here with Gordon's overload 5 - 10 hours a week. The Rector has contracted with him to also do 5 hours a week counseling with recent graduates of Matthew 25.

Gina Lodge announced that budget hearings would be held the last Wednesday in December, and that the budget would be presented in January.

Speed Thomas reported that Gary Dietz would be here to work with the Youth Committee January 16 and 17.

Scott Lee announced the date for the Christmas pageant. The T.V. film from the Advent Learning Center will be shown at the reception following the pageant.

Mary Jane said that Adult Education and the Wednesday evening program were completed for the fall. The winter Adult Sunday School offerings will be Biblical Dramas and Symbols - Scott Lee and Karen Callis, Parables - John Wellborn and Brad Reed, and Lectionary Study - the clergy.

She also emphasized that Sr. High Young Adults would be urged to attend the Parish Weekend-at-Home.

After the announcement of upcoming dates, there being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,