

Minutes, Vestry meeting 1/25/93

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Christ Episcopal Church
Meeting of the Vestry
January 25, 1993

ATTENDANCE:

The meeting was chaired by Brad Reed, Senior Warden, and the following persons were present:

Marion Arnold	Brad Reed
Rev. Geoffrey Butcher	Susie Reis
Bill Coke	Martin Shofner
Jody Combs	Rev. Anne Stevenson
Charles Cook	Bella Stringer
Francis Corzine	Speed Thomas
Walter Crouch	Harriet Waller
Mary Fogg	Rev. Thomas Ward
David Hansen	Charles Wray
Jan Pate	Bam Taylor

DEVOTIONAL:

Rev. Ward led a devotional discussion based on Ephesians 2:11-22.

PRIOR MINUTES:

Minutes of the December 21, 1992, meeting of the Vestry were approved as written after the following corrections: (i) to show Charles Wray in attendance, (ii) in item 2 of the Finance Committee Report to show a decrease in the Diocesan pledge from \$196,200 to \$173,891 in accordance with the Diocesan fair share formula and (iii) in the resolution concerning clergy housing allowance for Rev. Butcher to read "1993" rather than "1933."

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the 1993 operating budget for Christ Episcopal Church, as proposed by the Finance Committee (See Exhibit 93-1), be adopted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bam Taylor, a seminarian at the University Of The South, was introduced formally to the Vestry by Rev. Ward as a follow up to Bam's informal introduction during the Vestry Retreat. Bam Taylor described his study program and outlined his activities with us over the next several weeks.

REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS:

1. Jan Pate, on behalf of the Finance Committee, presented a report to the Vestry concerning the funds balance as of December 31, 1992 (See Exhibit 93-2) which was reviewed and discussed. Jan Pate noted that \$47,549.00 in prepaid pledges for the year 1993 have been received.

2. Walter Crouch, Rev. Stevenson, Bill Coke, Rev. Ward and Jody Combs reported to the Vestry concerning plans and preparations for the Diocesan Convention which begins on January 28, 1993, with opening services at 7:30 p.m. at Christ Episcopal Church. Rev. Ward expressed special thanks for all who participated in the cleaning project on January 23, 1993.

3. Rev. Stevenson reported that Michael Williams will be a guest speaker for our Winter Symposium on February 19, 1993. The Winter Symposium is being held in lieu of the parish weekend-at-home program this year.

4. Harriet Waller and Rev. Butcher reported on the Gifts & Talents Work Shop to be conducted on consecutive Sundays and Thursdays from January 31 through February 11, 1993. Rev. Butcher also reported on the Stephens Ministry retreat.

5. Marion Arnold reported on the activities of the Nashville Sponsoring Committee and our coordinating committee at Christ Episcopal Church. Rev. Ward reported that Gerald Taylor will be a guest speaker at the Rector's Class on February 7, 1993, to discuss the purposes and goals of the Nashville Sponsoring Committee and to encourage participation.

6. Rev. Ward reported that Richard Randerson, ordained minister in the Anglican Church in New Zealand and author of Hearts & Minds, A Place for People in a Market Economy, will lead the Rector's Class and be the guest preacher for services on February 14, 1993. Rev. Ward will be leading a Centering Prayer Retreat on February 12-14, 1993. Vestry Study will be held on February 2 and 16, 1993.

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7. Walter Crouch reported receipt of a letter of thanks from Judy Scales, Executive Director of the Mental Health Association in Nashville, to the Clergy and Vestry of Christ Episcopal Church for the gift of \$2,532 to the Jane & Philip Davidson Alzheimer's Day Center (See Exhibit 93-3). This outreach gift was from the Thanksgiving Day designated plate offerings.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Walter Crouch, Clerk

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 Meeting of the Vestry
 February 22, 1993

ATTENDANCE:

The meeting was chaired by Brad Reed, Senior Warden. The following persons were present:

Marion Arnold	Brad Reed
Charles Cook	Martin Shofner
Francis Corzine	Rev. Anne Stevenson
Walter Crouch	Speed Thomas
Mary Fogg	Harriet Waller
David Hansen	Rev. Thomas Ward
Jan Pate	Charles Wray

DEVOTIONAL:

The rector led a devotional based on I Corinthians 12:1-7, 12-13, 26-27.

PRIOR MINUTES:

Minutes of the January 25, 1993 meeting of the vestry were approved as written.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

After discussion, and upon motion duly made and seconded, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

RESOLVED, that two task forces be established to study and make recommendations to the Vestry concerning the cleaning and the repairs and maintenance of the parish property and buildings within the current year's budget; long range planning for the cleaning and repair and maintenance needs of the parish; and appropriate organizational structures and future funding levels to accomplish those needs; that the task forces are charged to coordinate with one another and the other committees of the parish and to report to the vestry at an early date; that Hal Johnson be appointed to chair the task force on cleaning of the parish property and buildings; and that David Waller be appointed to chair the task force on repairs and maintenance of the parish property and buildings.

REPORTS, DISCUSSIONS & OTHER ACTIONS:

1. Rev. Stevenson, on behalf of the Greater Church Committee, reported to the Vestry concerning the Diocesan Convention and the

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election of the Very Rev. Bertram Herlong to be Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Tennessee. Rev. Stevenson has been appointed to the Diocesan Transition Committee. Services for Rev. Herlong's consecration as bishop are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 26, 1993, and will be held in the Jackson Hall Theater of the Tennessee Performing Arts Center. Marion Arnold was elected to the Board of the Dandridge Trust and Rev. Stevenson was elected to be first clergy alternate delegate from the Diocese of Tennessee to the 1994 General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

2. Walter Crouch read a letter from Bam Taylor to the vestry in which he expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to perform his field work at Christ Church during January and February (See Exhibit 93-4). The vestry gave Bam high marks on his field work and expressed the hope that he would find a position within the Diocese of Tennessee following graduation.

3. Harriet Waller reported to the vestry concerning the recent well-attended and successful Gifts & Talents Workshop.

4. Marion Arnold reported to the vestry concerning formation of Tying Nashville Together ("TNT"), formerly the Nashville Sponsoring Committee. At TNT's February organizational meeting, Christ Church pledged participation of 120 persons in small groups within the parish for the purpose of learning more about TNT and to encourage ongoing participation in its programs.

5. Brad Reed announced receipt of Bill Coke's resignation from the position of Junior Warden (See Exhibit 93-5) and called for nominations to fill the vacancy. Francis Corzine and Walter Crouch were nominated to serve as Junior Warden. Following a tie vote, the election of a Junior Warden was deferred to the March meeting of the Vestry.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Crouch, Clerk

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CHRIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
Meeting of the Vestry
March 22, 1993

ATTENDANCE:

Marion Arnold	Jan Pate
Rev. Geoffrey Butcher	Brad Reed
Bill Coke	Susie Ries
Jody Combs	Martin Shofner
Charles Cook	Rev. Anne Stevenson
Francis Corzine	Bella Stringer
Walter Crouch	Speed Thomas
Mary Fogg	Charles Wray
David Hansen	

DEVOTIONAL:

Rev. Stevenson led a devotional based on Ephesians 4:1-16

PRIOR MINUTES:

Minutes of the February 11, 1993 meeting of the Vestry were approved as written.

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS:

After discussion and upon motions, duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That a task force be appointed by the Senior Warden to study and report to the Vestry on issues related to whether the parish should be considered for designation as the diocesan cathedral.
2. That a task force be appointed by the Senior Warden to study and report to the Vestry on issues related to safety of persons and the physical security of the parish property and that the task force coordinate its efforts with the cleaning and the repairs and maintenance task forces established at the March meeting of the Vestry.
3. That the recommendation of the Services Ministries Committee to designate the Easter offering as seed money for a chaplaincy position at Nashville Cares be approved.
4. That a checking account be opened at Nations Bank as a mechanism to provide funds to indigent persons needing travelers' aid; that Pete Hall and Dick Acuff, non-parishioners who are employees of the Metropolitan Nashville government, be authorized signatories on the account along with parish representatives to be designated from time to time by the Senior Warden; and that Walter Crouch is authorized to execute a banking resolution on

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on behalf of the Vestry and Wardens of Christ Episcopal Church establishing the account.

5. That a Clergy Hardship Fund, to be funded only by voluntary contributions from donors who agreed such conditions will not reduce their other giving to the church, be approved, in principle; that the Senior Warden study and make recommendations to the Vestry on the administration and management of such a fund; and that, pending further action by the Vestry concerning the management and use of the fund, any contributions to the fund be carried on the church's financial records in a designated account.

REPORTS & DISCUSSIONS:

1. Jody Combs reported on the cleaning and the repairs and maintenance task forces.
2. Charlie Wray reported for the committees in the Finance Cluster. The Finance Committee is studying a multiple year budget planning process to assist the Vestry in evaluating long-range budget implications of proposals that are brought to the Vestry for approval. The Stewardship Committee is focusing on the need to recruit more participation in stewardship leadership activities and the need to encourage gifts to the parish as part of parishioners' estate plans. The Stewardship Committee is also working on year round stewardship issues, including follow-up with new members who have not had the opportunity to pledge and with pledging members who have fallen behind with their pledges. The Nurture committee has asked the Stewardship Committee to coordinate its plan to call on new members.
3. Bill Coke and Martin Shofner reported for the Implementation Committee on the status of the Implementation Plan. The arrival of new chairs for the chapel was noted. These are the same style chairs that have been ordered for use by the choir. It was noted that the Liturgy and Implementation Committees need to come together for discussion of proposed designs for the altar and the altar rail.
4. Charlie Cook reported the recommendations of the Services Ministries Committee concerning the designated offering for Easter Sunday and distributed Fletch Coke's report on St. Luke's use of the Christmas offering which was designated for the St. Luke's Utilities Help Plus fund.
5. Brad Reed reported that he is seeking recommendations for the chair of the Long Range Planning Committee.
6. Brad Reed called for the election to fill the vacant position of Junior Warden and, following discussion, the Vestry elected

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Francis Corzine to serve as Junior Warden.

7. Rev. Stevenson reported on plans for the consecration of Bishop-Elect Herlong.

8. Rev. Butcher reported on development of a form for use by parishioners in stating their funeral and burial preferences and for giving funeral and burial guidance to family and friends. Brad Reed reported that work is proceeding on the Columbarium. The inner cabinet is scheduled for delivery before the end of April. It may take several additional weeks to install the custom-designed outer cabinet. The Vestry still needs to adopt rules for the operation and management of the Columbarium. Jim Snell, Carroll Howell, and others are working on a revised draft of proposed rules for consideration by the Vestry.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter Crouch, Clerk

MINUTES
Christ Episcopal Church
Meeting of the Vestry
April 26, 1993

ATTENDANCE:

The meeting was chaired by Frances Corzine, Junior Warden, and the following persons were present:

Marion Arnold	Jan Pate
The Rev. Geoffrey Butcher	Susie Ries
Bill Coke	Martin Shofner
Jody Combs	The Rev. Anne Stevenson
Charles Cook	Bella Stringer
Frances Corzine	Speed Thomas
Walter Crouch	The Rev. Thomas Ward
Mary Fogg	Charles Wray
David Hansen	

DEVOTIONAL:

The Rector led a devotional based on Acts 2:14a, 36-37.

PRIOR MINUTES:

Minutes of the March 22, 1993, meeting of the Vestry approved as written, with the following corrections: Frances Corzine rather than "Francis Corzine: and Susie Ries rather than "Susie Reis," a correction in item 2 under Motions & Resolutions changing the reference to "March meeting" to read "February meeting" and a correction in item 2 under Reports & Discussions changing the reference to "Nurture Committee" to read "Care/Calling Committee."

MOTIONS & RESOLUTIONS

After discussion and upon motions, duly made and seconded, the following resolutions were adopted:

1. That the Clergy Hardship Fund, established at the March meeting of the Vestry, be administered by the Senior and Junior Wardens, that there be no general solicitation for this fund, which shall be funded by members of the parish who commit that any gifts to this fund will not reduce their regular pledges or other contributions to the support of the parish.
2. That up to \$200 be made available to fund possible cost overages in connection with children's choir trip to Atlanta, George, on May 1-2, 1993.

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REPORTS & DEDUCTIONS:

1. Jan Pate distributed a statement of parish revenues and expenses for the current year through March 31, 1993. (See Exhibits 93-9 and 93-10), and led the Vestry in a review and discussion of these reports.
2. The Rev. Stevenson report on the Easter Vigil service where nine adults and seven infants were baptized; 52 members were confirmed; seven members were received and three members made reaffirmations. She also updated the Vestry on plans for the ordination and consecration of Bishop-elect Herlong and the diocesan celebrations in honor of the Bishop-elect.
3. The Rev. Ward reported on additional appointments to the Cathedral Study Committee. The committee members are: Dale Grimes (chair), Bill Coke, Bob Smyth, Bella Stringer, Walter Crouch, and the Rev. Geoffrey Butcher.
4. Frances Corzine reported that Dick Lodge has agreed to serve as chair of the Long Range Planning Committee.
5. Susie Ries reported on plans for the children's choir trip to Atlanta, Georgia.
6. Charlie Cook, Vestry Liaison for the Outreach Cluster, reported on a meeting of the Service Ministries Committee.
7. Bill Coke reported on behalf of the Implementation Committee concerning work on the columbarium and the glass divider which is being installed between the chapel and the nave.
8. The Rev. Butcher, Martin Shofner, and David Hansen reported on the Parish Weekend Away which was held at Standing Stone State Park. The event was well-attended (55 adults and 44 children), and special thanks were given to Al and Alice Whitson for their efforts in organizing this year's program.
9. Marion Arnold reported on the upcoming meeting and plans of Tying Nashville Together.
10. The Rev. Ward reported on plans for the Pentecost Festival on May 30, 1993, and that Jody Combs will be on leave from May 5 through July 29, 1993.
11. Jody Combs reported on efforts to resolve problems with the air conditioning system and with the U.S. Postal Service's

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handling of bulk mailings from the parish office. Tuesday, May 4, has been scheduled as a staff consultation day.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Walter Crouch, Clerk