

Attendance
Vestry Meeting
Sunday, July 1, 1973

1. Miss Josephine Hunter
2. James P. Parks, Senior Warden
3. Henry L. VanLandingham, Junior Warden
4. Frederick McAlpin
5. Julius I. Evans
6. Mrs. Bernice Woodard
7. Dr. Benjamin F. Bullock, Jr.
8. Daniel W. Sparks
9. J. LaRue Traylor, Sr.
10. Mrs. Vivian Traylor
11. Mrs. Lena Lee
12. Mrs. Hazel VanLandingham
13. Mrs. Quintella Jasper
14. Mrs. Dorothy Johnson
15. Miss Jeanette Lee
16. Mrs. Willa M. McAlpin
17. William H. McAlpin
18. William Godfrey, Jr.
19. Horace Swett
20. Mrs. Ida Swett
21. Laughton D. Thomas
22. Mrs. Geneva B. Scruggs
23. Mrs. Anita H. Wing
24. Alex Coles
25. Addison Hinton

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Josie Hunter	✓	Alex Coles
Jos. Parks	✓	Addison Hunter
H. Vandenberg	✓	
F. M. Cain	✓	
J. J. Evans		
Bernice Woodard		
William J. Bell	✓	
W. A. Sparks		
J. L. Taylor Sr.		
Vivian Taylor		
Lona Lee		
Hazel Van Landingham		
Quintella Jasper		
Dorothy Johnson		
Jeannette Lee		
Phylla M. McAlpin		
William H. McAlpin		
Wm Godfrey		
H. Swett		
Al Swett		
W. A. Sparks	✓	
General B. Scruggs	✓	

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Vestry called to order by Senior Warden, James P. Parks. (List of persons attending attached hereto). Minutes of meeting held June 2, 1973 read by Vestryman Laughton Thomas. Moved by Warden VanLandingham, Seconded by Dr. Bullock, that minutes be adopted with necessary corrections. Corrections noted by Mr. Morse: "Wardens only" to effectuate sale of property; explained the need for vestry minutes to reflect this action.

Communications:

1. Report on Meeting with Bishop Robinson.
2. Contract from Attorney William A. Sims.
3. Check for \$2,000.00: Buffalo Youth Board, Reimbursement to Center for funds spent 1972-73.
4. Urban Renewal: asking that we set date for closing on Church Sale.
5. Copy of letter to Mrs. Mildred Coleman, asking for written report on December 28, 1972 Dinner Dance.
6. County of Erie: Back Tax - 261 Cherry Street, 1971-1972.
7. Re: Georgia Thomas' Will: Checks for \$205 to Church, \$20 to Acolyte Mothers.

Warden VanLandingham read Proposal for Retainer from Attorney Sims; Re: Services in sale of 166 Goodell Street. Copy of Proposal attached. Total fee: \$1,015.00, plus additional fees as stated in proposal. Moved acceptance by Dr. Bullock, seconded by Mr. Morse. Question on paying fees upon closing, by Mr. Godfrey. Attorney will be asked to wait until check is cleared.

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Wardens' Report:

1. Study Committee:-

* On Masten Park Church:- Several Vestrymen and parishioners visited the facility.

On St. Clement's:- A few persons joined in this tour, and we can have a return visit if desired.

2. Commendation to Mrs. E. Bernice Woodard for years of dedicated service. Support of commendation, by Vestry applause.

3. Mrs. Scruggs commented: ^{that} Reverend Davis and 16 family committee ~~Re~~: Masten Park being retained by community.

4. Discussion: 261 Cherry Street and back taxes. Bill for taxes on 261 Cherry Street: ^{presented} Warden Parks asked Mr. Daniel Sparks to make a determination Re: these taxes.

Mr. Godfrey: ^{Suggested that we} Let property revert to city.

Mr. Morse: Suggested that we pay back taxes and property will be forever free and clear and totally owned by St. Philip's. ^{It has been removed from tax rolls,}

Miss Hunter: Suggested that the committee determine the amount of City and County taxes due.

Finance Committee:-

Balance on Hand - \$197.37 -- Gas Bill of \$302.00, Total Financial Report attached.

Pop Machine Receipts:- \$121.30. Miss Appling has collected since these receipts have been handled through the Vestry. Mrs. Scruggs has talked with Father Curry, Re: monies collected from pop machine and he will reconcile the account with Miss Appling, for the monies collected from September 1972 thru February, 1973.

Miss Hunter: Asked whether or not the Finance Committee meets regularly.

Mr. Parks: **Replied** that the Committee has not met.

Finance Committee (cont'd.)

Mrs. Scruggs: Reported that a Check for \$300.00 from the Center, toward summer bills, will be submitted at once.

Mr. VanLandingham: Recommended that Gas Bill and Religious Supply House Bill take priority, after salaries.

New Church Building: The Vestry will seek to have an agreement with congregation before any decision is made.

Housing Development: Request for letter of feasibility is in Washington, D.C. now and is expected soon.

Community Center:

Mrs. Scruggs reported no reply from Rev. Gunther Re: using Masten Park facilities for the Center's Summer Program. However, a program will operate here at St. Philip's from July 9th thru August 17th.

Warden Parks: Reported that Vestryman Thomas has agreed to fill the vacancy (made by resignation of Warden VanLandingham) until the Center Board can elect a Chairman in the regular way.

Mr. Godfrey: Advised that Mrs. Scruggs be sure to deal with the proper sources in trying to effectuate usage of Masten Park's facilities.

Study Committee:- Some reports are not in, but those that have been turned in have been handed to Canon Anderson. Others will be delivered to him as soon as Committee Members turn them in.

Discussion: Re: Calling a Priest.
Warden VanLandingham asked that names of possible candidates be given to the Wardens.

Deanery Committee:

Mr. Coles: Was unfamiliar with discussion of Women in the Deanery, so he did not take part.

Deanery Committee (cont'd.)

Mrs. Rudd: The opinion of the Deanery is that it did not want to involve itself in Diocesan Programs, such as; Episcopal Church Women (ECW), Ordination of Women, Etc. Mrs. Rudd had attended the Deanery Meeting for (representing) Miss Hunter.

Discussion: Re: Final Report from Mrs. Coleman.
Mr. Godfrey suggested that a personal contact by the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Troy L. Burton, be made.

Mr. Burton agreed to make this contact to ascertain her reasons for not having made a final report.

New Business:

Mr. VanLandingham reported that Father Pudwell is concerned about the length of time that he will be retained; he asked for a contract until June 1974.

Discussion: Dr. Bullock, Mr. Godfrey, Mrs. Traylor, and Miss Hunter: Suggested contract possibly for a shorter term--possibly to the end of 1973.

Mrs. Woodard agreed with Miss Hunter.

Dr. Bullock stated: "A bird in hand is worth two in bush."

Mr. Hinton: Re; Contingency Clause in Contract to provide for release by either party before next June.

Mrs. Swett: Suggested a conference with Father Pudwell and the Wardens, Re: terms being adjustable in the event that we get a Rector during the life of the Contract.

Mr. Sparks: Stated that Father Pudwell is looking for security.

Mr. McAlpin (William): Spoke Re: a six-month contract, renewal in January 1974.

Miss Hunter: Questioned entering into a contract when the Bishop has assigned Father Pudwell as Priest-in-Charge.

Warden VanLandingham: Any agreement made between the Vestry and the Priest-in-Charge would be approved by Bishop Robinson.

New Business (cont'd.)

Mr. Godfrey: We have no choice!

Mrs. Wing: Do we actually have a choice?

Mrs. Scruggs: Hopes we will not begin dipping into \$128,000.00 to pay current operation expenses.

Dr. Bullock: Moved that we sign a contract with Father Pudwell until June 30, 1974. Seconded by Mr. Morse.

Unreadiness: Miss Hunter asked if contract will be made available for the Vestry to read before signing.

Mr. VanLandingham: Suggested that we work out the phrasing of the contract today so that it may be read now!

Mr. Godfrey: Concern is that as soon as we receive the money from Urban Renewal, we will have assets; so we must be careful that we do not encumber that money.

Mr. Thomas: Suggested that we establish a separate account.

Vote Called: Yes - 6 Nay-1 Abstension -1

Mr. VanLandingham reported that the records of Confirmations, Deaths, and Baptisms for the past 1½ years are incomplete in the Record Books. Also, letters have been sent to all Morticians. Two have replied; one has sent record; the other sent letter stating that his firm does not keep this type of records. Mr. VanLandingham asked for volunteers to work with Morticians in researching their records, to obtain this information. *No one volunteered*

Discussion: Re: Study Sheets, ^{and} ~~St.~~ St. Clement's
Mr. Thomas: Expressed futility of ~~more~~ meetings, pointing to the poor response to previous Parish Meetings.

Miss Hunter: Suggested a Parish Meeting on the 4th Sunday in July, after the 8 o'clock Mass. *This was agreed upon, and will be announced in Bulletin.*
Mr. Godfrey: ~~Not~~ Not being active on the Altar of the Vestry for ~~the~~ 4 or 5 years; ~~he~~ explained ^{the} need for know certain religious things about the Church. He referred to lack of Knowledge of the children participating in the Corpus Christi Service.

Comments followed.

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It was ^{agreed}~~voted~~, unanimously, that we have a meeting of
the Vestry on the first Sunday in August.

There being no further business, the meeting was
adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Geneva B. Scruggs
Member of the Vestry