

**St. George's Episcopal Church
February 25, 2015**

Attendance:

Vestry	Others
P – The Very Rev. Shearon Williams (Rector)	P – The Rev. John Shellito (Associate Rector)
P – Crystal Hardin (Senior Warden)	P-Grace Pratt
P – George DeFilippi (Treasurer)	P-Norma Kacen
P – Anna Alt-White (Junior Warden)	P-Nina Janopaul
P – Burr Ault	P-David Grahm
P – Hal Bean	
A – Dennis Fish	
P – Nathan Harpine	
P – Melanie Lilliston (Registrar)	
P-Denise Cormaney	
P- Mary Martha Churchman	
P – Eric Goldman	
P-Elliott Branch	

Snacks – Eric Goldman, Devotions – Nathan Harpine, Timekeeper – Denise Cormaney, Lock up – Anna Alt-White

Opening Prayer

The Very Rev. Shearon Williams called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Approval of the Minutes

The minutes from the vestry retreat were approved without amendment.

Review and Approval of the Treasurer's Report,

Year-to-date operating expenses are running roughly \$1,000 less than projected.

Yearly operating income is about 8% greater than this time last year. 2015 pledge income is about 4% greater than this time last year; however, keep in mind that some parishioners make pledge payments quarterly.

-Yearly operating expenses are about the same as this time last year.

-Church Utilities are about 6% less than this time last year.

-Building Maintenance is up about 16% over this time last year. The B&G committee does have a 10-year maintenance plan that includes several projects for this year.

Asked vestry members to make sure they review and sign the check request forms. He also submitted the following resolution

“Be it resolved that the vestry approves the following people to act as check signers on St. George’s accounts for 2015: Crystal Hardin (Senior Warden), Anna Alt-White (Junior Warden), Melanie Lilliston (Register), George DeFilippi (FM Liaison & Treasurer), and Wendy Chan (Assistant Treasurer).”

Hal presented the resolution and Crystal 2nd the resolution. Passed unanimously.

Approval of the Parochial Report

Shearon reviewed the material and submitted it for approval to the vestry. Anna moved for approval, Nathan 2nd, passed unanimously.

New Business

Capital Campaign and Renovation Update

David came and gave an over view of where we are in the process. The vestry is not being asked to make any decisions today, the next decision will take place in March after they have collected all commitments.

We will be moving from a capital campaign to a renovation committee based on the focus of the work. The vestry will have final approval of who will serve on the committee with suggestions given by David, Mike and Elena.

First Fruits was supposed to March 22, however this has been delayed until all commitments are in.

VOICE Discussion

Norma and Nina presented the material on the St. George’s becoming full members of VOICE. They felt that this would be one way in which the community could build outreach and strengthen the church.

Crystal presented the resolution and Elliott seconds. During the discussion the resolution is amended as follows:

Whereas, St. George's has been a provisional member of VOICE for over a year now, the maximum amount of time allowed prior to making a decision-- Whereas, St. George's has acted on the expressed priorities from our spring house meeting, to not only get involved with the ongoing affordable housing campaign in Arlington, but also to increase our involvement with San Jose and to get to know our neighbors better. We got to know San Jose through two unprecedented joint events, our Fiesta Amistosa and Cafecita Navidena, both open to the entire membership of both congregations. We also got to know our San Jose neighbors better through a joint house meeting to share about what is important and of interest to both of us-- thus pointing the way to additional possible future cooperation. The Core Team and other St. Georgians have also contributed to several Affordable Housing actions during the past year.

Whereas, becoming full members will help support St. George's in becoming a more "relational" church-- not only with an outlet for advocacy for social justice issues, but also with a deeper understanding of the power of relationships to transform our community, and the communities we belong to beyond the walls of St. George's.

Be it Resolved, that St. George's commit to becoming full members, giving 1% of the pledged donations in our membership dues -- to further the work of advocating with and for those who would not otherwise be able to participate in our political process."

The resolution unanimously passes.

Easter Services and Coffee Hour

We will be offering two identical services on Easter Sunday, 9 and 11:15am. The vestry will be hosting the coffee hours, one after each services.

Crystal and Melanie will work on getting a spreadsheet out so that everyone can volunteer their time.

Crystal's Letter of Support

Crystal updated the vestry on her discernment process. The vestry signed a letter of support and good standing for her to move to the next steps in her ordination.

The vestry also signed paperwork for Grace, her letter of ordination.

Added Resolution

The Diocese of Virginia has requested that all churches in the Diocese increase their pledges by this amount so that prison chaplaincy will not have to be cut from the Diocesan budget. St. George's will offer a onetime donation in the amount \$500 to support the prison ministries.

Nathan presented the resolution and George 2nd it. The resolution passed unanimously.

As a side note, Nathan Harpine's last meeting will be May. The vestry will fill his vacant seat then.

Close with Compline.

Motion to close meeting by Elliott.

Meeting Adjourned 9:15 pm