

**St. George's Episcopal Church
Meeting of the Vestry
April 17, 2013**

Attendance:

Vestry	Others
P – The Very Rev. Shearon Williams (Rector) P – Loretta Goodwin (Senior Warden) P – George DeFilippi (Treasurer) P – Toby Walter (Register) P – Brian Bonnet P – Marcia Devens P – Dennis Fish P – Crystal Hardin P – Nathan Harpine P – Allison Otto P – Kathie Panfil A – Joan Pepin (Junior Warden) A – Bart Naylor	P-The Rev. Stephen Rorke

Devotions – Kathie Panfil, Food – Crystal Hardin, Lock-up – Allison Otto, Timekeeper – Loretta Goodwin

Opening Prayer

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

Approval of the minutes

The minutes from the March 20 meeting were approved without amendment.

Committee Reports

Financial Management, George DeFilippi

The Treasurer's report was circulated electronically before the Vestry meeting.

George DeFilippi encouraged Vestry members to examine the annual budgets of their respective ministry areas. Some have spent a lot in the early months of the year. If it looks like a ministry area's expenditures will exceed the amount allocated, please let the Treasurer know as soon as possible. George also said he would like to hold a midyear budget review in the June-July 2013 timeframe.

St. George's had a \$9,000 year-to-date Operating Fund surplus at the end of March.

Investment gains totaled \$2,690 last month and \$4,000 the month before.

At its March meeting the Vestry approved calling the Rev. Stephen Rorke as a part-time Associate Rector for Outreach, providing compensation of \$24,000 for the year. A Vestry member made the following resolution designating the compensation as a housing allowance for tax compliance:

Resolution 4.17.2013-1: Whereas the Rev. Stephen Rorke is employed as a minister of the Gospel by St. George's Episcopal Church, Arlington, Virginia, which does not provide a residence for him, the Vestry resolves that of the total annualized compensation of \$24,000 to be paid to the Rev. Rorke during 2013, that \$24,000 be designated a parsonage allowance to which Section 107 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, and clarified by the Clergy Housing Allowance Clarification Act of 2002, applies.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Other Business

Discussion of Leasing of Color Copier

Parish Administrator Melanie Gray has answered a set of questions the Vestry had about her proposal to approve the lease of a new color copier. After reviewing her responses, a Vestry member made the following motion:

Resolution 4.17.2013-2: The Vestry approves the lease of a new color copier (Xerox 7545) at the proposed monthly cost of \$428 for leasing and service.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Discussion of New Trustee Appointment

Virginia requires that any property owned by a church be held in the name of our trustees. The Rector, the Very Reverend Shearon Sykes Williams, reported on the nomination of one candidate for the post of Trustee to replace G. Grady Malone. This nominee was Michael J. Woods. Loretta Goodwin made a motion that Michael J. Woods be appointed Trustee, which motion was seconded by Dennis Fish. The Rector asked for other nominations and discussion. There being none, a ballot was taken, and Michael J. Woods was elected Trustee with a unanimous vote. The Register was directed to notify the remaining Trustees, these being Laurie A. Lewis and Constance R. McAdam, and see that proper certification to the Circuit Court of Arlington County, Virginia be accomplished.

Leadership Reports

Rector, Very Rev. Shearon Williams

John Shellito, the new Associate Rector, will start July 1. His wife, Haley, has recently been diagnosed with non-Hodgkin lymphoma and added to the St. George's prayer list. The Vestry decided to send John and Haley a package of cards from parishioners welcoming them to St. George's.

This coming Sunday will be notable for many reasons including:

- The final Building Possibilities listening session with the Rev. John Runkle
- John Burruss' last sermon as St. George's Seminarian
- Five baptisms
- The world premiere of Jonah, The Whale, and Some Peeps

113 people have signed up for the Shrine Mont retreat the following weekend.

May 5 will be Seminarian John Burruss' last day. There will be a reception honoring John and his family.

There will be a Choral Evensong on the evening of May 5. Tacos will be served, and there will be a moon bounce.

On May 12 the Very Rev. Shearon Williams and the Rev. Stephen Rorke will both be out of town. The Rev. John Runkle will serve as supply clergy.

Paul Stevenson, a HOST volunteer who had recently been coming to St. George's, has died, possibly of a heart attack. A memorial service will be held at St. George's.

A memorial service celebrating Philip Drew's life was held the previous day. Among other things, the service highlighted St. George's partnership with ASPAN.

A wedding was held at St. George's last weekend. A blessing of a civil marriage will take place this Saturday. In two or three weeks there will be a blessing of a same-sex union.

The Vestry has had a rich email discussion regarding a letter urging the Boy Scouts of America (BSA) to change its policy so it no longer excludes individuals from membership based on sexual orientation. The letter was recently sent to BSA.

Sr. Warden, Loretta Goodwin

The Final Building Possibilities listening session will take place this Sunday at 9:15. Building Possibilities Committee Co-Chair Elena Keydel has sent surveys to the various ministry groups, some of whom have already responded.

Other Business

Choral Evensong on May 5 will be followed by a celebration including refreshments by District Taco. The cost for the food truck is \$1,330-\$2,500, depending on the number of people present. A Vestry member made the following motion:

Resolution 4.17.2013-3: That the Vestry authorize the expenditure of not more than \$2,500 in support of the May 5th Choral Evensong event, with celebration funds drawn from the Music Ministries Altar and Special Funds, and the Music Ministries Choir Fellowship budget line.

The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Closing Prayer

After Compline, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Toby Walter, Register