

**St. George's Episcopal Church
Special Meeting of the Vestry
July 30, 2014**

Attendance:

Vestry	Others
P – The Very Rev. Shearon Williams (Rector)	P – The Rev. John Shellito (Associate Rector)
P – Joan Pepin (Senior Warden)	P – Elena Keydel (Building Possibilities Committee)
P – Crystal Hardin (Junior Warden)	P – Michael Woods (Building Possibilities Committee)
P – George DeFilippi (Treasurer)	P – David Grahn (Building Possibilities Fundraising Committee)
P – Toby Walter (Register)	P – Bob Clarke (Building Possibilities Fundraising Committee)
P – Anna Alt-White	
P – Hal Bean	
P – Marcia Devens	
P – Dennis Fish	
P – Nathan Harpine (by phone)	
P – Melanie Lilliston	
A – Burr Ault	
A – Kathie Panfil	

Opening Prayer

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

Discernment about a Capital Campaign

Pending the campaign's approval, the next step would be to ask Geier Brown Renfrow, the architect, for a detailed view of what the parish can do for the \$1.1-1.3 million the feasibility study estimates it is likely to raise.

The architect would likely offer an array of options, illustrated with diagrams, sketches, and possibly three-dimensional models. The Building Possibilities Committee (BPC) expects to present these options and solicit Vestry input at a subsequent meeting, then show them to the congregation as a whole.

The BPC suggests that the focus be on worship spaces. Among other things, a renovation to the nave would address longstanding issues with the boiler, underfloor heating, and air conditioning. The purchase of a new pipe organ, construction of a narthex, and reconfiguration of the parish hall are likely beyond the reach of this campaign.

The capital campaign would consist of a “silent campaign,” a series of one-on-one discussions with top donors, and a “public campaign” with the parish as a whole. It would be important to engage the entire congregation as much as possible.

St. George’s existing contract with Geier Brown Renfrow covers this next phase of the project. However, if it elects to proceed with the campaign, it will need to enter into a new contract with Horizons Stewardship, the fundraiser.

The Very Rev. Shearon Williams invited Vestry members to share their thoughts on a capital campaign. Everyone expressed support for the project, but there was widespread concern about cost, especially considering that St. George’s is already operating under a significant deficit. Several Vestry members spoke of the importance of distinguishing between parish needs and wants. Shearon said the campaign’s success depends on prudence and courage.

Dennis Fish made the following motion:

Resolution 7.30.2014-1: Be it resolved that the Vestry of Saint George’s Episcopal Church authorizes the launch of the capital campaign, approves up to \$35,000 for capital campaign costs out of funds identified by the Treasurer, and authorizes the Senior Warden to enter into a contract with Horizons Stewardship to carry out the capital campaign.

The motion was seconded by Anna Alt-White and passed unanimously.

Resolutions

The Children and Youth Committee would like the nursery and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program to switch spaces. Should the move go forward, the new nursery would require an adult-sized sink, and the new Catechesis space would benefit from a child-sized one. George DeFilippi made the following motion:

Resolution 7.30.2014-2: Be it resolved that the Vestry approve the expenditure of up to \$2,000 for the addition of a sink in what is currently the Catechesis Room, and a child-sized sink in the nursery (source: buildings and grounds).

The motion was seconded by Crystal Hardin and passed unanimously.

Seminarian Grace Atherton Pratt (née King) is going to the next level of preparation for ordination to the priesthood. Toby Walter made the following motion:

Resolution 7.30.2014-3: Be it resolved that the Vestry of Saint George's Episcopal Church supports Grace Atherton Pratt for Candidacy and believes she possesses such qualifications as would be fitting for admission as a Candidate for Holy Orders.

The motion was seconded by multiple Vestry members and passed unanimously. At least two thirds of the Vestry must also sign a form indicating their support. All Vestry members physically present signed it.

Next Vestry Meeting

The Very Rev. Shearon Williams will be on vacation the third Wednesday in August. The Vestry agreed to reschedule its regular meeting for that month to Wednesday, August 27, at 7:30 pm.

Closing

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Toby Walter, Register