

St. George's Anglican Church
Parish Council Minutes: Wed. November 5, 2025 (10am)

Chair: Christine Conkin

Prayers: Christine Conkin

Minutes: Amanda Unrau

Attendees: The Rev. Christine Conkin, The Rev. Don Walls, Lawrence Saracuse, Leslie Glazier, Marilyn Pattison, David Stuart, Stephen Koning, Judy Trueman, Joy Warkentin, Sheila Hofmeyr, Martha Stein Marriott, John Oldale, Rosamund Soares

Regrets: none

Meeting called to Order: 10:02am

Gospel-based discipleship: Haggai 1:15b-2:9

- We keep the gospel at the center to guide and inspire our work

Approval of Minutes: October 1st, 2025 meeting.

- Discussion re: how much detail to include in minutes, eg) names, dollar amounts in certain contexts. Instead of approving today, minutes will be refined for next meeting

Brief Updates (as needed)

-Piano Fundraiser (David)

- Meeting with Jennifer Handley next week when she is back. Will meet with Barbara Underhill to track progress of fundraising
- Community Engagement: Interfaith ministry at UVic going well, with soup and cookies delivered. Nov 12 we are hosting a study session here, and likely a prayer service in the evening

-Stewardship 2026 (John O)

- Lawrence, John, Barbara Underhill, and Amanda met yesterday re: messaging and pledge process. We are improving some stuff from last year
- Ideally have 2 people speak during each service, John will speak and will reach out to other 8am-ers. 10am: David offered, and John will ask someone else
- Pledge email goes out Nov 18. Barbara to simplify, only fill out form if actually needed
- Eliminating the ask for separate pledge for Community Events. Will ask everyone to increase giving due to the increase in the cost of living, and to include their hospitality amounts in a clear concise way (we will give examples of what hospitality includes)
- Envelopes: Barbara suggest we no longer order envelopes. We can repurpose the old ones not used, though we do want to keep the blue envelopes
- Discussion around removal of Tithely, using CanadaHelps now as it is more user friendly
- Stewardship message will clearly indicate that SJOT is separate

Financial report: (Lawrence) see attachments

- Oct 21 email – income says deficit, but with typical year-end donations, it will be positive. All expenses are under. 40% is being transferred into building fund

MOTION: To accept the financial statements and report as presented.

Moved: Stephen Koning;

Seconded: Marilyn Pattison;

Carried.

ARC 2.0 update (Leslie)

Discussion: The complexity of our circumstances and how much \$ are we willing to spend on what?

- Met on Monday with Kevin Smith, the new development coordinator for Diocese
- Focus on parish hall which is deteriorating – do we replace it, tear it down, or fix it? Quote over \$1 million to maintain the hall. Now we are researching demolition costs and where those funds could come from
- The hall roof admin wing is currently leaking (temporary fix done); toilet troubles seem to happen every few months
- Hazard assessment needed for any company to give any quotes for demolition - will take place Nov 21 when school is not in session
- Gary getting quote on fixing roof of just admin wing
- At what point do we pull the trigger? Costs only going up (both demo and repair.) Once we know demolition cost, do we go ahead with it without having a development plan?
- Have we contacted Saanich or CBRA? This hall is the only community centre in the area now. Should we ask if the building is important to them, and if they want to be involved in discussions? No, we have not asked them, and our renters are not connected to either of those organizations
- How much are we willing to spend over how many years? Where is the tipping point? Next meeting we will start to look at actual numbers. We need a bit more information on the projected costs of repairs, what have we been spending over the last 5 years, etc.

The Orchard residents request to borrow a kitchen trolley from the lower hall, on a long-term basis, which can be returned when needed.

- We use the black one, they can have either of the silver ones

Upcoming:

Nov 23 (Reign of Christ) bishop Chad McCharles will visit from Saskatoon and guest preach.

Holden:

Continues in December. Prayer only, without dinner for 3 Wednesdays in Advent: Dec. 3, 10, & 17 (wine and cheese this day)

Exploring a theme – resiliency, facing into empire, using our power in the face of empire, how we steward our privilege.

Wonderful Wednesdays:

Nov. 19 & 26 with Patty Lane on how to develop community resiliency, particularly around climate change.

Next meetings:

FIRST Wednesdays, 10am – Dec 3

Adjourn: 11:25am

*Glory to God, whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God, from generation to generation in the church, and in Christ Jesus, forever and ever.
Amen.*

ATTACHMENTS:

Financial Report:

[251105.Rpt_FinancialReport](#)

St. George Budget vs Actuals:

[251105.Rpt_Budget vs Actual as of Sept 30, 2025 - St George](#)

St. George Balance Sheet:

[251105.Rpt_Balance Sheet as of Sept 30, 2025 - St George](#)