

**St. George's Anglican Church**  
**Parish Council Minutes: Wed. January 21, 2026 (10am)**

**Chair:** Christine Conkin

**Prayers:** Christine Conkin

**Minutes:** Amanda Unrau

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

**Regrets:** David Stuart

**Meeting called to Order:** 10:03am

**Gospel-based discipleship: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

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

**Approval of Minutes:** December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**MOTION:** To approve the minutes from December 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**Moved:** Marilyn Pattison;

**Seconded:** Judy Trueman;

**Carried.**

**Financial matters**

**- 2025 Finance Report (Lawrence) see attachments**

- Stewardship number is estimate as we don't have final numbers
- Year End is still under review. Net income surplus \$3819 will decline as a few outstanding 2025 invoices are processed.
- Income is \$2900 ahead of budget due to increased hall rentals
- Expenses are under budget by \$36,000
- SJOT is labeled as parish outreach contributions

**- Stewardship 2026: Final Report**

- Tabled to next meeting

**2026 Draft Budget (Lawrence)**

- Chancel guild no longer has their own bank account, so we cover the expenses and take in the donations
- We held a retreat in 2024, and not in 2025. We will leave it in for the 2026 budget
- A more accurate budget to come out in a few days, please take a look and send questions or comments to Lawrence so we can approve it at the next PC meeting Feb 11
- We are comfortable with the 25k deficit because will continue to put 40% of our rental income into the Capital Fund

**Annual Vestry prep:** Sun. Feb 22 after 10am service

**- Leadership team: wardens, parish council, synod delegates (see charts below)**

- Leslie Glazier to join warden team
- We need one more synod delegate

- Ted Sheldon thinking about joining Parish Council and/or as synod delegate; Christine will also ask Rick Young.
- Discussion around desire for 4<sup>th</sup> warden to be male to “enhance the decision-making process” and “balance it out.” That said, an all-female leadership team would not negatively affect the parish
- If you’re talking to anyone about parish governance, please let Christine know.

### **- Deadline for notice of motion**

- Motions must be brought forward ahead of time (by Sunday, Feb 8) rather than presenting them at the AGM; this will go into Setting Sail this week

**MOTION: That we establish as a practice for our Annual General Meetings: Motions that people wish to raise at the AGM need to be delivered in writing to the chair (Rev. Christine) two weeks prior to the meeting. No additional motions will be entertained at the AGM without the unanimous approval of the members attending.**

**Moved: Martha Stein Marriott;      Seconded: Lawrence Saracuse;      Carried.**

### **Ministry matters:**

#### **-Piano refurbishment, fundraising update**

- There was an announcement in Setting Sail. We raised just over \$15k.

#### **- ARC 2.0: meeting next Monday, Jan 26**

- We received the hazmat report and will review at this meeting next week

#### **- SJOT: Funds for African refugee with position at VICCIR?**

- VICCIR is Vancouver Island Counselling Centre for Immigrants and Refugees
- Members of St. Paul, Nanaimo approached St George’s (on behalf of VICCIR) requesting funding to support their economic mobility pathway pilot program
- They have already raised \$54k of the \$60k needed to cover one year’s salary for a skilled refugee they wish to hire. Can St George’s find \$2500 to help?
- Suggested to have them as our Monthly Outreach for a month
- SJOT reserve fund has \$1095; \$4000 in mission fund

**MOTION: For leadership to explore and, if appropriate, support funds of up to \$2500 from both the mission fund and SJOT reserve fund for this project.**

**Moved: Marilyn Pattison;      Seconded: Rosamund Soares;      Carried.**

#### **- UVic’s Inclusive Christians club**

- Support of soup and cookies has been provided
- They are going to ask us for some financial support. We will hear more about the ministry from a guest speaker (Lucy O’Brien) on Sunday, Feb 1.

#### **- Greater Victoria Acting Together**

- Christine is increasingly involved with this group
- St. Andrews Sidney worked to get the Town of Sidney to approve a cold weather shelter that will open in February. Kudos to our fellow Anglicans for mobilizing. It took 3 years of persistence before pushing forward in a matter of months.
- In May there is a national 5-day training session about the process of community organizing. There is a prerequisite Foundations Training at end of February.
- GVAT delegates assembly meeting on February 5

## **- Confirmation, reaffirmation, reception**

- A young woman wants to be confirmed, her grandfather is part of this parish
- Do you know anyone interested in the ritual sacramental side of the Anglican faith? We will be planning some focused study on Anglican traditions.

## **Facilities Report**

### **-Rear door**

- Email from Gary Fisher (Facilities Manager) states:  
The rear door is being found unlocked too often on Sunday mornings. While these occurrences may be attributable to cleaners or other Saturday users, the problem is occasionally noticed on other days as well. We can send a reminder to these parties, but is it time to reconsider leaving the door unlocked? We changed the lock to preclude the need to prop the door open, for easier access, to mitigate cold weather affecting the piano and parishioners.

There was a general consensus to look into changing the lock setting, so that the door remains locked after entry to improve security.

### **-Lower Hall roof**

- The slight leak re-appeared sometime after Christmas. While not a huge problem (yet), quotes for roof repair and replacement are being gathered and will go to ARC 2.0 first for review and recommendation.

## **Fire Inspections**

- We successfully passed Saanich Fire inspection of Church and VIHA inspection of Lower Hall kitchen.

## **Narthex windows**

- Gary noted that windows between Narthex and Sanctuary are filthy. Is this a duty of our cleaners? If not, should we ask them to? Is it worth getting a professional window cleaner again in March or April?
- Consensus to ask Gary to schedule professionally cleaning this spring, in time for Easter, as we did last year. A different cleaning company would be good; please send any recommendations to Gary.

## **Sanctuary lights**

- Gary notes: There are 2-3 lights burnt out in the Sanctuary. As replacing such lights will require hiring a contractor with the proper equipment, he will hold off until fall as we may need more lights replaced by then and as we are approaching the time of year when lighting is becoming less essential.

## **Lawn mowing**

- Gary notes that the warm weather has raised the possibility that we'll need to mow in February as opposed to our normal time of mid to late March. He'll check the mowers send them out for tuning as needed.

## **Spring maintenance**

- Gary notes that the major maintenance activity planned for the warm months will be some exterior painting and pressure washing of the Narthex exterior cedar. Costs and details forthcoming in a report in 2-3 months.

**A sad announcement:** Garth Walmsley, a dear friend of many at St. George's, died yesterday evening after a long journey with cancer. We keep his family and friends in our prayers as they move through this time of grief.

**Adjourn:** 11:31am

Next meeting: Wednesday February 11 at 10am (regrets from Marilyn Pattison and Martha Stein Marriott)

AGM: February 22 after 10am service

*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.*

**Parish Leadership, 2026:**

Changes: Lawrence S, complete as Treasurer; John O, David S & Judy T resigned

	Synod Delegate	Parish Council	Warden
<b>Term 2, Year 3 (Complete!)</b>			
<b>Term 2, Year 2</b>		Marilyn Pattison Rosamund Soares	
<b>Term 2, Year 1</b>	?? Sheila Hofmeyr		
<b>Term 1, Year 3</b>			Sheila Hofmeyr
<b>Term 1, Year 2</b>	Steve Koning	Joy Warkentin	Martha SM
<b>Term 1, Year 1</b>			Leslie Glazier

Treasurer - Barbara U; Envelope Sec - Lawrence S; Honorary - Don W

## **Parish Leadership, 2025:**

Changes: Cedric Trueman complete; Jennifer Handley complete; John S resigned

	<b>Synod Delegate</b>	<b>Parish Council</b>	<b>Warden</b>
<b>Term 2, Year 3 (Complete!)</b>			
<b>Term 2, Year 2</b>			
<b>Term 2, Year 1</b>	Judy Trueman - alternate	Marilyn Pattison Rosamund Soares	
<b>Term 1, Year 3</b>	Sheila Hofmeyr	Leslie Glazier	John Oldale
<b>Term 1, Year 2</b>			Sheila Hofmeyr
<b>Term 1, Year 1</b>	Steve Koning	Joy Warkentin	David Stuart Martha SM

Treasurer - Lawrence S; Honorary - Don W

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

### **St. George Budget vs Actuals:**

[260121.Rpt\\_Budget vs Actual as of Dec 31, 2025 - St G - Revised](#)

### **St. George Balance Sheet:**

[260121.Rpt\\_Balance Sheet as of Dec 31, 2025 - St G - Revised](#)