

St. George's Anglican Church
Parish Council Minutes: Tue. April 28, 2026 (11am)

Chair: Christine Conkin

Prayers: Christine Conkin

Minutes: Amanda Unrau

Attendees: The Rev. Christine Conkin, Rick Young, Jeanette Muzio, Leslie Glazier, Martha Stein Marriott, Barbara Underhill, Ted Sheldon (guest), Marilyn Pattison, Sheila Hofmeyr, The Rev. Don Walls, Joy Warkentin, Stephen Koning (11:10)

Regrets: Rosamund Soares

Meeting called to Order: 11:00am

Gospel-based discipleship: The Baptismal Covenant

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

Approval of Minutes: March 24th meeting.

Amendments:

- PC Guidelines – change ‘them’ to ‘the congregation’ in “we are not the boss of them”
- Finances – third point under operating actuals vs budget – add the word paid to the end of “we will see variances because of when the bills are”

MOTION: To approve the minutes from March 24th meeting as amended.

Moved: Sheila Hofmeyr;

Seconded: Jeanette Muzio;

Carried.

BC Climate Emergency Campaign (Ted Sheldon)

- BC Climate Emergency Campaign group made the Action Plan booklet Ted brought (attached) as well as the open letter (attached) which was created in September 2021, signed then by 200 signatories, and now there are 647 organizations signed - 53 of which are faith-based groups and 3 of those are local to us
- Do we want St. George's Anglican to add our name to that list of 647?
- Signing does not require making commitments, we would be included in future correspondence. It's one more signature to the provincial government, to galvanize support and add to the initiative; signatories represent 2.2 million people in BC
- Let Christine know if you are interested in joining a climate team

MOTION: That St George's signs onto the BC climate emergency letter provided.

Moved: Sheila Hofmeyr;

Seconded: Jeanette Muzio;

Carried.

Facilities - report from Gary Fisher:

Maintenance requirements since the previous Parish Council meeting have been routine; the following is informational only; no decisions are required at this point:

- On March 30 the church interior and exterior windows were professionally cleaned, very good job and affordable, we will use Elite again in future
- Hardwood floors were thoroughly washed on April 1 by Bruce Winter and Gary Fisher

- Minor repair of the furnace (valve and switch not communicating properly) was required on April 16
- 12 volunteers attended “yard work party” on April 18, will be regular periodic event
- Still awaiting information on potential repairs to gym roof; hope to have something later this week

ACA update (Leslie)

- Moving along with talking about new lease with ACA. A draft has been sent to Diocese to review, will meet again with ACA soon, but not anticipating many changes. Rent will increase due to cost of living. Proposing a 3-year lease
- Nothing solid confirmed about their summer programming, we proposed weekly summer rent based on programming happening or not

Finances (Barbara)

- No attachments provided due to timing of receiving financials and time away, but nothing to report
- Don’t anticipate anything of real note. Can get statements done to be included in the minutes, and if anything is to note, she will include in the attachments
- Barbara now has access to bank account, so things going forward should be good

AED Machine research update (Sheila & Joy)

- There are reasons both ways, pro and cons
- Initial cost is about \$2500, battery replacement (approximately every 4 years) is about \$200-\$600. Replacement pads (about every 18 months) \$125, machine will need to be maintained, who would be responsible for checking parts and ordering? What is our liability if the parts are used after expiration? (unsure)
- Good Samaritan Law does cover people; but if you are using an expired product, you won’t be personally liable but the organization can be sued and considered negligent
- We are not liable if we do not obtain a device
- People often have unrealistic expectations for resuscitation. Return to normal neurological function is basically non-existent with any kind of resuscitation. AED is only effective for a few heart arrhythmias. There is not much time to decide whether to use it, the machine measures and tells you whether to shock or not, with the actual chance of being shockable is about 18-30%. It cannot help with heart attacks, only heart failure. Also, you need to cut off the person’s shirt and expose them. Seems the cons outweigh the pros
- People here also may have DNRs that we would not know about
- The reason this came up is a parishioner asked Sheila to bring the topic to Parish Council – we ought to follow up with them
- The best practice is if someone collapses in church to just call 911 immediately. 88% of this kind of cardiac arrests occur at home, where people do not have AEDs, so why would people expect St. G to do that if they don’t

MOTION: We accept the report from the subcommittee, they have investigated and recommend we do not purchase an AED device for the church.

Moved: Marilyn Pattison;

Seconded: Leslie Glazier;

Carried.

MOTION: To advise parishioners and all groups within the church that in event of medical incident they are to contact 911 immediately, without delay.

Moved: Jeannette Muzio;

Seconded: Barbara Underhill;

Carried.

- We will put something in Setting Sail to let parishioners know.

Ministry matters (Christine):

- Confirmation: 3 parishioners will be confirmed on Sunday!

- Setting Sail will have announcement this week
- Joy W, Sheila H, and Makenna (baptized here a while back) will be confirmed on Sunday at Christ Church Cathedral in the afternoon
- Importance of sacred ritual that we do, important at various times of our lives

- Summer student / ordinand: Gary M joining us in May

- Will be here on Sunday to begin student placement, likely join next PC meeting
- We will set up all his tasks before Christine leaves (only a few weeks of the 4 months he is with us) we have relief clergy Don Peter Jenny Eric
- Gary has placement at St. John the Divine downtown so Alastair is mentoring and Gary comes from The Parish of central Saanich, so he has lot of supports

-Emergency Preparedness update

- Christine is still working on a date with the Saanich Emergency Preparedness people, perhaps a presentation in June; we will need a minimum amount of people to sign up, will ask The Orchard as well
- Covers any kind of emergency
- 90 min presentation, need 12 or more people, they have booklets and gift bags with swag

-UVic Community Nursing collaboration update

- Have not met yet since last time. Mariko and Sarah are coordinators. We will eventually make announcement to partake, and will need people to sign up (to get a stable group). Q&A could be held, but not likely until October or November. They are also working with Goward house, and people could join either or both cohorts.

Christine has been accepted to a 4-year Doctor of Ministry program at Trinity College, University of Toronto. She had an Orientation last week in Toronto, and will go to Toronto in May for in person learning.

Adjourn: 12:29pm

Next meeting: Tues, June 16, 11am (subsequent meeting will be end of August)

*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:

BC Climate Emergency Campaign Open Letter:

[260428.Ltr_Climate Emergency Campaign - Open Letter - April 24-2026](#)

One Planet Action Plan Report Card:

[260428.Rpt_FUCV One Planet Action Plan-2024 Report Card](#)