

**St Andrew's Anglican Church Vestry Meeting**  
**Tuesday November 18, 2025**  
**Pam in the Chair**

*The Purpose of the church is to learn and teach about God in Christ, through Scripture, loving God with all our hearts, souls, minds and strength, and loving our neighbour as ourselves.*

*St Andrew's Vision is to be a welcoming and nurturing community, using our God-given gifts in service to parish, neighbourhood and the world.*

**Land Acknowledgement:** In this time and place, we gather on the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree and Dakota people and the homeland of the Red River Metis Nation. As we come from many different places and peoples, we are grateful for their stewardship of the land and their hospitality which allows us to live, work and serve God, the Creator, here.

Present: Pam, Norma, Shelley, David, Mervin, Laura, Pat, Lynne, Doreen. Online: the Reverend Liz, Eric, Ken.

Regrets: Audrey, Isla, Anita, Susan.

The Reverend Liz opened the meeting with prayer.

The Scripture passage, Luke 23:33-43, was read by Mervin.

Approval of the agenda:

**Motion # 1: That the Agenda be accepted as circulated. Pat/ Laura Carried**

**Motion # 2: That the Minutes of the October 21, 2025 meeting be accepted as distributed. Norma/ Shelley Carried**

Reports:

Clergy: as previously distributed.

Corporation: as previously distributed.

Altar Guild: no report

Treasurer: as previously circulated. Pat stated that we are holding our own. A \$10K loss at this time of year is acceptable, and better than originally predicted. There is \$18k in the bank and funds can be made available if needed. The question of where the deficit is reconciled, was asked. The deficit ends up against the value of the investments. With our investments, only the Vinet and the Prayer Garden are untouchable; other investments could be used to 'keep the church going'. If St Andrew's was no longer viable, the Prayer Garden and memorial plantings, would have to be moved. The amount in the Prayer Garden would not cover the cost for that. The Diocese has been addressing those kinds of situations and determining policy.

The question was asked if the many deaths St Andrew's has experienced this year will affect the year end. Pat replied in the negative.

**Motion #3: That the Treasurer's report be accepted as distributed. Pat/Laura Carried.**

Property Maintenance: as previously distributed.

Mission and Ministry: as previous distributed.

Pastoral Care: as previously distributed, with the correction that three prayer shawls were delivered this month. The Reverend Liz stated that PCH caroling comes under Pastoral care, as it raises morale. There are signup sheets for singers available for the PCH caroling. The Reverend Liz has been contacted by a person who had viewed the website and asked for pastoral care from St Andrew's. The birthday list and parish list are being updated.

Timeline: Sue will not be chairing future Vendor sales or in charge of coordinating the Coffee Hour Hosts, so coordinators need to be found.

Shelley asked for clarification for the times of the Pot Luck and Tree Lighting evening. Lynne has collated her notes on that event in a binder in the office.

**New Business:**

Telephone Call Out: Responses have been received and sent to the office for the lists to be updated.

Communication/Timeline Issues: There have been some miscommunication issues regarding use of the hall and rentals. The Wall Calendar in the office will be the official information for rentals and use of the Hall. Esther will do the Timeline from that.

Microphone for the Hall: The Reverend Liz has purchased a standalone microphone for approximately \$300. It can run on battery or electricity, with good sound quality and lights!

Tree Lighting and Pot Luck: The signup sheet will be at the back of the church. Shelley queried the cookies that have been brought previous years. The cookies do not have to be replaced as some people bring desserts. Hot chocolate is served after the tree lighting. Glow sticks are in the furnace room for at the Tree Lighting. Round Tables are used. The Advent Wreath needs a small table. Candles used need to be checked. The Reverend Liz will speak on Advent before the first Advent Candle is lit. Ken stated that the cord for Christmas tree lights has been cut off. He has phoned the company for repair, but if they do not respond in time, he will cobble something together.

Solar Panels: Information is being sought

Sign up sheets for Souper Sunday and for those willing to read at the Lessons and Carols Advent Service are at the back of the church

The Reverend Liz gave the information that former bishop Don Phillips has been appointed interim at St Peter's.

Laura informed the vestry that the volunteers for the Pancake Supper on Shrove Tuesday, that have cooked the pancakes, served the pancakes, bussed the tables, cleanup after the event, are no longer able to do all jobs. The volunteers that are in place are willing to do the cooking, but other volunteers must be found to take on the other jobs. If those additional volunteers can not be found, there will not be a pancake

supper. Anita would like to invite the clients from the Food Bank to the supper. Total number of clients is approximately 150.

Ken told the vestry that he has been given a petite point picture of St Andrew's Church, done by Joyce Cox. He feels that it should be hung in the church and will bring it in.

The meeting was closed with the Grace

Next Corporation meeting is December 9, 2025

Next Vestry meeting is December 16, 2025