

St Andrew's Anglican Church Vestry Meeting
Tuesday December 16, 2025
Susan 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 neighbours 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 places and peoples, we are grateful for their stewardship of this land and their hospitality which allows us to live, work and serve God the Creator here.

Present: Susan, Pat, David, Shelley, Mervin. Online: Isla, Laura, Norma, Ken, Pam, Audrey, Anita, Doreen

Regrets: the Reverend Liz Richens, Lynne, Eric

Scripture reading, Matthew1:18-25 was read by Laura

Approval of the Agenda: The Agenda was approved by consensus.

Approval of the Minutes of November 18, 2025 Vestry meeting: The Minutes of the November 18th Vestry meeting were approved by consensus.

Reports:

Clergy: as previously distributed

Corporation: as previously distributed.

Altar Guild: no report

Treasurer's Report: the financial forecast has been updated and is within \$5K of reaching our goal for the end of the year. Historically, December is a very positive month for reaching the offertory goal. Rummage has raised \$8079; Vendor Sale, \$1698. Although it was initially thought to have a negative outcome, with both events on the same day, they mutually benefitted each other, with that day's Rummage income being \$1300. Expenses are below budget due to no snow and low maintenance expenses.

Motion #1: That the Treasure's Report be accepted as distributed. Pat/Laura. Carried

Property Maintenance: as previously distributed. Ken will contact the engineer regarding the parking lot, in the spring. There was discussion on the upkeep of the steeple cross. The wood around the cross has been refurbished previously, and when the cross is painted, that and the wooden structure around the cross will be painted as

well. Pat will look at where this project will fit in the budget – probably under maintenance.

Mission and Ministry: as previously circulated. Discussion regarding Plan International and the possibility of discontinuing support of this organization. Communication has been difficult and uncertain. Support (financial) will be sent for 2025- \$504, as in the current budget

Pastoral Care: as previously circulated. Audrey reported that she has been able to procure a ride for a parishioner for the Christmas 7:00 service and the parishioner is so pleased. Thanks to that person giving the ride. Audrey asked about the possibility of a small roster of willing drivers being available for special services.

Timeline Review: Esther is putting all activities on the Timeline, which had been distributed earlier.

New Business:

AGM: Due to a very full week, with Shrove Tuesday, Ash Wednesday and a Food Bank in the week previously selected for the AGM, it was agreed that the date of the AGM would be March 13, 2026.

Vestry Members and Synod Delegates: The Vestry was polled regarding their wishes to remain on Vestry for another year or to retire. Those wishing to stay: Shelley, Audrey, Laura (but not as Synod delegate), David, Norma and as Synod substitute, Mervin, Doreen. Ken is appointed and is willing to stay. Those wishing to retire: Anita, Isla and Pam. Unheard from at this time: Susan, Eric, Lynne. A notice will be put out to the congregation for members to sit on a nominating committee.

AGM Dinner: Laura and Shelley volunteered to coordinate the AGM dinner, suggesting a soup, stew or chili contributions. Buns would be bought. There are ice cream sandwiches in the downstairs freezer, left from the barbecue. There will be a signup sheet posted.

Offertory Software: Our software company is based in the United States. Our donor information is not to cross the border, by regulation. Our current server has software free, as we use other products of theirs. The transition might impact operations at first but sounds minimal. The software will be migrated over January 1st

Christmas Eve services. Greeters are being sought for these services. Contact David.

The meeting was closed with the Grace

Next Corporation meeting: January 13, 2026

Next Vestry meeting: January 20, 2026, 7:00pm