

St Andrew's Anglican Church Vestry meeting
Tuesday January 20, 2026
Pam Green 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 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, Susan, Pat, Mervin, Laura, Shelley, Isla, Dave, Doreen. Online: the Reverend Liz Richens, Lynne, Norma, Anita, Ken, Eric

Regrets: Audrey

The Reverend Liz opened the meeting with prayer.

Susan read the Scripture Matthew 4: 12-23

Approval of the Agenda: The Agenda was approved as amended by consensus

Amendments: The date of the Minutes from December should read 2026

h) Finance Report

i) Timeline Review

New Business: 7. Pancake Supper

Approval of the Minutes of December 16, 2025 Vestry Meeting: The Minutes of the December 16, 2025 Vestry Meeting were approved by consensus.

In the Treasurer's Report, the word should be 'goal', rather than 'gold'

Reports:

Clergy: as previously circulated. The Reverend Liz is considering being a part of 'Cyclical Winnipeg' which is an ecumenical committee formed to discuss innovations in the church. Question was asked re her time available.

Corporation: no report

Altar Guild: as previously circulated.

Treasurer's Report: as previously circulated. Income was down for rentals- the OSI group is meeting less often and there is no school as per 2024. Year end deficit is \$17920.00 – less than predicted. Eric commented on the name of the fund held by the Diocese, stating that it should be under St Andrew's name now with possible ramifications if the name is not changed.

The reviewer for St Andrew's financial statement for the AGM is unable to do the review due to illness. Several options were discussed: A review may not be able to be done by the AGM. This is not precedent as it has occurred previously. What someone, with the called for qualifications, would charge, would be thousands of dollars, out of St Andrew's ability to pay. Pat will be in touch with the other members of the deanery regarding who they use for review and perhaps St Andrew's could 'coattail' on another church's reviewer. There are some holes in the Diocese financial manual and rules have changed regarding the level of skill to do the review. Pat will put together what is needed for the AGM and present an unreviewed statement for the AGM. At the AGM in 2025, Diane Lambert was named as our reviewer and therefore another can not take her place. What is needed this AGM is a reviewer for the following year. Our purpose for a review is for the parish and the Diocese – an independent person- independent of the diocese and the parishes in it.

In addition, there has been discussion on the number of hours needed for EAT. The next schedule will have the EAT on for the first, third and fourth Sundays of the months. There was a question asking if the reviewers have access to information re personal donations. Pat answered that there is a confidentiality agreement that protects parishioners' information.

Motion 1: that the Treasurer's report be accepted as presented

Pat/Susan

Carried

Property Management: no report

Mission and Ministry: as previously circulated

Pastoral Care: no report

Finance: as previously circulated

Timeline: as previously circulated

New Business:

Fire Door to tunnel: This door has been found open on occasion. It should be closed at all times other than during services.

Parking Lot: Ken gave a history of the troubles with the parking lot. He will have conversation with the appropriate people in the spring. Piles could be driven or stabilization of the creek bank could be looked at. Extreme cost. Ken asked Laura if she had a copy of the report the engineer presented last time he was here.

Use of the Square (or Tap): Esther has preset the Square with amounts and it is ready for congregation use. There is a how-to document produced. Esther and Dave will meet. There is concern re the addition tasks and responsibility for the Greeters. Discussion re rollout. Eric volunteered to be at the back of the church to help with the first rollout, with an announcement the week previous. Active within the next couple of weeks.

Volunteer Appreciation Sunday: Last year, the cost of this event was borne by the Reverend Liz as the meal ordered could not be delivered on the day needed, and the Reverend Liz made the meal. There was a question as to whether the Diocese would support this recognition. They did not.

Motion 2: That \$750.00 be entered into the 2026 budget for Volunteer Recognition.

Laura/Shelley Carried

Solar Panels: Pam has sought information from three companies, two of which responded. In order to proceed with estimates, information regarding St Andrew's consumption for twelve months was required. Rebates have been increased to \$750.00/per kilowatt. Both have thirty-year warranties. The church roof slope is ideal but not the hall. Cost could be upwards of \$50,000.00. More information next month.

Review of Goals:

1. Eco conscious gardens
2. Signage (address) for hall and church
3. Engage congregation and community – healthy options
4. Engage the congregation and community by offering basic life skills
5. Engage parishioners re oral history

None accomplished. Comments re that it is the same group of volunteers that do everything and St Andrew's is running out of people. Unless more people appear, not much more can be done. The volunteers we have, can't do much more. The Reverend Liz suggested that the goals could be looked at by the next Vestry.

Pancake Supper: Laura has previously stated that unless the shift positions for workers on the schedule can be filled, the supper will be cancelled. Two volunteers signed up out of four needed to cook sausages. Ken suggested ham instead, which met with approval. There are two shifts of volunteers. No one has signed for the second shift. One out of two positions at the door have been filled. The post dinner clean up rota is good. Laura will make an announcement Sunday and encourage people to volunteer, but if there are not enough volunteers to fill the positions, the supper will be cancelled.

Isla presented a banner that had been made and hung for another organization which can not be accommodated now. Isla was one of the makers of the banner. She has offered it to St Andrew's should they have a place to display it. The Reverend Liz says that she has four items that have personal meaning to the people offering them, that they wish to have hung in the church/hall. It was asked if this quilted banner could be added to the list.

The meeting closed with prayer

The next corporation meeting is Tuesday February 10, 2026 1:00

The next Vestry meeting is Tuesday February 17, 2026 at 7:30 if there is a Pancake Supper, 7:00 if there is no Pancake Supper.