

**St Andrew's Anglican Church Vestry meeting**  
**Tuesday February 17, 2026**  
**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 our selves.*

*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: the Reverend Liz, Pam, Anita, Shelley, Ken, Audrey, Pat, David, Norma, Mervin, Doreen.  
Online: Eric, Isla. Guest: Cindy

Regrets: Lynne, Laura, Susan

The Reverend Liz opened the meeting with prayer.

Anita read the Scripture passage, Matthew 4:1-11

Approval of the Agenda: Pastoral Care added to the report listing as h. Also, under New Business: Organ, Food Bank, AGM Dinner, Vacuum.

**Motion#1: That the Agenda for the February 17, 2026 Vestry meeting be approved as amended.  
Approved by Consensus.**

Approval of the Minutes of the January Vestry Minutes: the following email vote to be added to the January Minutes:

**Moved by Shelley and seconded by Pat: That Vestry agrees to provide financial donations of the following organizations on or before December 31, 2025:**

**Harvest Manitoba- \$500.00**

**Agape table: \$250.00 (this would be in addition to the \$315.00 from Souper Sunday)**

**Lighthouse Mission: \$250.00**

**Rossbrook House: \$250.00**

**Bruce Oake Foundation: \$250.00**

**Plan Canada: \$504.00 (Foster Child and this would be our last year of support per discussion at vestry)**

**Anglican Foundation: \$50.00**

**1JustCity@Pimicikamak Site: \$233.20 (\$1000.00 collected for oranges), (bills\$766.80)**

**Motion #2: That the amended January Minutes be accepted.**

**Carried by Consensus.**

Reports:

Clergy: as previously circulated

Corporation: no report as there was not a meeting

Altar Guild: as previously circulated

Treasurer: Operations continue as normal. Revenue is average for January. Statement received from the endowment fund- \$800k. The Diocese will change the name of the fund to St Andrew's. The bank account has only \$11k which will be increased by \$25k from the investment fund to meet upcoming needs.

**Motion #3: That the Treasurer's Report be accepted as presented. Pat/Norma  
Carried**

Draft Budget was presented – in detail for transparency. A reflection of St Andrew's operations – not a lot of discretionary spending. Revenue is down from last year. The endowment from the Diocese was \$40k last year, compared to the \$27k this year. Offertory for the last couple of years has been above \$140k. Expenses include an anticipation of a 5% increase in insurance, rise in utilities' cost. A reflection of our reality.

**Motion #4: To present this budget, with the deficit of \$62077 at the AGM.  
Pat/David Carried**

The Financial Reviewer, appointed at the last AGM is unable to review the financial records. For the AGM this year, we will not have a reviewed set of financials. Also, at the AGM upcoming, we have to appoint a reviewer for this past year and the next, Jim Ruel, who has agreed to review the books for the budgeted \$500. This will be reflected in the AGM material. As information, an audit would cost \$15k-20k, or an hourly rate of \$250.

Thank you to Susan C for finding this gentleman.

Property: Ken gave a history of the parking lot situation, dating from the work done in the 1970's, including what was the responsibility of the city, Oceans and Fisheries, St Andrew's, including the report from Stantec Engineering in October 2023 and their advice regarding the slope. Ken proposes that with Bob and Laura, he contact the new engineer, to find out what the situation is now, and their present advice regarding the slope. There was consensus to go ahead with consulting the city engineer. The Reverend Liz requested a copy of Ken's documentation.

Mission and Ministry: as previously circulated. The stamp collection program is now called "Stamps Change Lives". Note change in this, in the circulated report.

Pastoral care: as previously circulated

Music: A brief report was given on the regular activities of choir and the music program

Timeline: as previously circulated

New Business:

Solar Panels: The information gathered by Pam was previously circulated to Vestry. The 15% tax rebate as stated on the quote from Astrasolar is not available to non-profits. Pat noted that another rebate is available for nonprofit organizations and that the company should do another quote to reflect who we are. The cost of Rodent Guard approximately \$5800, and other optional system upgrades were not included.

Vestry empowered Pam and David to move forward with further investigation and present their findings at next vestry.

Hall Rental: the request to rent the hall has been withdrawn

Thank you: Pam thanked the members of vestry who are retiring from vestry: Susan, Lynne, Isla, Anita. Thanks were returned to Pam for her time on vestry. The Reverend Liz thanked everyone on vestry for their dedication and time this past year.

Organ: Scott has had some problems with the organ, although the exact problem is not clear yet. He has figured out a 'work-around' solution for the time being. Research for the cost of the organ in 2006 was requested. Phoenix, the manufacturer is located in Ontario.

Food Bank for Maundy Thursday: Food Bank will inform their clients that if they can come early, it would be appreciated. The kitchen will close at 5:00 to enable the Maundy Thursday organizers to have access. Doors will open at 5:45 for the dinner with serving at 6:00. Service will be at 7:30 to accommodate this as well as the addition of handwashing at the dinner.

AGM Dinner: Shelley will provide signup sheets for attendance and potluck selection (soup, stew or chili, dessert).

Purchase of a vacuum to be stationed in the hall, was suggested. The model that was suggested, was deemed to not be sufficiently powerful to be useful. Other models were suggested. No action was taken.

The Meeting closed with the Grace.

Next corporation meeting: Tuesday March 12, 2026. Time to be announced

Next vestry meeting: Tuesday March 17, 2026, 7:00pm