

St Andrew's Woodhaven Anglican Church
Annual General Meeting Draft Minutes
February 25, 2023

This year's Annual General Meeting was held in person and was available virtually through Zoom. Fifty-five parishioners attended in person and two via Zoom.

Chairperson: The Reverend Liz Richens

Acknowledgement of the Land: In this time and place we gather on the traditional land of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Dakota, Sioux and Oji-Cree people and the homeland of the 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.

Introductory Remarks: The Reverend Liz noted the length of the Annual Report this year and that the reports are only available online. This will be only for this year as there are two churches reporting. Both churches' Financial and Annual Reports need approval.

Regarding the vote, if a parishioner, as of January last year, regarded oneself as a member of St Andrew's, vote on St Andrew's items. If a parishioner, as of January last year, regarded oneself as a member of St Chad's, vote on St Chad's items.

We are one for budget, nominations. St Chad's Wardens remain in position until next fall.

Declaration for Attendance:

I hereby declare that I am +16 years, baptised in water in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost and a recognized attendee of St Andrew's Anglican Church in the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

Hymn

Be Thou My Vision

Prayers:

For the parish and guidance

Lynne Spiring Whitten

Ever living God,
you have called us together as one church of God,
to live together in righteousness, to care for friend and neighbour

and to carry the Gospel of Christ to all people.
As we begin our new life together, we pray that you may
bless all the members of this parish
and let your Spirit enlighten our minds
and guide our actions, that we may be renewed in faith,
united in love, gracious in hospitality
and bring to fulfillment the work of your church,

always being mindful that all we do
is to your honour and glory.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

For the departed

Laura Ryback

O Father of all, we pray to you for our friends and fellow members of this, your parish of St Andrew's, who have departed this life for your rest.

Robert Bonnett, Doris Brown, Olga Cottrell, Tom Drew, Elizabeth Eason, James Gladden, Robert Hawksworth, Rose Hewitt, Linda Johnson, Timothy Latourelle, Ryan McBride, Alexander Murdock, Hazel Quinton, Wendy Scott, Arthur Stephens, Lois Tully

Grant them your peace and in your loving wisdom and power, may the memory of them inspire us to greater service. This we ask in your name. Amen

The Lord's Prayer

The Reverend Liz Richens

Appointment of Recording Secretary

Doreen Pattie

The Reverend Liz Richens

Vision for a new year

The Reverend Liz Richens

The event of the two parishes coming together is exciting and beautiful, pleasure and grief. Reverend Liz cited 1st Corinthians:12: 14, 20: "Indeed the body does not consist of one member but many. As it is, there are many members, yet one body." This passage speaks to our own situation – challenges, and each one of us has experiences and wisdom to share with one another. The focus this year will be on building community. Last year we focused on communication. We will be extending our focus on building community to all who need support in our community. An interesting year to come. There is change in the church, community. We are one church, and one in the body of Christ. One body, one church, one God.

Presentations: The Annual Award

Lynne Tovell, Sue Marlatt

This year's Award was presented to Orvie Ellis. In almost 60 years as a member of St Andrew's, Orvie has been involved with Friends In St Andrew's, the Bazaar, Junior Auxiliary, Quilters' Group, Christmas Hampers, and most notably, the Altar Guild. Orvie is known for her exquisite embroidery and handwork, including the seasonal hangings that grace our church. The Altar Guild has many pieces of linen beautifully enhanced by Orvie's work.

Motion #1 That the Agenda of the 2023 Annual General Meeting be adopted as distributed

Moved: George Wright, Seconded: Lisa Churchward.

Carried

Motion #2: That the Minutes of St Andrew's 2022 Annual General Meeting be adopted as distributed

Moved: Sue Marlatt. Seconded: Pat Coleman

Carried

Motion #3: That the Minutes of St Chad's 2022 Annual General Meeting be adopted as written.

Moved: Eric Frederick. Seconded: Bob Paul

Carried

Motion #4: That the written reports from the various committees, clubs and groups of St Andrew's received as printed and circulated.

Moved: Shirley Bender. Seconded: Susan Chadwick

Carried

Motion #5: That the written reports from the various committees, clubs and groups of St Chad's be received as printed and circulated.

Moved: Audrey Kelly. Seconded: Rick Condo

Carried

Appointment of St Andrew's Treasurer: The Reverend Liz Richens announced the appointment of Patricia Gerow as the Treasurer for St Andrew's for 2023.

Appointment of St Chad's Treasurers: The Reverend Liz Richens announced the appointment of Eric and Laura Frederick as Treasurers for St Chad's for 2023.

Presentation of St Andrew's Financials: Treasurer Pat Gerow reported the total income for 2022 was \$147,542.09 and expenses were \$205,958.36, leaving an operating deficit of \$58,416.27. The Financial Reviewer, Diane Lambert, stated the documents reviewed, fairly reflected the financial position of St Andrew's Woodhaven as of December 31, 2022.

Motion #6: That the 2022 Financial Statement Report for St Andrew's be adopted as distributed and presented.

Moved: Pat Gerow. Seconded: Tim Newton

Carried

Motion #7: That the 2022 Financial Statement Report for St Chad's be adopted as distributed and presented.

Moved: Brent Jackson. Seconded: Anita Cox

Presentation of the 2023 Budget

Patricia Gerow

Question: Is the Pastoral amount just for the priest's salary?

Answer: It also includes Pastoral Care, organist's salary, ministry

Question: Is the deficit covered – are there funds available?

Answer: St Andrew's has \$600,000 in the Trust Funds to cover the deficit.

Question: Do we use the equity to cover bills?

Answer: Operating losses have depleted the equity. We are now into using the bequests.

The Reverend Liz Richens presented the Finances in Review in graph form. The graph showed where and how her time is spent. Administration Support was detailed. Apportionment supports ministries for example, the Mapping Workshop facilitator is funded by the Diocese. A list of use of the church building and hall revealed that 9000 plus people pass through St Andrew's, excluding church services - people that St Andrew's has influenced and connected with – an alive and active ministry.

Motion #8: That the 2023 Budget for St Andrew's be adopted as distributed and presented.

Moved: Patricia Gerow. Seconded: Laura Ryback

Carried

Appointment of Officers: The Reverend Liz Richens announced the appointment of the following officers:

Rector's Warden: Sue Marlatt

St Chad's Wardens: Lynne Spiring Whitten, Terry Wilson, Elsie Kent

Vestry Clerk: Doreen Pattie

Property Maintenance: Ken Wardle

Envelope Auditing Chair: Catherine Atkin

Election of Parish Officers:

Lynne Tovell

People's Warden: The Nomination Committee presented the nomination of Shirley Bender for the position of People's Warden.

As no further nominations were received, Shirley Bender was acclaimed People's Warden

Deputy Warden: The Nomination Committee presented the nomination of Susan Chadwick for the position of Deputy Warden.

As no further nominations were received, Susan Chadwick was acclaimed Deputy Warden.

Vestry Stewards: The Nomination Committee presented the nominations of the following people to stand for election to Vestry: Pam Green, Audrey Kelly, Elsie Kent, Betty Snuggs, Lynne Spiring Whitten, Terry Wilson.

As no further nominations were received, the above people were acclaimed Vestry Steward Members.

Synod Delegates: the Nomination Committee presented the nominations of the following people to stand for election to Synod as Lay Delegates and an alternate: Anita Cox, Nina Logan, Laura Ryback and Norma Pittman (alternate).

As no further nominations were received, the above people were acclaimed Synod Delegates and alternate.

Acknowledgements:

1. Lynne Tovell thanked the Envelope Auditing Team of Catherine Atkin, Cheryl Franz, Tim Newton and Bob Pattie for their ongoing work and Pat Gerow for her expertise and guidance with the EAT team and as Treasurer. Pat is invaluable with her knowledge of all things financial.
2. Shirley Bender thanked Ken Wardle for all that he does in keeping St Andrew's in good shape and operating order
3. Sue Marlatt thanked the Altar Guild for the ongoing work that they do to beautify the church and make it ready for worship.
4. Sue Marlatt thanked the retiring Vestry members: Angeline Cara, Sheila Keatch, Rosemary Seekings, Lynne Tovell.
5. Shirley Bender thanked Lisa Churchward for her many hours of her time to the benefit of St Andrew's.
6. Shirley Bender and Sue Marlatt thanked Lynne Tovell for her care and knowledge of 'everything of St Andrew's and its people', for the fun and laughter, for her guidance and openness to new ideas.
7. The Reverend Liz thanked those involved with preparing the Annual Dinner Meal.

Further Business:

Pam Green thanked The Reverend Liz Richens, on behalf of the parish, "for all that you do for St Andrew's and its people. Your bright, smiling face is much appreciated. We are truly grateful as you guide us along our spiritual path."

Elsie Kent recognized that this has been "a tough year for St Chad's, with tough decisions. St Andrew's has had some turmoil and now a new priest. Then Bishop Geoff suggested that St Andrew's take on St Chad's. There has been outstanding leadership and welcome to St Chad's. Doors were opened. Thank you for your kind support."

Adjournment: That the Meeting be adjourned

Moved: Pam Green

Hymn

Draw the Circle Wide

Benediction

The Reverend Liz Richens