St Andrew's Anglican Church Vestry Meeting
Tuesday October 20, 2026
The Reverend Liz Richens in the Chair

The Purpose of the Church is to learn and teach about God, 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 different places and peoples, we are grateful for their stewardship of the land and their hospitality, which allows to live, work and serve God the Creator, here.

Present: the Reverend Liz R, Pat , Laura, Dave, Allison, Shelley, Audrey, Norma, Grace, Ken, Eric, Cindy, the Reverend Deacon Val, Laura, Doreen

Regrets: Roselyn, Denise

The meeting was opened with prayer. Laura read Matthew 22: 15-22

Approval of the Agenda: to be added:
Other Business:
Rental of the Sanctuary
Rental of the Parking Lot

Motion #1: That the Agenda be accepted as amended. Audrey/Pat Carried

Approval of the September 15, 2026 Minutes:

Motion #2: That the Minutes of the September 15, 2026 be approved as distributed. Shelley/Grace Carried

Reports:
Clergy: as previously distributed
Corporation: as previously distributed
Altar Guild: Repairs to the pin on a flagon have been initiated and will be done by this Friday by Heavy Metal Design.
Pastoral Care: as previously distributed
Maintenance: as previously distributed. Ken said he has caught up and out of money in his budget -$ 6825. Sand will be available this winter at $128 per barrel and $100 per parking lot sanding. Mitch will shovel.

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Mission and Ministry: as previously distributed

Finance: Report of the Vestry/Finance meeting was previously distributed. The discussion of the pending investment to be tabled for November. Pat asked that all should think about each one's comfort level of financial risk, in terms of our longevity and what we financially have now. There are only three points difference on the market at the moment, between the high/low risk investments. Consider: What is our comfort level if the market fell? If there are questions before the next meeting, contact Pat or Laura. Note that there is a Finance meeting Monday November 9th- all welcome to attend. Laura circulated the Parish Financial Health to be published three times a year. Several changes were made to increase clarity. There is possibility of a stewardship campaign next year. The regular December stewardship letter will go out as usual.

Treasurer: as previously circulated. The finances are doing "OK" other than the offertory which is slightly below normal- $4540. The forecast has been increased due to rental and Rummage. Corporation is looking at a letter going to parishioners for funding of the Christmas Tree lights.

Motion #3: That the Finance Report be accepted. Pat/Eric Carried

Timeline: as previously circulated. One is needed in the kitchen as to be available for planning the setting up of tables and chairs for Coffee Hour

3-year goals: Tabled to November meeting.

Business from the Minutes:

Training for the lift: accomplished

Fliers: Tabled to November meeting

Sound System: accomplished. Much improved sound.

New Business:

Rain barrels: Mission and Ministry seek permission to do a fundraiser, selling rain barrels, etc to raise funds for an Arocha (green) project. Sue Marlatt will coordinate this project and has done this previously. No money outlay and a one day pick up.

Motion #4: That Mission and Ministry may coordinate a fundraising project of selling rain barrels with proceeds used for Arocha (green) projects in St Andrew's. Shelley/Laura Carried

Cadets: It was reported that on October 15th, a truck came into the parking lot. Upon approaching the truck, a cadet was grabbed and pulled to the truck. The security camera footage has been turned over to the police. Cadets have increased their safety protocol. Esther will notify all groups that are currently renting the hall.

Tree Lighting: A letter will go to parishioners asking for donations to fund the cost of the lighting of the Tree. Shelley volunteered to organize the Potluck, November 28.

Caroling in PCHs: dates are on the Choir room door: Golden West December 1st, Sturgeon 1 December 11th, Kiwanis December 16th, Sturgeon 2 December 18th, Heritage December 21st.

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Advent Celebration: is a go on December 8th. Invitations have gone out to other churches in the Deanery and some have accepted. Reception to follow.

Communication person: As Esther is becoming busier, there is a need for a communication person to cover the website and Rupert's Land communications. The Reverend Liz suggested the synod delegates, with little response. Shelley will put this need in the weekly message.

Synod resolutions: Liz outlined the resolutions as passed at Synod.

Other Business:

Rentals:

Parking Lot: The Reverend Liz stated there have been many requests to rent space in the parking lot, on an on-going basis. She asked why this is such a tense issue.

Sanctuary: There have been some inquiries to rent the sanctuary, for service, concerts, other worshipping communities. In the past it was rented for a movie. Considerations: organ (off limits), sound system (off limits), time of services/event, no altering or moving the furniture, storage, insurance (have their own), significant damage deposit, maintenance fee, consult the chancellor. Committee to be formed to develop a plan – an outline. The Reverend Liz will gather some information regarding contracts from those sharing/renting now for November's meeting.

Synod: The Bishop's Charge, had several charges for each church to do and report back at the next synod (2028)

Inventory of all resources – physical (buildings), people and skills, inventory of insurable resources, finances, technology, parish experience and programs etc. It was suggested that a questionnaire could be used for talents/skills. Laura volunteered to do this. This is to recur on the agenda.

New outreach

One new leadership person to be trained into the role- reader, lay minister, etc

Mission work: A focus on Call to Action and Reconciliation. Designated offering from the congregation members on one Sunday, to support Recognition and Call to Action. There will be a week in May to focus on this mission.

The meeting was closed with the Grace.

Next Corporation Meeting November 10, 2026 11:30

Next Vestry Meeting: November 17, 2026 7:00

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