

St. Andrew's United Church Annual Congregational Meeting
Thursday, March 13, 2025 6:30 pm
Sedgewick United Church, Sedgewick

Present: Jayne Odegard-Dempsey, Janice Bishop, Ron Roggensack, Marilyn Patten, Gwenda Poyser.
Online: Michael Patten, Allison Ness, Jessica Mose, Janna Freadrich, Hadley Freadrich, Linda Skoberg
Supervising Minister - Rev. Deanna Cox

CALL TO ORDER

Jayne Odegard-Dempsey opened this congregational meeting with prayer.

Jayne Odegard-Dempsey volunteered to be chair and Gwenda Poyser volunteered to be secretary.

MOTION: Marilyn Patten/A. Ness moved that voting privileges be extended to all attending this meeting.

CARRIED

MOTION: R. Roggensack/J. Bishop moved that the agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

MOTION: G. Poyser/J. Freadrich moved that the minutes from the February 11, 2024 congregational meeting be approved.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Accepted for information:
Northern Spirit Regional Council, Rev. Adam Hall – Invitation to collaborate for our future
The Broadview – Faith-informed media – support requested
Bissell Centre – support requested

ANNUAL REPORTS:

The annual report book for 2024 was reviewed. Again, church administrator Mell Hampshire has provided, in booklet and via email, a comprehensive review of our past year. This is a huge task, and we thank Mell for this informative report.

MOTION: Marilyn Patten/J. Mose that the annual report, including the 2024 financial statement and the 2025 budget for St. Andrew's be approved.

CARRIED

MOTION: J. Bishop/G. Poyser that the reports for the pastoral charge be received for information.

CARRIED

MOTION: J. Bishop/R. Roggensack that the 2024 financial reports including the proposed 2025 budget for the Pastoral Charge be accepted and recommended to the Unified Board for approval.

CARRIED

BUSINESS

There was general discussion regarding the future for our congregation & church. There was general consensus that there was satisfaction with the current path. All present agreed the service in St. Andrew's every second month and the current format/schedule for the remaining Sunday services either in Sedgewick or at neighbouring churches is satisfactory.

MOTION: A. Ness/ M. Patten that the following donations be made for 2025:

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| Hardisty Lake United Church Camp | \$ 200 |
| Flagstaff Christmas Sharing Program | \$ 100 |
| Bissell Centre | \$ 100 |
| Camrose Women's Shelter | \$ 100 |

CARRIED

As a thank you for the snow removal throughout the winter months, Mr. Davies and his family will be invited to join us at the St. Patrick's Day Supper March 16th 2025, as our guests.

The annual Ham & Pork St. Patrick's Supper will be held March 16th 2025 with an online auction held the week prior. Marilyn, Jayne and Gwenda have confirmed the food lists and arranged for phone callers, and Jayne and Lisa have organized and posted the online auction.

NOMINATIONS:

Trustee Brian Rawluk has requested that his name be removed as Trustee. A vote of thanks is extended to Brian for his years of service to our congregation.

A slate of officers was presented; there were no further nominations.

MOTION: G. Poyser/Marilyn Patten that the following names be appointed to our church board(s):

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| Chair | Jayne Odegard Dempsey (Unified Board Co-Chair & St. Andrew's Chair) |
| Treasurer | Marilyn Patten (St. Andrew's & Unified Board Representative) |
| Secretary | Gwenda Poyser (St. Andrew's) |
| Ministry & Personnel | Lisa Burgess (St. Andrew's representative to Unified Board) Marilyn Patten (Unified Board /alternate) |
| Worship Committee | Jayne Odegard Dempsey (Unified Committee) Janice Bishop (Unified Committee) Gwenda Poyser (Unified Committee) |
| Northern Spirit Region | Gwenda Poyser (Unified Board Candidate) |
| Hardisty Lake Camp | no Unified Board candidate |
| Trustees | Ron Roggensack, Michael Patten, Teresa Odegard (St. Andrew's ; one to attend as representative to Unified Board) |
| Property & Finance ** | Committee of the Whole (St. Andrew's congregation) |

**Note: Property & Finance meeting will be the annual congregational meeting held at the first of the year. If another meeting is necessary, it will be at the call of the Chair. The Treasurer will be the representative at the Unified Board.

CARRIED

A thank you is extended to Marilyn Patten and Allison Ness who organize catering requests for St. Andrew's for funeral and/or special occasion lunches in Loughheed. Their service is truly appreciated.

ADJOURNMENT

Chair J. Odegard Dempsey declared the meeting adjourned. Rev. D. Cox closed the meeting with prayer.