

**St. Andrew's United Church Annual Congregational Meeting  
Thursday, February 26, 2026 6:30 pm  
St. Andrew's United Church, Lougheed**

Present: Jayne Odegard-Dempsey, Janice Bishop, Ron Roggensack, Marilyn Patten, Gwenda Poyser, Michael Patten, Allison Ness, Lisa Burgess, Kim Martin, Teresa Odegard (via phone) Janna Freadrich (via phone).

**CALL TO ORDER**

Jayne Odegard-Dempsey opened this congregational meeting. Janice B. offered a heartfelt prayer for guidance.

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

**MOTION:** L. Burgess/T. Odegard moved that the agenda be accepted as presented. **CARRIED**

**MOTION:** G. Poyser/J. Freadrich moved that the minutes from the March 2025 congregational meeting be approved. **CARRIED**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

none

**ANNUAL REPORTS:**

The annual report book for 2025 was reviewed. Again, church administrator Mell Hampshire has provided, in booklet and via email, an excellent accounting of all church activities for 2025. We greatly appreciate this report and its comprehensive review of our past year – it was a busy one!

**MOTION:** J. Bishop/K. Martin that the annual reports for St. Andrew's be approved. **CARRIED**

**MOTION:** Marilyn Patten/A. Ness that 2025 financial report and the budget for 2026 for St. Andrew's be approved. **CARRIED**

**MOTION:** A. Ness/R. Roggensack that the 2025 financial and reports for the pastoral charge for 2025 be received for information. **CARRIED**

**MOTION:** J.ishop/Marilyn Patten that 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 current scheduling and services for St. Andrew's. All present agreed the service in St. Andrew's every second month and the current format/schedule for the remaining Sunday services in Sedgewick is satisfactory. Services are currently being recorded and posted on youTube, however only one person had actually watched. This recording and posting does entail quite a time commitment, and may be discontinued.

**MOTION:** J. Bishop/Michael Patten that the following donations be made for 2026:

Hardisty Lake United Church Camp	\$ 400
Flagstaff Christmas Sharing Program	\$ 200
Bissell Centre	\$ 200
Camrose Women's Shelter	\$ 200

**CARRIED**

The annual Ham & Stew St. Patrick's Supper will be held March 15<sup>th</sup> 2026 with a silent auction held at the supper. The supper lists were reviewed and adjusted, Lisa and Jayne will organize the silent auction. A thank you will be sent to Gary and Marcella Simpson for the donation of beef for the supper.

Marilyn Patten and Allison Ness continue to capably arrange food and volunteers for funeral lunches. Thank you ladies! We are blessed to have willing volunteers to assist them in providing this service in our community.

Discussion on the boulevard trees which badly need trimming – looming ever closer to the church roof. A letter will be sent to the Village Council, asking for this needed tree trimming to be completed.

**NOMINATIONS:**

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):

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) Lisa Burgess 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 (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**

Thank you to Janice Bishop (retiring from the worship committee) who has given St. Andrew's much valuable assistance for many years. Thank you Janice! (She continues to see to the physical needs of our church and thank you for that as well!)

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was declared adjourned (7:30 pm) J. Odegard Dempsey closed the meeting with prayer.