

Sedgewick United Church Annual Congregational Meeting

March 13, 2025 6:30 pm at Sedgewick United Church, Sedgewick

PRESENT

Pastoral Charge Supervisor, Rev Deanna Cox, James Hampshire, Esther Whitehead, Leola Forster, Mell Hampshire, Gert Lewis, Dan Lewis, Pat MacKinnon, Megan Strachan, Kari Sanders and Melvin Lundy. Online attendees: Debbie Leslie, Helen Tanton, Sherry Mayne. A quorum was in attendance.

CALL TO ORDER

James Hampshire agreed to be the chairperson and called this regular annual congregational meeting to order. Mell Hampshire agreed to take the minutes.

MOTION: L. Forster/J. Hampshire to extend voting privileges to adherent attendees.

CARRIED

MOTION: E. Whitehead/K. Sanders moved acceptance of the agenda.

CARRIED

MOTION: L. Forster/P. MacKinnon to accept the previous minutes of February 11, 2024 as read.

CARRIED**ANNUAL REPORTS**

MOTION: M. Strachan/G. Lewis to approve Sedgewick United reports as printed.

CARRIED

MOTION: E. Whitehead/L. Forster to approve Sedgewick's financial report and 2025 budget as printed.

CARRIED

Pastoral Charge Reports and Financials for 2024 and 2025 proposed Budget
Treasurer, Esther Whitehead explained minister costs were down because we only had a minister for six months of 2024. In the budget, pulpit supply costs are increased to accommodate this change.

MOTION: M. Strachan/D. Leslie that the 2024 Pastoral Charge financial report and 2025 budget be accepted pending approval of the Unified Board.

CARRIED**BUSINESS**

After discussion regarding the future for our church, the general consensus was to continue on as we are doing. Rev. Deanna recommended we remain open-minded and keep our options open.

MOTION: L. Forster/P. MacKinnon to continue as we are and maintain the status quo.

CARRIED

DONATIONS by Sedgewick United Church...

MOTION: M. Hampshire/G. Lewis that the following donations be made for 2025:

Hardisty Lake United Church Camp	\$ 500
Camrose Women's Shelter	\$ 200
World Development & Relief	\$ 200
Bissell Centre	\$ 300

CARRIED

Fundraising 2025; following discussion Kari suggested we have another gift card raffle in early May instead of a Spring supper. Esther noted that they both bring in roughly the same amount.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

The Sunday School position is inactive, apart from occasional special activities, and has been eliminated.

Jarrett Ferrier requests that his name be removed from the Ministry and Personnel Committee, we extend our heartfelt thanks to Jarrett for his years of service.

Megan Strachan was nominated to the Ministry and Personnel Committee.

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

MOTION: K. Sanders/E. Whitehead that the following nominations be accepted.

*Trustees:	Roger Ferrier Gert Lewis Jeff Eckstrand
*Ministry and Personnel:	Leola Forster Megan Strachan
* **Property and Finance:	Esther Whitehead, Treasurer James Hampshire Jeff Eckstrand
*Worship:	Gwennie Simpson Susan MacKinnon Debbie Leslie Kari Sanders

CARRIED

**One to two representatives from these committees will be delegated to attend board meetings.*

***Note: Property & Finance matters can be dealt with at the annual congregational meeting. If another meeting is necessary, it will be at the call of the Chair.*

MOTION: J. Hampshire/K. Sanders to accept the following nominations to be taken to the Unified Board meeting.

Chairperson:	Kari Sanders
Hardisty Lake Church Camp:	Melvin Lunt
Northern Spirit Region:	<i>no nominations</i>

CARRIED

The Board and Committees would like to express their sincere thanks for the hard work and dedication of those renewing or accepting Board positions.

NEXT MEETINGS

Pastoral Charge Unified Meeting, to immediately follow this meeting and in October 2025
Next Sedgewick Annual Congregational Meeting – February, 2026

ADJOURNMENT

Esther Whitehead adjourned the meeting. Rev. Deanna closed the meeting with prayer.