

St. James' Anglican Parish
Vestry Meeting
22 March 2026

Present: Kelly Sneesby, Lane Englund, Daphne Hall, Arlene Waddell, Bea Betts, Marion Lockhart, Nancy Hunter, Jackie Snider

Absent: Arlene Montemayor, Linda Wahoski, Carol Walker, Anita d'Armada

Daphne Hall opened the meeting with prayer. Nancy Hunter went over items for the agenda.

Moved by Daphne Hall and seconded by Jackie Snider that the minutes of the 30 November 2025 meeting be accepted as circulated. Carried.

Daphne Hall presented the Financial statements for November, December, January and February and answered questions. Moved by Daphne Hall and seconded by Bea Betts that the Financial Report be accepted. Carried. Daphne also explained that she has completed the Charitable Return and mailed it to Revenue Canada.

Correspondence:

- A request for our Grad Scholarship at NACI to be continued was discussed. Moved by Jackie Snider and seconded by Daphne Hall that we continue to give \$1,000. Carried. Our criteria are quite broad and the high school staff will select recipient(s). Kelly Sneesby will present the award(s).
- St. James' share of the Pancake Lunch proceeds will be approximately \$500. Moved by Kelly Sneesby and seconded by Marion Lockhart that we use this money and any extra necessary to send two campers to the Anglican church camp. Carried. Daphne will contact Diocesan office and send the cheque.
- Shared Communion. Comments and concerns were shared about the joint United/Anglican communion service. The congregation could use a bit more "teaching" before the next time to make things go more smoothly. Father Ray will be coming in May for a joint communion and Kelly will contact him to see if he has any ideas or concerns.
- Discussion took place about a scholarship for an Anglican priest-in-training. Cheryl Kukurdz at Diocesan Office will investigate this. St. John's College at University of Manitoba offers a Divinity Degree. Bea Betts will also get more information about STARL, a program through the Eastern Star that helps ministers in training.

Committee Updates:

- GAP committee – Kelly reported that she and Betty have only two services over the summer to fill. Rita Friesen can only do 12 services/year but she will do Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve. Cathy Plett of Minnedosa will also do one or two services.
- Worship Committee – Anita and Kelly –
 - candles for Christmas Eve especially will be replaced by artificial candles.
 - Paschal/Unity Candle clarification
 - Joint Communion
 - Palm/Passion Sunday – choir will process with palms

Mission and Service – Bea, Nancy and Lane

Tea at Elks Manor on 3 March

Games Night - Asheara Montemayor invited two friends who were very keen

UCW – Arlene Waddell reported that Units 1 & 6 will amalgamate after they discuss a new meeting time
Leona Kucher has not been able to go to a meeting. The GUS thrift sale is coming up.

NUASM Board – minutes are posted on the website. Kelly Sneesby attended.

- Staff washroom will become gender neutral
- Judy Elgert will be paid more for managing the technical aspects of the worship services – live streaming is on hold while the new computer is being updated
- Banners are rotated to suit seasons of church year

Search Committee – Nancy reported that the committee is still looking for a new pastor. Twenty-seven e-mails have been sent for further contact. Only 4 people have expressed interest in coming to this area and most of the rest are not willing to relocate out of their present locale because of their family situation. Others want to continue to serve in an affirming church.

There will be a joint Good Friday service at Calvary Chapel at 11am.

Next meeting was scheduled for 24th May Neither Kelly nor Lane can attend so meeting is RESCHEDULED for Sunday 31 May.

The meeting closed with the Grace.