

ST. JOHN IN THE WILDERNESS, BRIGHT'S GROVE - VESTRY MINUTES

February 1, 2026

ATTENDANCE: Rev Sherry De Jonge, Sandra Fraser, Dianne Funnell, Doug Winch, Shalleen Hunt, Susan Halliday, Bob Halliday, Denise Hillary, Edna Braithwaite, Brenden Fraser, Maggie Brownridge, Haley Walker, Kathy Morris, Sage Hobin, Ingrid Schmid, John Bennett, Barbara Bennett, Sean McCormack, Cara McCormack, , Robert Clingersmith, Kathy Foubister, Jim Foubister, Marie Foubister, Mary Anderson, Aruna Anderson, Nicole Grieve, Duncan Mann, Nancy Mann, Gwen McBean, Jane Gallie, Jim Gallie, Mike Moloney, Carol Mercurio, Mavis Schmid, Peter Langille, Brian Bradford, Brian Fogg, Karen Wilson

1/ WELCOME AND OPENING PRAYER

Rev Sherry welcomed everyone and briefly outlined the procedures. Sandra Fraser offered a lovely prayer for guidance and blessing. Peter then opened the meeting with thanks for the food provided by all and called the meeting to order.

2/ ELECTION OF VESTRY CLERK

Karen Wilson acclaimed Vestry Clerk.

Moved by Kathy Foubister, seconded by Haley Walker Carried.

3/ ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Jim Foubister moved the agenda be accepted. Seconded by Bob Clingersmith. Carried.

4/ MINUTES OF 2025 VESTRY MEETING

Mike Moloney moved the minutes be accepted. Seconded by Brendan Fraser. Carried

5/ BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

No new business from past minutes.

6/ ACCEPTANCE OF REPORTS (Excluding: Wardens, Treasurer, Budget and Nominations)

Sandra Fraser moved the reports be accepted. Seconded by Mavis Schmid. Carried.

Prior to the Wardens report Rev Sherry asked for continued prayers as we look for our new rector, reminding us of all that is involved i.e.: relocating family, finding accommodation, moving etc.

7/ WARDENS REPORT

As per a question from the floor, Peter shared the steps involved in choosing a new rector. Should there be multiple applicants, names will be provided and the committee will conduct interviews and submit their choice to the Diocese. The Bishop will make the final decision.

Deb has come to the end of her term and retired. Peter will stay on one more year to facilitate a smooth transition. Thank you, Deb, for your hard work and dedication. Peter also thanked the congregation for all the help in keeping the church running smoothly.

Peter moved we accept the Wardens report. Seconded by Doug Winch. Carried.

8/ TREASURER REPORT

Brian congratulated the congregation on phenomenal growth this year. Great fundraising, generous memorial donations and a strong stock market contributed to a healthy revenue. Significantly lower operating expenses was a nice bonus. Apportionment and insurance costs are rising. There is only one insurance company that will cover churches. Liability is the driving force.

Community Outreach was exceeded as we had a great year. Hoping to keep it up with donations and capital gains.

Question was asked about plans for the extra funds. Possibly a new front door and basement repair. The new rector, apportionment and insurance will use some of the excess.

9/ BUDGET REPORT

Going forward Apportionment will be based on revenue not expenses, this will give more effective management. The Diocese is looking at realigning expenses to assist churches.

Question on Apportionment and Insurance.

- o Apportionment is based on our church only.
- o Insurance is based on the number of churches in the Diocese. Liability is predominantly abuse cases.

Brian Fogg moved that we accept the Treasurer and Budget Reports. Second by Ingrid Schmid. Carried.

10/ NOMINATING COMMITTEE/SLATE OF OFFICE

Warden (appointed by Rector)	Peter Langille
Warden	Kathy Morris
Deputy Warden (appointed by Rector)	Mike Moloney
Deputy Warden	Brian Bradford
Lay Delegate to Synod	Sandra Fraser
Alternate Delegate to Synod	Nicole Grieve

Regular Council Members	ELECTED	APPOINTED
	Aruna Anderson	Sandy Dawson
	Brian Fogg	Susan Halliday
	Ingrid Schmid	Gwen McBean
	Karen Wilson	Deb Walker
	Haley Walker	Brent Anderson

Alongside Hope Representative	Aruna Anderson
Anglican Fellowship of Prayer (AFP) Representative	Aruna Anderson
Vestry Clerk	Karen Wilson
Envelope Secretary	Sandra Lamoureux (Appointed by Wardens)
Treasurer	Brian Fogg (Appointed by Wardens)
Deputy Treasurer	Haley Walker (Appointed by Wardens)
Deputy Warden (Emeritus)	Brent Anderson (Appointed by Rector)

Peter moved to accept the Slate of Officers. Seconded by Doug Winch. Carried

11/ ELECTION OF SCRUTINEERS

As there were no nominations from the floor scrutineers were not needed.

12/ ELECTION OF 2026 SLATE OF OFFICE AND COUNCIL

Approved as there were no new nominations

13/ NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business at this time.

14/ CLOSING COMMENTS

Jim Foubister moved that we adjourn the meeting. All were in agreement.