

**The Church of St. John the Evangelist  
Parish of Douglas and Nashwaaksis  
Annual Meeting – February 23, 2025**

The Annual Meeting, chaired by warden Bill MacKenzie, opened at 12:05 pm with prayer led by The Rev. David Peer.

**Nomination of Vestry Clerk** - Moved by Dennis Williams, seconded by Wayne Knorr, that Carol Jones be nominated as vestry clerk. Carried.

**Approval of Annual Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2024** – Moved by Roger Schwartz, seconded by Ruth Lawrence, that the minutes be approved as read. Carried.

### **Review of Annual Reports**

**Wardens' Report** – no questions

**Lay Readers' Report** – we now have eight active lay readers, and when we have a new rector, we would like to have some members of the congregation come forward to be trained. No questions.

**Cemetery Committee Report** – no questions

**Chancel Guild Report** – New members would be welcome. No questions.

**Children's Church Report** – thanks to Vivian Osborne and her volunteers for their time and energy in making this a successful ministry.

**Willing Wonders Report** – a busy year as reported

**Martha's Pantry** – We have applied for a grant from the diocese to support this ministry. Thanks to Heather Storey, Susan Knorr and Minna Harjapanula , as well as everyone who has donated.

**Student Hunger Program 2024** – We have two groups who do this one day per month, preparing a Wednesday lunch for approximately 40 students at Nashwaaksis Memorial School.

**Treasurer's Report** – Ben Mersereau presented the 2024 report. We ended the year with a surplus of approximately \$29,000, mainly because we were not paying a rector for half a year. Offerings were down about \$12,000 as budgeted for 2024. At the end of the year, we had about \$139,000 in the bank, with \$39,000 being held in trust for refugees. We paid our full diocesan assessment, and we replaced the roof on the stone church. Willing Wonders contributed a large amount toward the gym floor and the boiler repairs. Salaries increased by 3.1% for all staff. Office hours for the office administrator are being increased from 30 to 40 hours per week. Thank you to the auditors, John Baldwin and Roger Schwartz. A copy of the slide of Ben's report is attached. No questions.

Moved by Ben Mersereau, seconded by Roger Schwartz, that the treasurer's report and budget for 2025 be approved. Carried.

**Election of Wardens** – Bill MacKenzie and Nancy Stephens will let their names stand. Bill asked for any other nominations (three times), and there were none. Moved by Eva Morton, seconded by Rebekuh Sears that Bill and Nancy be named wardens. Carried.

**Election of Vestry Members** – Dennis Williams is stepping away from vestry after many years of service, for which we are thankful.

Moved by Wayne Knorr, seconded by Jeanne Sayre, that vestry remain at nine members. Chase McLean has offered to let his name stand, as well as all remaining members. Bill called for more nominations (three times). Moved by Bill, seconded by Dennis, that the vestry consist of Ben Mersereau, Carol Jones, Donna Price, Jeanne Sayre, Steve Hart, Michael Clark, Joan Dunphy, Heather Storey and Chase McLean. Carried.

**Election of Synod Delegates** – Moved by Wayne Knorr, seconded by Jeanne Sayre, that Nancy Stephens be a delegate. Moved by Judy Jones, seconded by Eva Morton, that Carol Jones be a delegate. Moved by Wayne Knorr, seconded by Eva Morton, that Bill MacKenzie be an alternate synod delegate. Moved by Stephen Hart, seconded by Jeanne Sayre, that Jeannie Donald be an alternate synod delegate. Moved by Jeanne Sayre, seconded by Judy Jones, that Chase McLean be our youth delegate to synod. All nominations carried.

**Appointment of Auditors for 2025** – John Baldwin and Roger Schwartz have agreed to let their names stand. Moved by Judy Jones, seconded by Dennis Williams, that Roger and John be auditors. Carried.

**Other Business** – Children's Church has been a blessing. We have talked about calling people who are shut-ins, but we will need to comply with the diocesan privacy policy. We will need to decide how to do this and be following the policy.

**New Rector** – The bishop has not referred anyone to us that he feels is a good fit for our parish. This has been advertised nationally and internationally. Bill explained how the process works.

## Questions

Keith Osborne asked if there are any plans for the inside of the stone church now that we have a roof on. Bill explained that there are still repairs that are needed. Contact will be made with the seniors at the Johnston Avenue Seniors' Centre, who could do repairs. The cost to us would be building materials. The roof was leaking, but now that it has been replaced, we shouldn't have as big a problem with mold.

Roger Schwartz asked how we will interact with the neighbourhood once the school has moved to McAdam Avenue, but that will still be part of the “neighbourhood”. We will still provide Wednesday lunches. We have provided teacher appreciation luncheons in the past, and we will probably do so in the future.

Heather Storey commented that with Paul gone, our office administrator, Josh McDorman, has stepped up and provided a lot of support. He is very busy, and Heather asked that we respect the fact that he doesn’t have a lot of time to socialize.

Eva Morton thanked those who have participated in the music ministry.

Moved by Ruth Lawrence that the meeting be adjourned at 12:50 pm. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

*Carol Jones*

Carol Jones, Vestry Clerk

Attachments: Attendance List  
Summary of Treasurer’s Report

## 2025 Annual Meeting – Attendance List

1. Dennis Williams
2. Bob Thomas
3. Mary O’Neill
4. Sharon Cote
5. Natalie Reid
6. Brian Reid
7. Heather Storey
8. Jeannie Donald
9. Rebekuh Sears
10. Ruth Lawrence
11. Laurel Lawrence
12. Wayne Knorr
13. Mary Wilson
14. Eva Morton
15. Carol Jones
16. John Baldwin
17. Susan Baldwin
18. Carol Mercer
19. Barb Hart
20. Steve Hart
21. Sharyn Nicholls
22. Joan Pain
23. Philip Pain
24. Mary-Beth Rideout
25. Cliff Humble
26. Roger Schwartz
27. Randy Brown
28. Vivian Osborne
29. Darrell Jones
30. Judy Jones
31. Gerry Russon
32. Donna Bartley
33. Mabel Ferris
34. Marjorie Boone
35. Kitty Donelan
36. Pat MacKenzie
37. Karen Burgess
38. Carol Sue Nielsen
39. Jeanne Sayre
40. Donna Price
41. Bill MacKenzie
42. Keith Osborne
43. Ben Mersereau

# 2025 Treasurer's Report

St. John's Anglican Church

February 23, 2024



## 2024 Results



**\$101,197** Surplus (as reported)

**\$29,190** Adjusted surplus (building fund transfer)

**\$233,315**

2024 Unrestricted Offerings

- \$7,590 decrease from 2023 (3.1%)
- \$11,685 short of \$245,000 target

**\$138,874**

Ending Bank Balance (12-31-2024)

- \$15,645 decrease from start of year
- \$63,054 of special purpose funds
- \$35,000 in cash held in trust (refugees)
- \$51,092 bequest transferred to investments

- **Diocesan Assessments** paid in full (\$39,004)
- **New roof for Stone Church** completed (\$21,729 cost; \$20,740 from two dedicated funds)
- 75 Main Street Maintenance and Improvement Fund established (**\$73,584 ending balance**)
- \$3,074 net proceeds from **Willing Wonders** events in 2024; **\$15,139 balance of funds**
- Salaries under budget by **\$43,016**
- **\$501,120 in long-term investments** (\$82K increase)

## 2025 Budget



**\$19,639** Budgeted surplus

**\$233,000** Unrestricted offerings budget

- Same as actual offerings in 2024

**\$246,461** Budgeted for total expenses

**3.1%** Staff salary increase; increased hours of Office Administrator

- **\$133,000 for salaries and benefits** (assume new rector by July 1)
- **\$39,761** budgeted for Diocesan Assessments (\$757 increase from 2024)
- **Impact of heat pumps** on fuel, electricity costs still uncertain; rate increase for electricity
- Willing wonders proceeds to be spent on special projects or donations