

## 91<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting Highlights

The 91<sup>st</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Parish of St. Aidan's Anglican Church was held on March 4, 2020 in the parish fellowship hall, with 58 members in attendance. The meeting format was changed slightly from previous years to make more effective use of time. All the usual annual ministry reports were provided in the bound reports, but instead of each individual ministry leader giving a verbal update on their specific report, the Ministry Hub Leaders provided a verbal summary for their entire Ministry Hub to the assembled members. It was an amazing year, with Spirit-led growth in all areas, Praise the Lord!

Pastor Dave Labdon presented the highlights for the Worship Hub. The most significant event in this ministry Will Gray answering God's call on his life to further his theological studies in Vancouver. This move created new opportunities to grow the music ministry, with Debbie Hall stepping into the role of Music Worship Coordinator and allowing other musically talented congregation members assume more leadership responsibilities. We gained a new Choir Director in Trish Reimer, which led to an immediate growth in the Choir. We also gained three Honourary Assistants in retired Anglican priests, and a newly ordained Deacon to help meet the various challenges as we continue to grow our various ministries.

Chris Barnes presented the highlights for the Mission Ministry Hub. This is the spreading of the good news of the Gospel, and God is blessing this work. We continue to grow in the Four C's of community, city, country, and creation. All the mission work started as part of the Three Year Plan (Manitoba Youth Center, Naomi House, VBS, Mission Week, Leaf Rapids, etc.) are ongoing and growing, with enthusiastic support from the congregation.

Les Kovacs presented for the Family Ministry Hub and the Small Groups. The FMH was also impacted by Will Gray's move because he was the Youth Coordinator.

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Unable to find a replacement for him, the youths' parents have stepped into the gap in an inspired way, and led the youth into a deeper faith in the Lord through their Sunday morning studies, Friday evening activities, and a Youth Alpha retreat.

The Nursery, Children's Ministry, and Messy Church are all flourishing, especially the children's ministry, which may require additional classroom space next year. The Small Groups are also continuing their growth in both numbers and depth of faith. Several SG leaders meetings were held to help them deal with issues that they may face in their daily lives, with a special focus on the role of the Holy Spirit.

Merle West presented the Facilities Hub report. The highlights included the completion of the Boiler Replacement Project, with thanks to Bryan Purdy as project manager. She also acknowledged the very generous support of the congregation, Scouts, Diocese of Rupert's Land, and the Anglican Foundation in meeting the financial needs of the project. There were also several other, smaller projects undertaken that contribute to a cleaner, safer environment for all.

Jeff Hall presented the Parish Finance report, which showed how the Lord has blessed us with the finances required to meet not only the operational budget needs of the parish, but also the needs to pay for the Boiler Replacement Project. Praise be to God! Jeff also presented the Budget for 2020, and highlighted the traditional pattern of giving throughout the year which, during the beginning of the year does not meet the expenses incurred by the church, such as the building insurance, and heating costs which are typically higher during the winter months. This results in a cash flow reduction which is only made up at the end of the year when giving usually increases significantly. A more even pattern of giving throughout the year, such as automated debit and Canada Helps donations would be very helpful.

Additional Annual Reports are still available for the office if you didn't get one.



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