

SHERWOOD PARK ALLIANCE CHURCH SOCIETY

Annual General Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Monday November 24, 2025

7:00 pm – South Atrium

Opening prayer – Duane Seelochan

1. Call to Order – Grace Albers
2. Introduction of New Sherwood Park Alliance Church Members
 - Dale and Kristy Boyd
 - Perry and Colleen Cramer
 - Luke Davidson
 - Jezelle Johnson
 - Joel and Heather Loewen
 - Tom Mithchell
 - Helen Shantz
 - Harold and Lynette Witzler
3. **Motion** to approve Agenda.
MOTION – Kent Maddigan; **SECONDED** – Roger Overland
CARRIED
4. **Motion** to approve Minutes of Congregational Meeting – June 16, 2025.
MOTION – Darren Driedger; **SECONDED** – Jon Spronk
CARRIED
5. Ministry Reports
 - a) Jeremy
 - Sherwood Park Alliance Church is experiencing significant growth across all areas including in-auditorium, kids ministry, groups and online viewership.
 - Growth has created excitement and some challenges, which requires adjustments to staff, volunteers, and facilities.
 - The Story integration with families, weekend services, and in schools has had great feedback.

- b) Heather
 - Kids ministry may begin with kids, but has shown there's potential to reach entire families as programs such as Kids Night and Treehouse offer solid biblical messaging that kids are reporting back home.
 - Kent Maddigan shared examples of the impact kids ministry has on families.
 - Volunteer base has grown with the need.
- c) Jesse
 - Increase in weekend attendance points to a busier Christmas season. We have increased the amount of Christmas Eve services in anticipation.
 - Worship nights have been a special experience for people to seek God further in adoration and prayer.
- d) Kiara
 - Enjoying the new role as Pastor of Justice and Compassion.
 - SCE students coming over to SCS to help with community kitchen and learning about We Care is an example of the growing unity between schools, church and community programs.
 - Excitement for upcoming Thailand trip with Church members as we continue work with Woven International.
- e) Jaime Gaida
 - Youth and Young Adults is going well in part to the integration of campus pastors in the schools, and positive working relationships with school staff and with Saturday night YA gatherings at the service.

6. Financial Update – Annemarie

- a) Elders thankful to staff for how they are stewarding finances.
- b) Finance team does an exceptional job. We raised over 3 million dollars this year.
- c) Overall balance allows for more flexibility.
 - i) MRF paid for recent projects: boiler replacement, roof repairs, and some smaller projects.
 - ii) Justice and Compassion was able to partner in funding with places like Heartland Housing, Mustard Seed, Youth Rise and Hope Mission. The Missions fund provided support to Global advance, Jaffray Project, Caleb and Amie Poole, and For Freedom International.
- d) **Motion:** We approve audited 2025 Financial Statements as presented.
MOTION – Annemarie Elzinga; **SECONDED** – Loree Peters
 Henry Shellenberg Question: What is the auditorium envelope?
 Answer: The envelope is the barrier between what is outside and inside, the wall that keeps cold out and warm in.
CARRIED

7. Auditor Appointment

a) **Motion** to approve the appointment of Isaman Chopek LLP as auditor for the Sherwood Park Alliance Church Society for the 2026 fiscal year.

MOTION – Annemarie Elzinga; **SECONDED** – Perry Moshansky
CARRIED

Jeremy Cook stepped into role of chair for the remainder of the agenda.

8. Nominating Committee Report/ Approval of Elders – Victoria Molnar

a) **Motion** to approve the report of the Nominating Committee including the 2026 Nominating Committee Members:

- i. Melanie Russell
- ii. Sheree Rankin

MOTION – Victoria Molnar; **SECONDED** – Ruth Tjosteim
CARRIED

b) Vote by Ballot for Board of Elders.

- iii. Zach Peters
- iv. Ron Bachmann
- v. Grace Albers

Elders were voted into position.

9. Thank you to outgoing Elders.

10. **Motion** to destroy the Ballots.

MOTION – Nathan Sinnamon; **SECONDED** – Jeremy Massel
CARRIED

11. **Motion** to Adjourn Business Meeting.

MOTION – Annemarie Elzinga; **SECONDED** – Lisa Harke
CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 8:04 pm.

Closing Prayer – Jeremy Cook

Question and Answer Period

Brenden Seutter: How many members do we have?

Response: approximately 690.

Brenden Seutter: Amazing report on doubling attendance, kids and youth going well and appreciate the staff and pastoral teaching. Questioning burn out and fatigue going to 3 services. Are lay people stepping up to support staff adequately? Where can we best support you?

Response: When Jeremy returned there was a concern, we had too many staff. We're better suited now on staffing levels and program needs. Elders continue to ask and monitor well-being of Jeremy and team. On the question of lay people and where they can be situated to serve, we've got a very active church in terms of volunteers. We do need to strengthen our practice of leaders raising up leaders.

Mark Robertson: On raising up leaders and sending them out to other churches, are we planning to do anything formally to check in with them after they're sent? What does that relationship look like?

Response: It depends on what they decide to pursue. For some this is going out and doing missions type of work. We're trying to provide steps people can take as they go out to serve. What does multiplication look like? We're trying to create an environment where we walk with people with all their varying serve ambitions. Kiara is working with the national office on a broader level.

Eldon McNaughton: Regarding growth and our infrastructure how are we looking at land use? New ventures? Using properties outside of church service?

Response: Elders made strategic decision long ago to bring in support for our facilities and the SCA society by creating Propco, it is a risk shield of our properties. The Elder Board is looking to Propco to help build out a plan moving forward. We're currently at a place where so much is shifting and we're not used to what we're experiencing.

Question: With our growth have we looked at a different entrance to our church to lessen traffic congestion?

Response: We do think about this and have considered whether we need parking attendants weekly, not just at Christmas and Easter. Going to 2 services on Sunday relieved some traffic pressure, but with increased attendance there is always some,

and more so during school pick-up and drop-off times. There have been drawings to the county of different scenarios. They have not been actioned at this time.

Barb: Do we still own homestead land? (property next to us). Could there be a parking solution from that end, or how else do we plan to use that land?

Response: We do own that land and it is included in future considerations.

Henry: Really enjoyed worship night and encouraged others to go. Would be nice to see the place full. Do we consider a later start time? Have we considered making SPAC a worship night for Christian community throughout SP?

Response: Similar thing on our hearts for this. There are a lot of things like this happening in the city. We will continue to invite other churches in Sherwood Park and Edmonton Area. Worship leaders and pastors of other churches enjoy worship nights, especially when they can attend and enjoy it. Jesse encouraged members to invite those in our lives as well.

Mark Robertson: SCA is not the only school in SP, do we keep track of how many kids are coming from other schools to Kids Ministry programs?

Response: We do not track this, but find kids are coming from all over SP and from different schools.

Glenn Buckmaster: Why hasn't our church laid out our statement of faith as a sermon series?

Response: There are connections through sermons, and in places such as New Membership information sessions. We will have the teaching team review this.