



Muskoka Deanery Council

MAY 19, 2026

7PM VIA ZOOM

AGENDA



1. Opening Reflection
2. Review and Adoption of Agenda
3. Review and Adoption of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting
4. Business arising from the Minutes
5. Review and Adoption of the Financial Report
6. Ministry Reports
7. Discussion Item: Youth Ministry Survey and Plan
8. Additional Business
9. Adjourn

MINUTES OF THE DEANERY COUNCIL MEETING OF FEBRUARY 24, 2026

24 people attended by zoom

Heather started with introductions at 7:05 pm followed by a video from the World Day of Prayer (which is the first Friday in March every year).

Agenda: Moved by Jacquie Howell, seconded by Sharon Boyuk to adopt the agenda as amended. Carried

Minutes of previous meeting: Moved by Nancy Houghton, seconded by Gunnars Balodis that the minutes of October 28, 2025 be adopted as circulated. Carried.

Business Arising: Jacquie asked about increasing dues – this will be discussed later in the meeting. Definition of evangelism for the ‘Evangelism Committee’– Jacquie is still looking for an answer. Nancy will bring something back once the committee meets.

Archdeacon’s Report: Kelly highlighted the Archbishop’s visit to Muskoka. A memo will be sent out once times have been confirmed.

ACW: the AGM is May 27, 2026 and will be virtual. The spring meeting is in Bala on May 14.

www.muskokachurches.com – there are several resources available here.

Reminder to cc Kelly and Heather when the annual package is sent to the Diocese.

Connie Knighton – Social Justice Committee: raised awareness of issues. Webinar held with Maggie Helwig on homelessness. Working with Sean Franklin on an article on homelessness for the Anglican Journal. It is hard to gather statistics as there is no central place to record data. She is looking for information from each church to be sent to her.

Anne Wilson – Anglican Foundation of Canada: has been in place for 70 years. Since 2010 60 recipients in the Diocese received funding. In 2025 the Diocese got \$15,000 grant to upgrade computers, Emsdale – Church of the Good Shepherd received funds for after school and PDS Day program and Rev. Cory received an education grant. Firm deadlines for applications are January 1, April 1, July 1 and October 1. The Regional Dean, Archdeacon and Lay Stewards must be informed as Executive Council must approve applications to be sent on to the Anglican Foundation. Anne asked that there be a line item in each church budget for the Anglican Foundation. Others who have received funding include the Gathering Table in Thunder Bay, Holy Trinity in Sault Ste. Marie for ministry initiatives for folks in the Tower and team registration for Say Yes to Kids is now open.

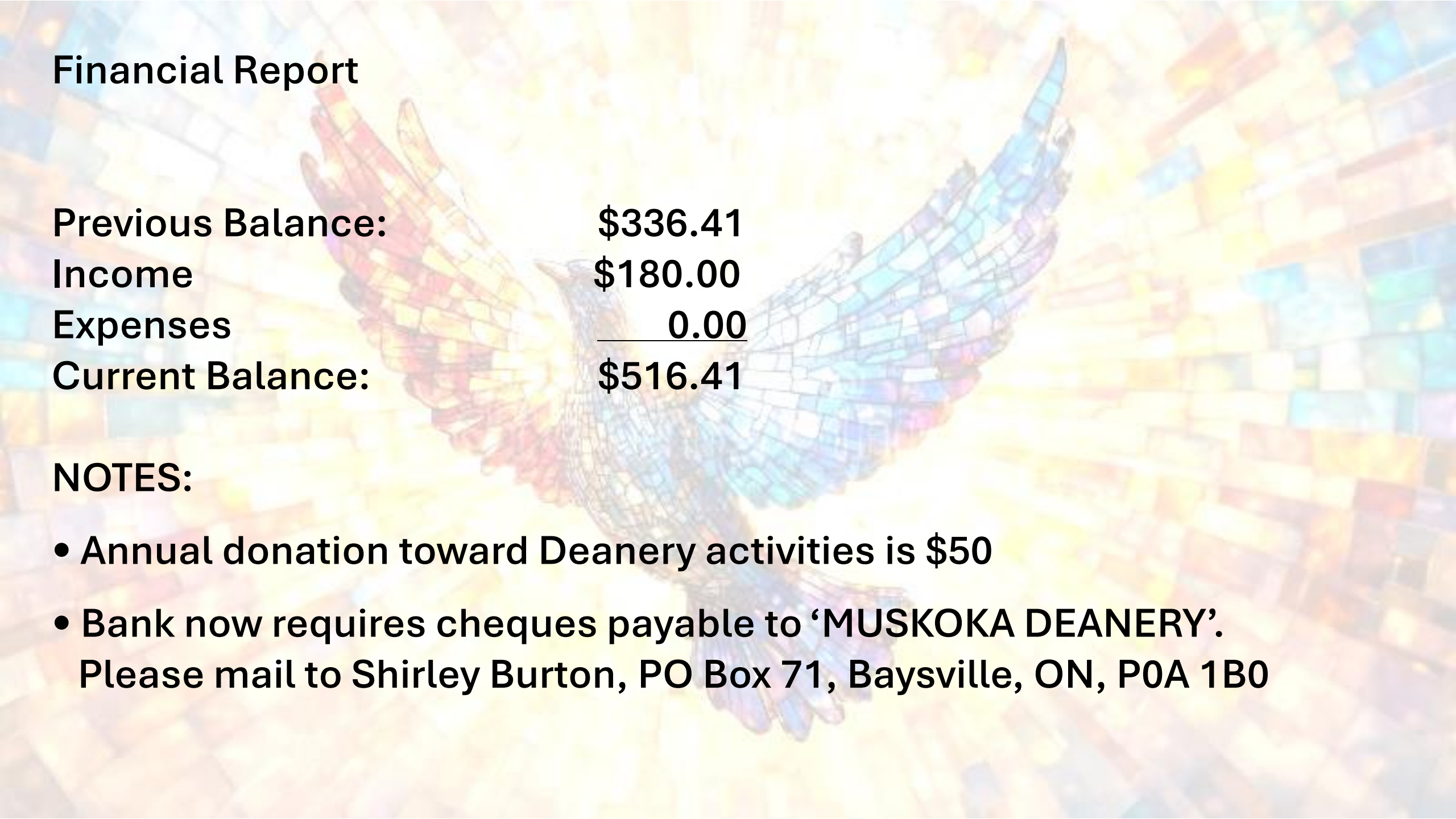
Deanery Finances: Moved by Kerry Lubrick, seconded by Sharon Boytuk to adopt the Financial Report as presented. Carried. The cost to send a youth delegate to Synod in 2025 was \$1,099.25. Jinny Flye suggested we increase the amount from \$30. Kelly suggested \$50. Suggestions that the Diocese should cover more of the cost, that a specific ask could be made to people to donate through their parish. Moved by Jinny Flye, seconded by Jacquie Howell that the annual donation be increased from \$30 to \$50 per congregation. Carried. Moved by Wendy Hogarth, seconded by Nancy Houghton that Deanery Council authorize its executive to make an application for a MMEF grant to assist with costs of youth attending Synod if the Deanery is short of funds. Carried.

There was a discussion regarding strategies to balance the budget without using reserve funds. Corb suggested that we need to re-evaluate how apportionment is calculated. Connie suggested that resources need to be used for what most needs to be done. If the Church dies, there will be no use for reserves. Brad Burgess advised that the Administration and Finance Committee is rewriting the church closure policy and looking how the \$12,000,000 consolidated investment fund can be used to support congregations.

Moved by Sharon Boyuk that we adjourn at 9:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Janet Borneman

Financial Report



Previous Balance:	\$336.41
Income	\$180.00
Expenses	<u>0.00</u>
Current Balance:	\$516.41

NOTES:

- Annual donation toward Deanery activities is \$50
- Bank now requires cheques payable to 'MUSKOKA DEANERY'.
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JUNE 14

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Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, June 3, 2026 • 5:00 p.m. eastern
Online via Zoom

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Meeting agenda and audited financial statements
will be shared with registrants in advance.

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Registration form and payment:

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ACW Diocese of Algoma

and mail one copy of the registration form with payment to:

Joy Stott, ACW Diocesan Treasurer

22 Walter St., Apt. 104

Huntsville, ON P1H 1T3



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in your hearts through
faith, as you are being
rooted and grounded in
love." Ephesians 3:17

Diocese of Algoma

Anglican Church Women

58th Annual Conference via Zoom

Wednesday, May 27, 2026 - 9:30 a.m.

Resolutions arising from Synod 2025

- **EVANGELISM:** The Diocese of Algoma asks Archbishop Anne Germond to establish a Diocesan Evangelism Committee, composed of clergy and laity from all five Deaneries. The purpose of the committee will be to develop a diocesan evangelism strategy by: - reviewing Anglican evangelism resources –providing resources to congregations to assist with their evangelism efforts - organizing diocesan evangelism events.
- **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT** The Diocese of Algoma asks the Executive Committee to develop strategies for achieving a balanced operational budget, including balancing the budget without using unrestricted reserve funds, accompanied by a time of prayer and fasting in our Diocese.
- **YOUTH MINISTRY:** The Synod of the Diocese of Algoma resolves to transform its Pastoral Plan for Child and Youth Ministry and entrusts its Executive Committee to steward the education, consultation, and discernment necessary to present a revised plan for the consideration of the next Synod.
- **MINISTRY** The Synod of the Diocese of Algoma resolves to undertake a transformational process guided by the Transformational Commitments of our General Synod, and entrusts its Executive Committee to steward the education and consultation necessary for the consideration of the next Synod.

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