

**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN CORPORATION  
AGENDA FOR THE 2024 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

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**LOCATION: VIRTUAL MEETING HELD VIA ZOOM MEETING LINK**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025**

**TIME OF MEETING:**

- **7:00PM- Access to Zoom Meeting Link**
- **7:30PM- Annual General Meeting Commences**

**REGISTRATION: IF ZOOM MEETING: MEMBERS MUST PRE-REGISTER VIA EMAIL AT ([ADMIN@UCFSASK.ORG](mailto:ADMIN@UCFSASK.ORG)) OR BY TELEPHONE (306-653-0138, EXT 223) BY NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 2, 2025 - 4:00PM.**

**A ZOOM MEETING INVITE WILL BE SENT TO ALL THOSE MEMBERS WHO PRE-REGISTER FOR THE MEETING.**

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**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order.
2. Opening Prayer
3. Confirmation of the Number of Voting Delegates
4. Appointment of Chair and Recording Secretary
5. Introduction of Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Board of Directors – **Page 2**
6. Adoption of the Agenda
7. Adoption of the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Corporation 2023 Annual General Meeting Minutes held on April 18, 2024 – **Page 4**
8. Presentation of Reports
  - 8.1 – Report from the Board of Directors – Page 7
  - 8.2 – Financial Statement Report, and Approval of Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Period January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. (*Note: Audited Financial Statements presented in a separate document not attached to the agenda but posted on our website: [www.ucfsask.org](http://www.ucfsask.org) (under the Annual General Meeting Tab)*)
9. Old Business
10. New Business
  - 10.1- Approval of Bylaws or Amendment to the Bylaws – No Changes to the Bylaws Considered at this Annual General Meeting.
  - 10.2– Appointment of the Auditor for 2025.
  - 10.3– Other, as identified by the Membership
11. Election of Board of Directors
12. Adjournment and Closing Prayer

**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN CORPORATION**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS: 2024 - 2025**

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**EXECUTIVE:**

Chair: Bob Friesen

Vice-Chair: Glen Lekach

Secretary: Doreen Rathgeber

Treasurer: Terry Shalley

**EX-OFFICIO DIRECTOR**

**Most Reverend Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R.**

Term Expiring: Permanent

Board Committee: Grant Fund Committee

**APPOINTED DIRECTORS BY BISHOP MICHAEL SMOLINSKI, C.Ss.R.**

**Consultors Representative**

**Father Ivan Nahachewsky**

Term Expiring: 2025

Board Committee: Grant Fund Committee

**Finance Council Representative**

**Glen Lekach**

Term Expiring: 2026

Board Committee: Executive Committee; Grant Fund Committee

**Eparchial Pastoral Council Representative**

**Doreen Rathgeber**

Term Expiring: 2026

Board Committee: Executive Committee; Finance Committee

**Director at Large**

**Martin Hryniuk**

Term Expiring: 2025

Board Committee: Fundraising Strategies Committee

**ELECTED DIRECTORS REPRESENTING THE MEMBERSHIP**

**REPRESENTING SASKATOON DEANERY:**

**Allan Cannon**

Term Expiring: 2026

Board Committee: Fundraising Strategies Committee

**REPRESENTING SASKATOON DEANERY**

**Bob Friesen**

Term Expiring: 2026

Board Committee: Executive Committee & Fundraising Strategies Committee

**REPRESENTING YORKTON DEANERY:**

**Holly Paluck**

Term Expiring: 2025

Board Committee: Finance Committee

**REPRESENTING YORKTON DEANERY:**

**Terry Shalley**

Term Expiring: 2025

Board Committee: Executive Committee & Finance Committee:



**MINUTES OF THE 2023 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**  
**Held on Thursday April 18, 2024 – 7:30 p.m.**  
**In person & Virtual Meeting Held via Zoom Meeting Facility**

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**Registered Attendees:** Most Rev. Bishop Michael Smolinski, Very Rev. Ivan Nahachewsky, Bob Friesen, Terry Shalley, Glen Lekach, Doreen Rathgeber, Marusia Kobrynsky, Norbert Wasylenko, Iris Cannon, Alan Cannon, Morris Smysnuik, Iris Owchar

1. **Call to Order.** Bob Friesen called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and ensured that everyone present was registered.
2. **Opening Prayer.** Most Rev. Bishop Michael Smolinski led those present in the opening prayer.
3. **Confirmation of the Number of Voting Delegates.** Number of delegates – 12 delegates registered and present.
4. **Appointment of Chair and Recording Secretary.**

**Motion #1:** Nomination of Bob Friesen to act as Chair for the Annual General Meeting of the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Corporation. M: Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky 2<sup>nd</sup>: Doreen Rathgeber. CARRIED.

**Motion #2:** Nomination of Iris Owchar as Recording Secretary for the Annual General Meeting of the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Corporation. M: Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Terry Shalley. CARRIED.

5. **Introduction of Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Board of Directors**

Bob Friesen introduced the Board of Directors of the Foundation – 2022-2023

- Ex-Officio Director: Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, OSBM
- Appointed: Rev. Ivan Nahachewsky, Glen Lekach, Doreen Rathgeber, Martin Hryniuk
- Elected from Deanery: (Saskatoon) – Larry Danylyshen, Bob Friesen
- Elected from Deanery (Yorkton) - Terry Shalley, Teresa Brischuk

6. **Adoption of the Agenda.**

The following corrections were noted:

8.2 – Financial Statement Report and Approved of Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Period January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022 .... Should read: Financial Statement Report and Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Period January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023 ...

10.2 – Appointment of the Auditor for 2023 should read: Appointment of Auditor for 2024

**Motion #3:** To adopt Agenda as corrected. M: Glen Lekach 2<sup>nd</sup>: Norbert Wasylenko. CARRIED.

## 7. **Adoption of the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Corporation Annual General Meeting Minutes held on April 19, 2023.**

The following Corrections were noted:

Page 5:

8.2. Financial Statement Report, and Approval of Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021... Should read: 8.2. Financial Statement Report, and Approval of Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal period of January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022.

Motion#6: To accept the Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Period of January 1, 2021, to year ended December 31, 2021, as presented...Should read:

To accept the Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Period of January 1, 2022, to year ended December 31, 2022, as presented...

Page 6:

- Larry Danylshen (Term expiring 2024) Should read: Larry Danylyshen (Term expiring 2024)

**Motion #4: To adopt the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Corporation that was held on April 19, 2023, as corrected. M: Iris Owchar 2<sup>nd</sup>: Marusia Kobrynsky. CARRIED.**

## 8. **Presentation of Reports**

### 8.1 **Report from the Board of Directors**

Bob Friesen, Chairman of the Board of Directors for 2022-2023 reviewed the Report from the Board of Directors with those present; Bob reviewed some of the highlights of the past year and expressed his satisfaction and gratitude for the achievements of the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation.

**Motion #5: To accept the Report from the Board of Directors as presented. M: Bob Friesen 2<sup>nd</sup>: Norbert Wasylenko. CARRIED.**

### 8.2 **Financial Statement Report, and Approval of Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Period January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023.**

Morris Smysnuik reviewed the Financial Statement Report and the Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal period of January 1, 2023, to December 31, 2023, on behalf of the Audit and Finance Committee.

Question: How does the Grant Fund Committee decide on what amount of funds will be distributed on a yearly basis to the Parishes or Organizations that apply for funding?

- The Grant Fund Committee based on the value of the fund and the growth of assets in the given year using a conservative & best decision-making practice. Generally, a 2-3% withdrawal will continue to sustain the overall Fund for the years to come. This is why the amount that is agreed upon for disbursement will vary from year to year, based on the investment and the growth in the given year.

**Motion #6: To accept the Financial Report and Audited Financial Statements for the fiscal period of January 1, 2023, to year ended December 31, 2023, as presented. M: Morris Smysnuik 2<sup>nd</sup>: Terry Shalley. CARRIED.**

9. **Old Business** – None.

10. **New Business**

10.1 - **Approval of the Bylaws or Amendment to the Bylaws – No changes to the Bylaws considered at this Annual meeting.**

10.2 - **Appointment of the Auditor for 2024.**

**Motion #10: To engage Baker/Tilly PQSK LLP to audit the financial records for the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Corporation for the year 2024. M: Terry Shalley. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Glen Lekach. CARRIED.**

10.3 - **Other, as identified by the Membership**

Suggestion put forth by Terry Shalley to hold at least one in person meeting with the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan yearly. The members in attendance agreed that this should be carried forth into the scheduling of meetings for 2024-2025 and will be discussed at the first Board of Directors meeting on June 12, 2024.

11. **Election of Board of Directors**

Terry Shalley welcomed Most Rev. Bishop Michael Smolinski to the Board of Directors of the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan. Bishop Michael will serve in the capacity of Evergreen Director effective with his appointment as Bishop of the Saskatoon Eparchy as of January 2024.

Terry Shalley identified the following Board of Directors elected by the faithful of the Eparchy of Saskatoon:

- Saskatoon Deanery: Larry Danylyshen (Term expiring 2024)
- Saskatoon Deanery: Bob Friesen (Term expiring 2024)
- Regina & Yorkton Deanery: Terry Shalley (Term expiring 2025)
- Regina & Yorkton Deanery: Holly Paluck (Term expiring 2025)

Terry Shalley identified the following members for election:

- Saskatoon Deanery: Bob Friesen (Term expiring 2024)
- Saskatoon Deanery: Alan Cannon (Term expiring 2024)

Larry Danylyshen has chosen not to run for re-election. Terry Shalley thanked Larry Danylyshen for his time and support for the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan (2016-2023).

Three calls were made to the floor for nominations to the Saskatoon Deanery. Hearing no additional nominations, the following nominations were put forth:

**Motion #11: Glen Lekach 2<sup>nd</sup>:: Doreen Rathgeber nominated Bob Friesen to the Saskatoon Deanery, term expiring 2026. CARRIED.**

**Motion #12: Glen Lekach 2<sup>nd</sup>:: Doreen Rathgeber nominated Alan Cannon to the Saskatoon Deanery, term expiring 2026. CARRIED.**

Terry Shalley identified the following Board of Directors appointed by the Apostolic Administrator, Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, OSBM, and their terms of office:

- Representing the Consultors: Rev. Ivan Nahachewsky (Term expiring 2025)
- Representing the Member at Large position: Martin Hryniuk (Term expiring 2025)
- Representing the Finance Council: Glen Lekach (Term expiring 2024)
- Representing the Eparchial Pastoral Council: Doreen Rathgeber (Term expiring 2024)

Endorsed by Most Rev. Bishop Michael Smolinski:

The Finance Council has chosen Glen Lekach to serve as their representative on the Foundation's Board of Directors for another 2-year term, expiring in 2026.

The Eparchial Pastoral Council is undergoing reorganization, with a possible new slate of representatives. Doreen Rathgeber has expressed interest in remaining on EPC and will be considered for continuing her term on the UCF Sask Board of Directors. It was suggested that Doreen Rathgeber continue in her position on the Board of Directors, until such time that the Eparchial Pastoral Council has been restructured, and a nomination from them is put forth.

The Eparchial Pastoral Council representative will be Doreen Rathgeber until such time as the Eparchial Pastoral Council has nominated her formally or provided a new representative.

**Congratulations to the newly elected and appointed representatives!**

**10. Adjournment and Closing Prayer.**

**Motion #13: To adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. M: Fr. Ivan Nahachewsky.**

**Meeting closed with prayer led by Most Rev. Michael Smolinski.**



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Bob Friesen, Chair



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Iris Owchar, Recording Secretary

## REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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**Christ Is Risen! Indeed, He Is Risen!**

**Христос воскрес! Воістину воскрес!**

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff, it is my privilege to present an overview of the year 2024 through the information provided in this Annual Report.

The activities undertaken by the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan in 2024 were as follows:

- Annual Eparchial Appeal
- “Share the Spirit” 50/50 Lottery Draw
- Disbursement of Funds from the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation Grant Fund
- Support to Parishes through the Parish Offertory Program
- “A Classic Christmas III” Fundraising Dinner

### **2024 Annual Eparchial Appeal**

The Foundation conducted the Annual Eparchial Appeal in 2024. As funding to the Eparchy from other external sources continues to diminish, and at times is even discontinued, the Eparchy is now dependent more than ever on the Foundation to raise funds to help meet their needs. The Annual Eparchial Appeal is one of the fundraising initiatives designed to raise funds for the Eparchy to allow the Eparchy to provide services to the Parishes, Eparchial Organizations who contribute to the charism of the Eparchy, and most importantly, to the Faithful of the Eparchy.

The 2024 Annual Eparchial Appeal raised \$153,792, which is a significant increase from the \$118,201 raised in 2023. The funding initiatives for the 2024 Annual Eparchial Appeal donations were as follows:

- Ukrainian Catholic Religious Education Centre
- Eparchial Communications Office
- St. Matthew Clergy Society
- Bishop Roborecki Foundation
- Chancery Office Support

St. Matthew Clergy Society was established to provide the Clergy of our Eparchy a supplemental provincial plan for health and dental benefits, life insurance and funds for retirement. The Faithful of the Eparchy have a responsibility to ensure the welfare of our Clergy.

The Bishop Roborecki Foundation joined the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation’s fundraising effort instead of doing their own fundraising effort. This Foundation provides funding for seminarians and education of the Clergy.



The Chancery Office Support continues to be one of the Annual Eparchial Appeal funding initiatives. Over the past number of years, the Eparchy’s sources of revenue have been severely challenged. The Eparchy must now seek other sources of revenue to ensure the continuation of programs and services such as Covenant of Care and other vital ministries to support the Parishes and the Faithful of the Eparchy. The Eparchy now finds itself needing to reach out to the Faithful through the Annual Eparchial Appeal to fund these programs and initiatives.

Over the past nine years, the Annual Eparchial Appeal has been able to raise **\$1,089,385** for the Eparchial programs and initiatives, Eparchial Organizations, and for Parishes and the Faithful of the Eparchy.

The following is other statistical information from the 2024 Annual Eparchial Appeal:

- Number of Parish Families Donating to the 2024 AEA 560
- Number of Parish Families in the Eparchy 2,251
- ✓ Percentage of Parish Families in the Saskatoon Deanery 1,051 (47%)
- ✓ Percentage of Parish Families in the Regina/Yorkton Deanery 1,200 (53%)
- ✓ Average Donation per Parish Family Donating to 2024 AEA \$279.11

**2024 Annual Eparchial Appeal Distribution**

- To Bishop Roborecki Foundation \$11,314.79
- To Eparchy of Saskatoon \$87,913.78
- To Parish Rebates \$29,563.72
- To Ukrainian Catholic Foundation \$25,000.00
- TOTAL** **\$153,792.29**

*“THANK YOU”* does not begin to express the appreciation that the Foundation has for all who generous support the Annual Eparchial Appeal over the past 9 years. We hope and pray that you will extend this generosity to the 2024 Annual Eparchial Appeal.

**2024 “SHARE THE SPIRIT” 50/50 LOTTERY DRAW**

The Foundation conducted a “Share the Spirit” 50/50 Lottery Draw from October to December, with the draw date being made on December 6, 2024. The “Share the Spirit” Lottery provides the Faithful of the Eparchy an opportunity to participate in a 50/50 Lottery Draw; to support their favorite Ukrainian Catholic Parish/Mission or the designated Eparchial Organization in the Eparchy of Saskatoon; and to also assist the Foundation in promoting the cultural, social, educational, and spiritual initiatives, policies, and objectives of the Eparchy of Saskatoon among Ukrainian Catholics in the Province of Saskatchewan.

All the funds raised through the “Share the Spirit” Lottery Draw are distributed to the Eparchy of Saskatoon. The total amount from the Designated Beneficiaries portion of the lottery over the 5 years has amounted to \$103,215. This amount was distributed to the designated Parishes and Eparchial Organizations named as designated beneficiaries on the lottery tickets sold. The results of the “Share the Spirt” Lottery Draw over the 5 years is provided below:

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	Total
Number of Tickets Sold	2,391	2,952	2,872	3,272	3,290	2,922	2,944	20,643
Value of Tickets Sold	\$47,820	\$59,040	\$57,440	\$65,440	\$65,800	\$58,440	\$58,880	\$412,860
Winner's Portion	\$23,910	\$29,520	\$28,720	\$32,720	\$32,900	\$29,220	\$29,440	\$206,430
Designated Beneficiary Total	\$11,955	\$14,760	\$14,360	\$16,360	\$16,450	\$14,610	\$14,720	\$103,215
Total Expenses	\$9,429	\$9,657	\$9,499	\$9,398	\$8,735	\$6,401	\$7,037	\$60,156
Net Profit	\$2,631	\$5,103	\$4,861	\$6,975	\$7,721	\$8,209	\$7,683	\$43,183
SLGA Rebate	\$3,919	\$4,966	\$4,805	\$5,830	\$6,040	\$5,637	\$5,601	\$36,798

Winners:

2018 - Steve Schabel (Foam Lake)

2019 - Gary Sereda (Saskatoon)

2020 - Greg & Lori Hudye (Kamsack)

2021 - Lawrence & Ursula Popovitch (Bruno)

2022 - Paul & Helen Gingara (Nipawin)

2023 - Larry & Shirley Danylyshen (Prince Albert)

2024 - Helen Adamko (Saskatoon)

**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SASKATCHEWAN GRANT FUND.**

The Foundation distributed from the Grant Fund **\$69,500** in grant fund allocations in 2024. The list of Parishes/Missions and Eparchial Organizations receiving the grant funds are as follows:

Parish/ Eparchial Organization	Amount
Dormition of the Blessed Mother of God Parish – Saskatoon (“My Beloved” Scripture Program)	\$1,500.00
Dormition of the Blessed Mother of God Parish – Saskatoon (Parking Lot Paving)	\$6,970.00
SS. Peter & Paul Parish – Albertown (Replace Church Signage)	\$1,330.00
Sacred Heart Parish – Vonda (Replace Church Flooring)	\$3,280.00
St. George’s Parish – Prince Albert (Replace Church Roof)	\$8,200.00
St. George’s Cathedral – Saskatoon (Church Roof Repair)	\$3,700.00
St. Athanasius Parish – Regina (Live Streaming Facility for Parish Hall)	\$7,360.00

St. Athanasius Parish – Regina (Sound System Improvements for Parish Hall)	\$14,720.00
St. Basil’s Parish – Regina (Parish Centre Roof Repair & HVAC Replacement)	\$9,840.00
St. George’s Parish – Melville (Improvements to Church Entrance)	\$1,380.00
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Wishart Town) (Repairs to Parish Church)	\$6,220.00
St. Michael’s Ukrainian Catholic Camp (Madge Lake) (St. Michael’s Camp 2024 Summer Program)	\$5,000.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$69,500.00</b>

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## OTHER INITIATIVES

- **Parish Offertory Program**

Parishes who do not have a facility to collect donations through an on-line channel can participate in the Foundation’s Parish Offertory Program. This program was established in 2020 by the Foundation so that parishioners could make an on-line donation to their parish through the Foundation’s credit card system. The Foundation then remits those funds collected through the Parish Offertory Program, less a nominal administration fee, to the Parishes designated by the donor. Through the Parish Offertory Program, the Foundation collected and turned over \$6,045.00 to the Parishes 2024.

This program was established primarily to assist Parishes to collect donations through the COVID-19 pandemic. However, Parishioners continue to use this program today. Parishes who want to set up their own credit card system should call the Foundation. Parish should consider this program to allow their Parishioners to make donations on-line using their credit card.

- **“A Classic Christmas III” Fundraising Dinner Event**

The Foundation held its 3rd annual fundraising dinner entitled “A Classic Christmas III” held on Saturday, November 23, 2024, in Saskatoon. Thanks to the support of many organizations and individuals, A Christmas Classic III’ was a very successful event. For the record, the following are some highlights:

**Venue:** Cathedral of the Holy Family Hall in Saskatoon.

**Entertainment:** Martin Janovsky & Trevor Winterger presented their concert - A Classic Christmas Concert. Wally Wandzura and Bill Gulka entertained guests before dinner.

**Food/Dinner:** Catered by Touch of Ukraine Restaurant - Saskatoon:

**Sponsorship:** The financial success of this event was made possible because of the very generous and kind support of our sponsors. The sponsorships for this event are as follows:

### **Event Sponsors**

- St. Basil's Senior Citizen Home (Regina) - \$2,000.00
- Baker Tilly, Chartered Professional Accountants, LLP - \$1,500.00
- Stephen & Micheline Worobetz Foundation - \$1,500.00
- TCU Financial Group - \$1,500.00
- Rayner Agencies & Sutherland Beer & Wine Store - \$1,500.00
- Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate - \$1,000.00

### **Friends of the Foundation**

- Robert Friesen - \$500.00
- Glen Lekach, Miller Thomson LLP - \$500.00
- SS. Peter & Paul Parish (Saskatoon) UCWLC - \$500.00
- St. Athanasius Parish (Regina) UCWLC - \$500.00
- St. Volodymyr Villa Corporation - \$500.00
- Synergy Credit Union - \$500.00
- Werezak's Pharmacy (Mike & Zenya Werezak) - \$500.00

### **Patrons of the Foundation**

- Knights of Columbus – St. George's Council Prince Albert – \$300.00
- David Lalach - Richardson Wealth - \$250.00
- St. Mary's Parish (Yorkton) UCWLC - \$250.00
- Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood (Bishop Roborecki Branch – Saskatoon) - \$250.00

**Silent Auction:** There was a good assortment of excellent, appropriate, and appealing items. The Silent Auction Sponsors were as follows:

St. George's Cathedral UCWLC	Accomplished Drycleaners
Yu Spa Esthetics	David Kaye, The Sports Corporation
Jonathan Abrametz, The Barrister Group LLP	Kim Morrall & Kristin Smysnuik
Ukreations Gift Store – Prince Albert	Glen Lekach, Miller Thomson LLP
Rita Smysnuik	The Cave Restaurant
St. George's Parish Prince Albert	Ange Gretchen
St. George's Parish UCWLC Prince Albert	Iris Owchar
Touch of Ukraine	Windmill Flowers (Jennifer Senger)
Saskatoon Blades Hockey Club	Marion Mutala
Willow Country Restaurant	Tim Hortons
Great West Brewery	+Rosalia Ewanyshyn

### **Financial Considerations**

There were 146 tickets sold at \$100.00 per ticket. Each ticket sold to an individual received a charitable receipt donation for \$45.00. The "A Classic Christmas III" Fundraising Dinner Event raised just over \$19,000 for the Foundation.

A **HUGE THANK YOU** must go to all who helped in any way to make this a very successful event:

- To all our event, entertainment, dinner, and silent auction sponsors.
- To the facility, entertainers, and caterer.
- To the volunteer crews who helped with the set-up, take-down and clean-up of the decorating and facility.
- To all who purchased tickets to this event.
- To the Fundraising Strategies Committee and staff for planning, organizing, and selling tickets to this event.

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

I would like to extend a very sincere and heartfelt THANK YOU to the Board of Directors and Board Committees for their commitment and dedication to the Foundation. Your contribution has made a significant difference to the success of the Foundation. The Board of Directors and Board Committees are as follows:

### **Evergreen Director:**

Bishop Michael Smolinski, C.Ss.R – Eparch of the Eparchy of Saskatoon

### **Directors Elected by Ordinary Members: (Date Term Expiring in Brackets)**

Representative from the Saskatoon Deanery: Alan Cannon (2026)

Representative from the Yorkton Deanery: Terry Shalley (2025)

Representative from the Saskatoon Deanery: Bob Friesen (2026)

Representative from the Yorkton Deanery: Holly Paluck (2025)

### **Directors Appointed by Eparch:**

Representative from Consultors: Rev. Ivan Nahachewsky (2025)

Representative from Finance Council: Glen Lekach (2026)

Representative from Pastoral Council: Doreen Rathgeber (2026)

Representative Member-at-Large: Martin Hryniuk (2025)

## **BOARD COMMITTEES**

### **Executive Committee**

Bob Friesen – Chair, Board of Directors

Glen Lekach - Vice-Chair Board of Directors

Doreen Rathgeber – Secretary

Terry Shalley - Treasurer

### **Audit & Finance Committee**

Terry Shalley - Chair

Holly Paluck

Doreen Rathgeber

### **Grant Fund Committee**

Glen Lekach – Chair

Bishop Micheal Smolinski, C.Ss.R

Very Reverend Father Ivan Nahachewsky

Norbert Wasylenko (Board Appointee)

Kim Worona (Board Appointee)

### **Fundraising Strategies Committee**

Bob Friesen – Chair

Allan Cannon

Martin Hryniuk

Peter Federko (Board Appointee)

## **STAFF**

Executive Director – Morris Smysnuik

Office Administrator – Iris Owchar

## **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

As we embark to celebrate the 2025 Jubilee Year, the Foundation is prayerfully hopeful that that Faithful of the Eparchy of Saskatoon continue to support the initiatives of the Foundation and become “Beacons of Hope” in our Eparchy. Our Eparchy continues to face financial challenges as it strives to sustain the Ukrainian Catholic Faith in Saskatchewan. As a result, the Eparchy is now more dependent than ever on the Foundation to raise funds to support its initiatives and programing that is so vital to the Parishes, Eparchial Organizations and the Faithful of the Eparchy.

Now more than ever, it is so important to feed the spiritual needs of all the people in the Eparchy and let the light of hope shine for all those in need as we work together to bring about God’s Kingdom in our Eparchy. Let us follow Christ’s example to serve each other and our community.

The Foundation is going to ramp up its commitment to the Legacy Giving program. Legacy Giving is an initiative where individuals, families or organizations will be given the opportunity to leave a Legacy Gift through the Foundation to the Eparchy or to their Parishes. Leaving a Legacy Gift will contribute to ensure the sustainability of the Ukrainian Catholic Church and Faith in Saskatchewan and help the Eparchy to continue to provide the leadership and support to maintain our faith.

## **SUMMARY**

In summary, I think we should be immensely proud of what the Foundation has been able to accomplish in these challenging times and I am very humbled by the dedication of our Board, and the strong support of the Clergy and Eparchial Family. I believe that the work that our Lord has placed before us is worthy of our strongest efforts and those efforts are evident throughout our Eparchy!

THANK YOU does not begin to express the appreciation that the Foundation has for all who generously support our fundraising initiatives. We hope and pray that you will continue to support the Foundation’s initiatives in 2025.

Respectfully,



Bob Friesen  
Chair, Board of Directors

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR 2024 (JANUARY 1, 2024 TO DECEMBER 31, 2024)** are posted as a separate link on the Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan Corporation website [www.ucfsask.org](http://www.ucfsask.org), under the “Annual General Meeting Tab”