

Bahia Vista Mennonite Church
Overseers Minutes
February 9, 2015

The Bahia Vista Board of Overseers met in the Fellowship Hall.

Members Present:

Wes Oswald (Chair)	Wendy Donovan
Doug Graber	Karl Hees
Mitch Helmuth	Dave Kniss
Renee Krabbie	Danny Remchuk
Ben Sprunger	

Members Absent:

Pastoral Team Present:

Dennis Bontrager	Gene Yoder
Shirley Good	
Roger Shenk	

Pastoral Team Absent: Mike Christner Kayla Miller

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Wes Oswald called the meeting to order (5:00 pm) and read the BVMC Mission Statement.
2. **Devotional:** Danny Remchuk shared a devotional and led in a prayer.
3. **Minutes:** Minutes from January 12, 2015 Overseer Meeting were approved as distributed.
4. **Open floor for members' comments:** 0 Attendance - 0 Comments
5. **New/Unfinished Business:**
 - a. Fuller Center for Housing, Sarasota: Ben Sprunger reviewed how Community Builders got involved with Fuller Center. Wes Oswald Commented on the organizational meeting on January 9, 2015.
 - b. Overseer Committee Assignments: Wes Oswald
6. **Reports:**
 - a. Monthly Pastor's Report: Pastor Roger Shenk reviewed his Report and highlighted several items. (attached)
 - b. Financial Report: Gene Yoder reviewed the Report and highlighted several items.

- i. **Action:** For the Overseers to approve the Financial Report (M/S/C, Ben Sprunger/Danny Remchuk)
- c. Year Five Assessment of Revitalization: Pastor Roger Shenk reviewed the Five Years Assessment highlighting several items.

7. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Finance Committee (no report)
- b. Membership Renewal Task Force: Pastor Roger Shenk noted the Task Force has met once and will have a second meeting in the near future. Pastor Roger will prepare a recommendation to the Overseers once the Task Force has completed its work.
- c. Master Planning Committee: Ben Sprunger reported there will be a hearing before the Sarasota Planning Commission on March 5th 6:30 pm at the county building on Ringling Blvd.
- d. Pastor Roger's Contract Task Force (No report)
- e. Bylaws Task Force (No report)
- f. Charis Center Task Force (No report)
- g. MCUSA Task Force (Ben Sprunger)
 - i. **Action:** That the Overseers recommend delegates; Pastor Roger Shenk & Dave & Esther Kniss to represent BVMC at the Mennonite World Conference. (M/S/C, Ben Sprunger/ Karl Hees)

8. **Recommendations:**

- a. **Conversation with Bayshore Mennonite (Attached):** Pastor Roger Shenk introduced the following recommendation:
 - i. **Action:** That the overseers ask Bayshore Mennonite's leadership to include us in their conversations about moving onto the Sarasota Christian School campus, and merging with Ashton Community Fellowship. (M/S/C, Doug Graber/Danny Remchuk)
- b. **Fundraising for Winshape Camp Scholarships (Attached):** Pastor Roger Shenk introduced the following recommendation:
 - i. **Action:** That the overseers give permission to raise designated funds for Winshape Camp scholarships. (M/S/C, Wendy Donovan/Mitch Helmuth)
- c. **Conference Scholarship Fund (Attached):** Pastor Roger Shenk introduced the following recommendation:
 - i. **Action:** That the overseers approve the creation of a Conference Scholarship Fund (CSF) for attending MCUSA and Mennonite World Conference meetings. (M/S/C, Ben Sprunger/Doug Graber)

9. **Other Business:** No Other Business

10. **Executive Session:** None Scheduled

11. **Closing Prayer:** Pastor Roger Shenk

12. **Next Meeting:** March 9, 2015, 5 pm

13. **Adjourn:** (6:55 pm)

Secretary: Wendy Donovan

Recording Secretary: Cathy Christner