

Bahia Vista Mennonite Church
Overseers Minutes
June 8, 2015
Room 15, back of the sanctuary.

“Befriending all with the love of Christ through community, worship and service.”

Members Present:	Wes Oswald (Chair) Doug Graber Mitch Helmuth Renee Krabbe	Ben Sprunger Danny Remchuk Karl Hees
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Members Absent:	Wendy Donovan	Dave Kniss
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Pastoral Team Present:	Mike Christner Shirley Good David Denison	Roger Shenk Dennis Bontrager Gene Yoder
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Pastoral Team Absent:	Kayla Miller
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Congregants Present:	Harold & Grace Jones
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1. **Call to Order:** Chair Wes Oswald called the meeting to order (5:00 pm).
 - a. Introductions: Congregants, overseers & staff introduced themselves.
2. **Devotional:** Dennis Bontrager led in devotions and prayer.
3. **Minutes:** Minutes from May 11, 2015 Overseers Meeting were approved as distributed.
4. **Open Floor For Members' comments:** Grace Jones inquired about the status of Charis and specifically asked if any consideration has been given to Charis becoming affiliated with another group such as the National Christian Counselor Association. While Charis is its own entity, and no longer under the purview of Bahia Vista or its board, Wes Oswald noted the Charis Board has considered affiliations with at least two Sarasota counseling groups and with Brooklane in Maryland. Chair Wes Oswald offered to have additional conversation with Grace & Harold following the meeting.
5. **New / Unfinished Business:**
 - a. None
6. **Reports:**
 - a. Monthly Pastor's Report: Pastor Roger Shenk reviewed his report and highlighted several items. Our "Church Family Meetings on Homosexuality" had a steady interest and peaceful dialog.

Pastor Roger has been watchful of the Evana Network (www.evananetwork.org) which is scheduled to launch in September.

He is pleased with how well Dave & Jessie Denison have taken to their roles with our youth.

- b. Financial Report: Mike Christner reviewed the financial report and pointed out Galen has moved all of the non-budgeted items to the bottom of the report and they will not affect the budget. In the month of May Net Income exceeded the budget by \$8,346. However, year-to-date through May expenses exceed the budget by \$17,048.

Last Sunday on-line giving through texting was introduced. (attached)

7. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Finance Committee: Doug Graber reported If we are diligent and do our jobs our congregation is eager to meet our needs.

Doug noted the BV Community Builders made a contribution of \$7,500. A thank you note will be sent.

Gene explained that it was necessary to make an adjustment in Roger's income for the increase in tuition for Rebekah at SCS of \$28.94 per pay period.

- b. Membership Renewal Task Force: Pastor Roger Shenk reported they are moving forward but had nothing specific to report at this time.
- c. Master Planning Committee: Ben Sprunger reported the Committee has concluded its assignment and will prepare a report to present at the next meeting.
- d. Pastor Roger Shenk's Contract Task Force: Danny Remchuk reported the surveys have been distributed to the congregation and are also available at the Info Center and on our web site.
- e. Bylaws Task Force: Karl Hees reported the Bylaws Task Force will meet after the vote to renew the Pastor's contract. The task force is looking for ways to make the Bylaws available to the congregation so individuals can give feedback to the Task Force regarding possible amendments.
- f. Charis Center Task Force: Chair Wes Oswald reported that he had a meeting with Dale Stoll and was reassured that Charis would be leaving the BV campus by July 31, 2015.
- g. MCUSA Task Force: Roger Reported that he is talking with other individuals to serve as a substitute for Ben Sprunger as a delegate.

8. **Recommendations:**

- a. That the overseers, per policy, and in consideration of the positive congregational vote taken May 31st, appoint David Denison to the position of Youth Minister, retroactive to June 1st. (attached)
 - i. (M/S/C, Danny Remchuk/Doug Graber)

- b. That the Overseers register an opinion/indicate Bahia Vista's position on the five resolutions being proposed to delegates at the 2015 Mennonite Church USA Convention. (attached)
 - 1) Israel-Palestine Resolution
 - i. Not support (M/S/C, Karl Hees/Danny Remchuk)
 - 2) Faithful Witness Amid Endless War Resolution
 - i. Support (M/S/C, Ben Sprunger/Doug Graber)
 - 3) Resolution on the Status of the Membership Guidelines
 - i. Support (M/S/C, Ben Sprunger/Mitch Helmuth)
 - 4) Resolution on Forbearance in the Midst of Difference:
 - i. Not Support (M/S/C, Ben Sprunger/Mitch Helmuth)
 - 5) Churchwide Statement on Sexual Abuse:
 - i. Support (M/S/C, Danny Remchuk/Doug Graber)

9. **Other business:** None

10. **Executive Session:** None Scheduled

11. **Closing Prayer:** Pastor Roger Shenk led in a closing prayer.

12. **Adjourn** (6:45 pm)

If you would like a copy of the attachments listed above please email Wes Oswald at wmozie@gmail.com

Upcoming Events:

- Overseers, Monday, July 13, 2015, 5pm
- MCUSA Biennial Conference, June 30-July 5, 2015; Kansas City, MO
- Mennonite World Conference, July 21-26, 2015; Harrisburg, PA
- Southeast Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting, October 2-3, 2015; Bayshore Mennonite.

Secretary: Wendy Donovan

Recording Secretary: Catharine Christner