

Bahia Vista Mennonite Church
Overseers Minutes
August 10, 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	Wendy Donovan Dave Kniss Danny Remchuk Karl Hees
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Members Absent: Ben Sprunger

Pastoral Team Present:	Mike Christner Shirley Good	Roger Shenk Dennis Bontrager
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Pastoral Team Absent:	Kayla Miller Gene Yoder	David Denison
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Congregants Present: 0

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Wes Oswald called the meeting to order at 5pm.
2. **Devotional:** Pastor Roger Shenk led in a devotional and prayer.
3. **Minutes:** Chair Wes Oswald declared the minutes from July 13, 2015 Overseer Meeting approved as distributed. Chair Wes Oswald declared the minutes from July 20, 2015 Overseer Special Meeting approved as distributed.
4. **Open Floor For Members' comments:** None.
5. **New / Unfinished Business:** None Scheduled
6. **Reports:**
 - a. Monthly Pastor's Report: Pastor Roger Shenk reported. Many of us at BV have now had our summer vacations, and our haltingly staggered get-aways, and yet, through it, God has added new people to our regular fellowship! God is good. We look forward to getting to know these people better as friends, and to receiving them into our church family. (attached)

- b. Financial Report: Mike Christner reviewed the July report and noted even though offerings for last month are down due to attendance being down, our net income YTD is improving. (attached)

7. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Finance Committee: No Report.
- b. Membership Renewal Task Force: Pastor Roger Shenk noted that he plans to reactivate the Task Force.
- c. Pastor Roger Shenk's Contract Task Force: Chair Wes Oswald noted that congregational meetings were held on August 2nd 2015. The meetings were held immediately following each of the two worship services. Members and associate members were given an opportunity to vote on the renewal of Pastor Roger Shenk's Contract for another three year term. A total of 148 individuals voted. Of this number 130 (88%) voted in favor of renewing Pastor Shenk's Contract for another three year term.
- d. Bylaws Task Force: Karl Hees will be reactivating the Task Force to determine what, if any, amendments need to be made.
- e. Charis Center Task Force: Chair Wes Oswald reported that as provided in the Termination Agreement with Bahia Vista Mennonite Church, Charis suspended operations one day before the July 31st deadline in the Agreement. However, Charis was unable to remove the furniture by the aforementioned deadline. The Church is working with Dale Stoll, Chairman of the Charis Board, to remove Charis furniture and the Church has given Charis two weeks, through August 14, 2015 to accomplish the removal of the furniture. Dale has agreed to give the Church some of the furniture.
- f. MCUSA Task Force: Pastor Roger Shenk reported. On September 13th, we will have a BV Church Family Meeting to 1) hear the delegate's report on Kansas City convention, 2) give a report on recent events throughout MCUSA, and 3) give people time to ask questions, or to express their concerns or support. We may find it helpful to also take an opinion poll for the purpose of gathering information. This meeting will be led by the pastor as a pastoral concern. (attached)

8. **Recommendations:**

- a. That the Overseers approve the renewal of Pastor Shenk's Contract for a three year term beginning November 1, 2015. (attached)
 - i. Danny Remchuk/Renee Krabbe (M/S/C,)

9. **Other Business:** None

10. **Executive Session:** None Scheduled.

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

12. **Adjourn** Chair Wes Oswald closed the meeting at 5:53pm.

Secretary: Wendy Donovan

Recording Secretary: Catharine Christner

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

Upcoming Events:

- BV Church Family Meeting (SMC's affiliation with MCUSA), September 13, 2015, 6pm
- Overseers, Monday, September 14, 2015, 5pm
- Southeast Mennonite Conference Delegates Meeting, October 2 or 3, 2015; Bayshore Mennonite
- Southeast Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting (rescheduled), January 2016, location tbd