

Bahia Vista Mennonite Church
Overseers Minutes
September 14, 2015
Room 15, back of the sanctuary.

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

Members Present: Danny Remchuk (Vice Chair) Wendy Donovan
Renee Krabbe Dave Kniss
Mitch Helmuth Karl Hees

Members Absent: Wes Oswald (Chair) Ben Sprunger
Doug Graber

Pastoral Team Present: Mike Christner Roger Shenk
Shirley Good Dennis Bontrager
Gene Yoder

Pastoral Team Absent: Kayla Miller David Denison

Congregants Present: 0

1. **Call to Order:** Vice Chair Danny Remchuk called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.
2. **Devotional:** Karl Hees led us in a devotion and prayer.
3. **Minutes:** Minutes from August 10, 2015 Overseer Meeting were approved as distributed.
4. **Open Floor for Members’ comments:** No Comments
5. **New / Unfinished Business:**
 - a. None Scheduled
6. **Reports:**
 - a. Monthly Pastor’s Report: Pastor Roger Shenk reviewed his report and highlighted several items. (attached)
 - b. Financial Report: Mike Christner reviewed the August report and noted our Net Income YTD is up and our expenses for building, maintenance and administration are below budget. (attached)

7. **Committee Reports:**

- a. Finance Committee: No Report.
- b. Membership Renewal Task Force: No Report
- c. Pastor Roger Shenk's Contract Task Force: No Report
- d. Bylaws Task Force: Karl Hees reported the Bylaws are now on the church website. Karl will be in conversation with Wes about a statement in the bulletin letting the congregation know this.
- e. MCUSA Task Force: Pastor Roger Shenk reported that the BVMC Family Meeting that took place on September 13th was well attended. He will report again after the Southeast Mennonite Conference Delegates Meeting, October 3rd.

8. **Recommendations:**

- a. That the Overseers form a Building Fund Committee, charged with discerning the congregation's ability and readiness to fund the improvements called for by the master plan.
 - i. (M/S/C, Karl Kees / Mitch Helmuth)
- b. That Pastor Roger Shenk's Contract be approved and presented for signatures from the Board Chair and Pastor.
 - i. (M/S/C, Dave Kniss / Karl Hees)
- c. That the Overseers form a sabbatical committee consisting of Mike Christner, Executive Minister, plus one overseer, and one church member, per the policy approved 6/11/2013.
 - i. (M/S/C, Renee Krabbe / Wendy Donovan)
- d. That the Overseers appoint Jessie Denison to serve a three year term on the Sarasota Christian School Corporate Board. This term would expire on Sept. 1, 2018
 - i. (M/S/C, Renee Krabbe / Mitch Helmuth)

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

10. **Executive Session:** None Scheduled

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

12. **Adjourn** Vice Chair Danny Remchuk closed the meeting at 5:59pm.

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

Upcoming Events:

- Southeast Mennonite Conference Delegates Meeting, October 3, 2015; Bayshore Mennonite
- Overseers, Monday October 12, 2015, 5pm.
- Bahia Vista annual meeting, December 6, 2015, 6pm.
- Southeast Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting, January 2015, time and location tbd

Secretary: Wendy Donovan

Recording Secretary: Catharine Christner