

Bahia Vista Mennonite Church
Overseers Minutes
November 9, 2015
Room 15, back of the sanctuary.

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

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

Members Absent:

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

Pastoral Team Absent:	Dave Denison	Kayla Miller
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Congregants Present: 0

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Wes Oswald called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. **Devotional:** Dave Kniss led in a devotional and prayer.
3. **Minutes:** Chair Wes Oswald declared the minutes from October 12, 2015 Overseer Meeting approved as distributed.
4. **Open Floor for Members' comments:** None.
5. **New / Unfinished Business:**
 - a. **Nomination of Overseers:** Danny Remchuk reported on the election/nomination process and reviewed a list of individuals who have been nominated. One individual was removed because he declined to have his name included. Others will be called to determine their willingness to be on the ballot.
6. **Reports:**
 - a. **Monthly Pastor's Report:** Pastor Roger Shenk reviewed the report and highlighted several items. Pastor Roger Shenk remains convinced that God still wants to see the Church regenerated with enthusiastic growth and spiritual revival. He reminds us that everything we do must be reaching people far from God, and befriending them in a caring community, Christ-centered worship, and compassionate service. (attached)
 - b. **Financial Report:** Mike Christner reviewed the October report.

Total receipts for year to date were \$528,630, compared to a budget of 560,409, a shortage of \$31,779.

Total disbursements for year to date were \$561,963, compared to a budget of \$600,548, providing a saving of \$38,585. This saving of \$38,585, less the income shortage of \$331,779, provides a net gain of \$6,807 compared to the budget.

Total receipts of \$528,630, and total disbursements of \$561,963, creates a \$33,333 shortfall of cash. This shortfall has been met temporarily by using designated funds. We hope contributions will be adequate to replace this shortfall and rebuild a working balance by year end. (attached)

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Finance Committee: Doug Graber reported that the finance committee will meet on November 16, 2015 to review the final draft of the budget.
- b. Membership Renewal Task Force: The Task Force has not met.
- c. Bylaws Task Force: Karl Hees reported the Task Force will meet immediately following the Overseers Meeting to consider proposed amendments.
- d. MCUSA Task Force: Pastor Roger Shenk reported that he remains in contact with the Southeast Mennonite Conference leaders.
- e. Sabbatical Committee: No report.
- f. Building Fund Committee: Chair Wes Oswald noted that we continue to look for an individual to lead this Committee.

8. Recommendations:

- a. That the Overseers approve the appointment of Danny Remchuk to serve another three year term as overseer effective January 1, 2016, and that the Overseers approve the nomination of Dave Kniss for another three year term as overseer and that he be placed on the ballot with a recommendation from the Overseers.
 - i. (M/S/C, Dog Graber / Karl Hees)

In addition to Dave Kniss one additional individual will need to be elected by the members.

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 6:06 pm.

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

Secretary: Wendy Donovan

Recording Secretary: Catharine Christner

Upcoming Events:

- (Proposed) Special Overseers budget meeting, November 16, 2015, 6pm.
- Bahia Vista annual meeting, December 6, 2015, 6pm
- Overseers, Monday, December 14, 2015, 5pm
- Southeast Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting, January 29-30, 2016 at Bay Shore Mennonite