

**Bahia Vista Mennonite Church**  
**Overseers Minutes**  
**June 13, 2016**  
**Green Room**

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

<b>Members Present:</b>	Wes Oswald (Chair) Danny Remchuk Karl Hees	Dave Kniss Renee Krabbe
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<b>Members Absent:</b>	Ben Sprunger Karissa Miller	Mitch Helmuth Doug Graber
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<b>Pastoral Team Present:</b>	Mike Christener	Shirley Good
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<b>Pastoral Team Absent:</b>	Dave Dennison Dennis Bontrager	Kayla Virkus
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<b>Congregants Present:</b>	none
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1. **Call to Order:** Wes Oswald called the meeting to order at 5:10 pm
2. **Devotional:** Danny Remchuk shared from his devotional by John Maxwell, quoting Matthew 4:23, encouraging to serve others and not expect anything in return. He led in an opening prayer.
3. **Minutes:** Chair Wes Oswald declared the May 9, 2016 minutes approved as distributed (Attached)
4. **Open Floor for Members comments:** none
5. **New / Unfinished Business:** none
6. **Reports:**
  - a. Shirley Good read an email sent by Roger. (Attached)
  - b. Finance: Mike Christner reviewed the May statement and noted that we are under our income budget by \$4,345 or 10%. The expenses are under \$7,016 or 2.3%. The net income over expenses is \$2,671.

**7. Committee Reports:**

- a. Finance Committee: no meeting
- b. Membership Policy Task Force: - no meeting
- c. Bylaws Task Force: Karl Hees distributed copies of the proposed list of bylaw amendments to be discussed at the August Overseers meeting.
- d. Conference Affiliation Task Force: no meeting
- e. Sabbatical Committee: no meeting
- f. Building Fund Committee: no meeting

**8.** Recommendations: none

**9.** Other Business: Mike Christener gave a brief progress report on the status of the Building Repair Fund.

**10.** Executive Session: none

**11.** Closing Prayer: Mike Christener led in prayer.

**12.** Adjournment: Wes Oswald declared the meeting adjourned at 5:42 pm

**Upcoming Events:**

- Pastor Roger's sabbatical, May 16 – August 14, 2016
- Overseers , Monday July 11, 2016 at 5pm
- Overseers, Monday August 22, 2016 at 5pm
- Congregational Meeting, Sunday August 28, 2016 at 6pm
- Southeast Mennonite Conference Annual Assembly, October 7-8, 2016

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Secretary, Renee Krabbe

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Recording Secretary, Hertha Kornhaus.

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Pastors Report: June 13, 2016

Hello Board of Overseers and church family! As I write this I am in my fourth week of this three month sabbatical. I kicked it off with a Morning Prayer walk on Siesta beach. I had nowhere to be but in the moment with God! It was wonderful. The next day I prayed up and down Celery Mountain. What a gift it is that when we stop to listen to God he makes himself known. I'm sure I'll be sharing my insights after they've had time to simmer.

Last week I spent several days in solitude at Lakewood Retreat (Brooksville). As one who normally goes toward the beach, it was nice to spend time in the woods, listening to the sounds of wildlife. God's creation is so awe-inspiring. It leads me in worship.

It's been nice to get more time to read. I'm currently finishing my fifth book and have a few more to read before starting to turn my attention to writing.

Wendy and I are so thankful for this opportunity. We have disciplined ourselves to disconnect from church responsibilities, and the staff has been an incredible support in that. But please know that we miss you and care deeply for you as our church family.

With love,  
Pastor Roger and Wendy