

Bahia Vista Mennonite Church
Members Meeting
Fellowship Hall
December 4, 2016

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

1. **Call to Order:** Chair, Wes Oswald called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm with 77 members present.
 - a. Mission Statement was recited by members present.
 - b. Hymn: “The Church’s One Foundation” was sung.
2. **Minutes:** Renee Krabbe read the minutes of December 6, 2015. The minutes were approved as read.
3. **Election of Overseers:**
 - a. Introduction of Current Overseers: Chair, Wes Oswald introduced current members.
 - b. Process for Selecting Overseers: Vice Chair. Danny Remchuk, explained the process for nominating new Overseers.
 - c. Overseer Chair Vote (ballot) Current Chair Wes Oswald is resigning due to anticipated move to Texas. He introduced Danny Remchuk, current Vice Chair, and noted the Overseers were recommending that Danny be approved as Chair of the Overseers effective January 1, 2017. Ballots were distributed, filled out, signed and collected. The vote was 59 affirmed (includes 3 absentee ballots) and 2 not affirmed.
4. **Financial Report:** Mike Christener, Executive Minister presented the Financial Report.
5. **Presentation of 2017 Budget:** Mike Christener reviewed the Proposed 2017 Budget/Ministry Goals. The 2017 budget was unanimously approved by voice vote.
6. **Overseer Member Vote (ballot)** Vice Chair, Danny Remchuk introduced the incoming candidates of Miriam Nauman, who will replace outgoing member Mitch Helmuth, and Dave Polen who will replace Danny Remchuk. Ballots were dispersed, filled out, signed and collected.
 - a. Miriam Nauman was affirmed to hold a 3 yr. term with a vote of 60 affirm and 0 not affirmed.
 - b. Dave Polen was affirmed to hold a 3 yr. term with a vote of 60 affirm and 0 not affirm.
7. **Presentation of Bylaws Amendments for Approval:** Overseer Karl Hees, Chair of the Bylaws Committee, discussed the process used to review and prepare the proposed bylaw amendments. Karl read each of the proposed amendments and there was opportunity given for members to raise questions about each of the proposed amendments. Ballots were distributed and members were asked to vote “yes” to approve or “no” not approve the proposed amendments.
 - a. Article V – Board of Directors: Section 5 – Officers YES 50 NO 6
 - b. Article V – Board of Directors: Section 2 – Composition YES 57 NO 5

- c. Article V – Board of Directors: Section 3 – Elections YES 56 NO 0
- d. Article V – Board of Directors: Section 4 – Terms YES 56 NO 0
- e. Article V – Board of Directors: Section 7 – Duties: C. Evaluations YES 55 NO 1
- f. Article VI – Pastoral Team: Section 1 – Composition: A. Pastor: YES 52 NO 4
- g. Article VIII – Corporate Legal Items: Section 1 – Officers YES 50 NO 6

8. **Pastor’s Annual Report:** Pastor Roger Shenk presented his Annual Report.

9. **Other Business:** none

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

11. **Adjourn:** Chair, Wes Oswald adjourned the meeting at 7:35 pm.

Secretary: Renee Krabbe

Recording Secretary, Hertha Kornhaus.