

Bahia Vista Mennonite Church
Overseers Minutes
July 10, 2017, 5PM
Green Room

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

Members Present: Danny Remchuk (Chair) Dave Polen
Doug Graber Miriam Nauman
Nic King Renee Krabbe
Dave Kniss Karissa Miller

Members Absent: Ben Sprunger (LOA)

Pastoral Team Present: Pastor Roger Shenk Shirley Good
Dennis Bontrager Kevin Bowder

Pastoral Team Absent: Mike Christner

Staff Present: Bonnie Telinger

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Danny Remchuk declared the meeting open at 5:03 pm.
2. **Devotional:** Dave Kniss shared that he has spent time reading the epistles, reflecting on Paul’s heart for the mission of the church. Reading from 1 Corinthians 1:10, it states that Paul begs the church “that all of you agree with each other, so that you will not be divided into groups.” Are we interested in working together with unity; centrality of Christ; and love as we deal with change? Dave led in opening prayer.
3. **Minutes:** Danny Remchuk declared the minutes of May 8, 2017 and June 19, 2017 approved as distributed.
4. **Open Floor for Members Comments:** none present. .
5. **New/Unfinished Business: none**
 - (a) Tabled recommendation: Affirm New DBA: Following discussion in relation to changing the current name of our church, the recommendation was made by Danny Remchuk as follows: “That the Overseers affirm “**Sarasota Community Church**” as a DBA of Bahia Vista Mennonite Church. M/S Renee Krabbe, Dave Kniss – 5 YES and 3 NO.

6. Reports:

- a) Pastor Roger Shenk reviewed his monthly report. (attached)
- b) Finance: The June 30th Financial Summary was reviewed showing a YTD net gain of \$20,600.

7. Committee Reports

- a) Finance Committee: None
- b) Membership Policy Task Force: None
- c) Conference Affiliation Task Force: None
- d) Building Fund Committee: None

8. Recommendations: None

9. Other Business: none

10. Executive Session: none scheduled

11. Closing Prayer: Pastor Roger closed in prayer.

12. Adjourn: Chair Danny Remchuk adjourned the meeting at 6:15 pm

Upcoming Events:

- Church Family Meeting, (tentative) August 6, 6pm
- Overseers, Monday, August 14, 5pm

Secretary, Renee Krabbe

Recording Secretary, Hertha Kornhaus

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PASTOR'S REPORT TO OVERSEERS

July 9, 2017—Bahia Vista Mennonite Church

Grace Happens Here

Vision. My dream is to see Sarasota filled with love, joy, and peace as followers of Jesus focus on loving God with all we are, and loving our neighbors with all we have. It's a simple thought with far-reaching implications. I invite each of us to let that excite our imagination as we pray for this church family.

Name Change. The new name we have recommended will identify us with the Sarasota community and invite them to identify with us. The name will be immediately recognized and easily remembered. Not only will this name change signal to our neighbors that we are opening ourselves to them with new resolve, but it will also remind us and the next generations of our mission and vision for Sarasota.

New People. Compassionate churches can struggle to get healthy people connected into their church family because of the staff energy required by people with more demanding social, spiritual, or tangible needs. As a staff we are trying to balance our interactions so that we can effectively welcome new people into our family when they visit. We are praying for and reaching out to a few dozen people who have recently begun attending.

Denomination. Donna Christner, Shirley Good, and myself served as delegates to the Mennonite Church USA Biennial Convention in Orlando last week. Others from BV were there with responsibilities outside our congregation: Dawn Graber, Alma Ovalle, and J. David and Nancy Yoder. There was also a Lala King sighting as she met up with family from the north. A separate convention report will follow.

Pastoral Care. On June 26 we lost John "Junior" Raber to a tragic accident. He had just volunteered to head up one of the usher teams again. He was a gentle man with a servant's heart. He is missed. On July 2, we welcomed new members, Barb Gray, and Alma and Ruthie Ovalle. We continue to provide care in various ways to many others.

Families Ministry. Families Minister, Kevin Bowder, spent June turning his attention to children's ministries while continuing to create multiple connections with youth each week. In July he will officially add oversight of the young adults programming to his responsibilities.

Seniors Ministry. Our Seniors Minister Dennis Bontrager is back following his annual summer travels!

Staff. Following a season of transitions our staff consists of two full-time and seven part-time persons for a Full Time Equivalent (FTE) of 5.5. Mike Christner recently requested a temporary reduction in hours so that he can attend to business responsibilities. He will continue to fulfill his basic responsibilities outside of regular office hours.

Again, thank you for your prayers and trust as we lean gently but decisively into the opportunities ahead of us.

