

Sarasota Community Church
Overseers Minutes – November 27, 2017
Green Room

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

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

Member Absent: None

Pastoral Team Present:	Roger Shenk	Mike Christner
	Dennis Bontrager	

Pastoral Team Absent:	Kevin Bowder	Shirley Good
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1. **Call to Order:** Chair Danny Remchuk declared the meeting open at 5:04 pm
2. **Devotional:** Mike Christner opened in prayer and discussed captive thoughts and how to focus those thoughts on spiritual things.
3. **Minutes:** Danny Remchuk declared the October 23, 2017 minutes approved as distributed.
4. **Open Floor for Members Comments:** none.
5. **New/Unfinished Business:** none
6. **Reports:**
 - a. Pastor Roger Shenk reviewed his monthly report (attached)
 - b. Finance: The October 31, 2017 statement was reviewed. It showed a YTD net gain of over \$14,000. It was also reported that generosity Sunday offering of 11/19/17 was over \$9,000 above the goal.

7. Committee Reports:

- a. Finance Committee: none
- b. Membership Policy Task Force: none
- c. Conference Affiliation Task Force: Roger Shenk gave a full report of the timeline regarding the situation between Southeast Mennonite Conference and MCUSA. The Overseers agreed to continue revisiting the issue and look toward guidance from SMC for the time being.
- d. Building Fund Committee: none

8. Recommendations:

- a. Recommendation: That the Overseers reaffirm Karissa Miller to the position of Vice-Chair for 2018. M/S/A Doug Graber, Nic King.

9. Other Business: None

10. Adjournment: The general meeting adjourned at 6:16 pm.

11. Executive Session: The meeting opened at 6:17 pm. The Overseers discussed a confidential matter regarding a former staff member.

12. Adjournment: The Executive Session adjourned at 6:36 pm.

13. General Session: The General Meeting opened at 6:37 pm.

14. Closing Prayer: Pastor Roger Shenk closed in prayer.

15. Adjournment: Danny Remchuk declared the Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Upcoming Events:

- SCC Annual Meeting, December 3, 2017
- Overseers, Monday December 18, 2017.

Secretary, Renee Krabbe

Chair and Acting Recording Secretary, Danny Remchuk

PASTOR'S REPORT TO OVERSEERS

November 22, 2017—Sarasota Community Church

Welcoming the Sarasota Community

We give away from three to eight visitor bags every week. And we have recently had three people indicate they were renewing their commitments to Jesus. Others are applying for membership.

Our average attendance year to date (Jan-Oct) has been reasonably steady over the past three years. But the financial support has increased each year. Specifically, our fall Generosity Offering has increased significantly each of the past two years. Sunday's offering exceeded our projected numbers by over \$9,000! This is a very positive indicator of support, as well as the fact that we have one or two first time givers almost every week.

Our 2nd annual *Fall Festival* (Oct 28) was enjoyed by our neighbors. Our 4th annual *4041 Thanksgiving Dinner* (Nov 15) had some 275 people as we were joined by the three churches that rent space from us, plus Community Bible Chapel whose youth meets with ours on Wednesdays. There was a spirit of unity.

Alcoholics Anonymous invited me (and Wendy) to bring the invocation at their Gratitude Dinner held at SCC. They and other support groups come onto our campus 17 times every week. The man who introduced me said that he went to our website and discovered that "they're just like us!" They applauded us in recognition of SCC's contribution to their program, and received my prayer warmly.

As our northern friends return, there is much joy. We don't take them or their positive response to our changes for granted. To that end, we sent another letter to those who haven't yet headed south, updating them so that they come prepared to receive the changes well.

Worship Services

We will soon begin decorating for Christmas. We will have one combined service the morning of Christmas Eve, at 11AM. This will be a blend of traditional and modern arrangements designed to be an inspiration for all. We will also have our annual candlelighting service that evening at 5pm.

Community Groups

Our Winter Friendship Class will resume Sunday, December 3 at 10:10am. Ben Sprunger will teach, but we are still looking for a (preferably) year round person to facilitate the class.

Service Opportunities

Following the Texas church shooting, we formalized our security as a two person team serving Sundays from 8:30am-12:30pm. They are responsible to identify threats, notify staff and authorities, and de-escalate violence wherever possible. Anyone interested in serving on this team may notify the office.

We continue to await instruction from Mennonite Disaster Service regarding Hurricane Irma efforts. We welcome the assistance of anyone who can solicit regular updates from them.

For grace,

