

**Bahia Vista Mennonite Church
Overseers Minutes – March 19, 2018
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
 Nic King (Secretary) Mike Gervasio
 Dave Polen (Treasurer)

Members Absent: None

Pastoral Team Present: Roger Shenk Mike Christner
 Kevin Bowder

Pastoral Team Absent: Dennis Bontrager Shirley Good

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Danny Remchuk declared the meeting open at 5:04 pm.
2. **Devotional:** Roger Shenk shared and invited the Overseers and staff present to prayer -- prayer for the church both global and local.
3. **Minutes:** Danny Remchuk declared February 26, 2018 minutes approved as distributed. (attached)
4. **Open Floor for Members comments :** none.
5. **New/Unfinished Business:**
 - a. We continue to seek a recording secretary for the Overseers.
 - b. Continued discussion regarding accounts and interest in our Everence accounts. Dave Polen cannot meet with Everence without a church representative present. The Overseers again directed the staff to set up the necessary meetings and report back to the board at the April meeting.
- 6 **Reports:**
 - a. Pastor Roger Shenk reviewed his monthly Report. (attached)
 - b. Finance: The February 2018 statement was reviewed, indicating a small month end deficit. (attached). Roger and Mike also reported that Generosity Sunday brought in over \$3,000 more than the same Generosity offering last year.

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:

- a. Approve the recommendation from Pastor Roger of James Read to be the new Executive Minister. This recommendation would also serve as a recommendation to the congregation for their upcoming vote, to be held on April 22, 2018.

M/S/A: Miriam Nauman, Dave Polen

9. Other Business: none

10. Executive Session: The Overseers entered Executive Session at 5:40 pm to discuss a staffing matter. The Overseers resumed the regular meeting at 6:49 pm.

11. Closing Prayer: Pastor Roger Shenk led in a closing prayer.

12. Adjournment: Danny Remchuk declared the Meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm

Upcoming Events:

- April Overseers Meeting – April 23.
- Easter Sunday, April 1.
- Congregational Vote on Executive Minister – April 22.

Secretary, Nic King

Interim Recording Secretary, Danny Remchuk

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PASTOR'S REPORT TO OVERSEERS

March 15, 2018—Sarasota Community Church

Welcoming the Sarasota Community

As our winter residents begin to return to the north we hear often of their love for this church. Likewise, we appreciate their friendship, prayers, and enthusiastic support.

Baptism & Membership. On February 25 we baptized two persons and received four as new members. Our next Quarterly Membership Interest Luncheon is scheduled for May 6 with opportunity for baptisms and reception of new members May 27.

Worship

- **Generosity Offering.** March 11 was our first Generosity Sunday of 2018. We brought in about \$3700 more than the 2017 offering.
- **Teaching.** Starting March 18 I will spend three weeks on *The Gospel Explained*, concluding Easter, April 1. The goal is to describe in simple, applicable ways why Jesus lived, died, and now lives again—helpful to longtime believers as well as those with no prior understanding.
- **Easter Week.** We will have a Good Friday service at 7pm, an Easter Egg Hunt Saturday morning, and both traditional and modern services at regular times for Easter. Last year we held one blended service but until we have a worship minister (2019) we decided to stick to what we do.

Community

Deaths. Our prayers and comfort are with member Debra Kuykendall following the unexpected death of her son last month. We will host a March 25 memorial in his honor. We also mourn the recent passing of Jean Pilgrim following her long illness, and will be honoring her March 16. And on March 24 we will celebrate this week's homegoing of longtime member Reuben Dietzel with a service at Sunnyside Retirement Village where he was a resident for many years. He was 101 years old.

Service

- **Nepal.** My Feb 28-Mar 10 trip to Nepal was a success. I affirm our ministry with Global Disciples.
- **Puerto Rico.** We had enough volunteers to plan two back to back trips to Puerto Rico in March.
- **Dominican Republic.** We are receiving donations for the April 14-21 medical missions trip.

Staff

- **Executive Minister.** We have two very qualified candidates, and are thanking God for the opportunity to make a difficult decision about which would be best for us at this time. Either would be available to start in June.
- **Maintenance.** Winter resident Erv Miller agreed to fill the recently vacated maintenance position during the fall and winter months. We need someone to fill the role during spring and summer.

May all Sarasota be filled with love, joy, and peace as people learn to love and follow Jesus Christ as Lord. It is an honor to be spent for this cause.

