

**Sarasota Community Church  
Overseers Minutes – April 23, 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                             Dennis Bontrager  
   Kevin Bowder

**Pastoral Team Absent:**     Mike Christner                         Shirley Good

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Danny Remchuk declared the meeting open at 5:02 pm.
2. **Devotional:** Roger Shenk shared and invited the Overseers and staff present to pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit in this next sermon series.
3. **Minutes:** Danny Remchuk declared March 19, 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. Ratify James Read as Executive Minister. The Overseers reviewed the Finance Committee’s recommendation for salary and benefits as well as the congregational vote from April 4<sup>th</sup>. **M/S/A** – Nic King, Dave Kniss
6. **Reports:**
  - a. Pastor Roger Shenk reviewed his monthly Report. (attached)
  - b. Finance: The March 2018 statement was reviewed. Dave Polen also indicated he met with Everence and the Finance Committee will be meeting to determine the best options for our reserve funds.
7. **Committee Reports:**
  - a. Finance Committee: none
  - b. Membership Policy Task Force: none
  - c. Conference Affiliation Task Force: Roger shared a report.
  - d. Building Fund Committee: none

**8. Recommendations:**

- a. None

**9. Other Business:** none

**10. Executive Session:** None

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

**12. Adjournment:** Danny Remchuk declared the Meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm

**Upcoming Events:**

- May Overseers Meeting – May 21.

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Secretary, Nic King

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Interim Recording Secretary, Danny Remchuk

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# PASTOR'S REPORT TO OVERSEERS

*April 19, 2018—Sarasota Community Church*

## Welcoming the Sarasota Community

At this time of year all Sarasota looks around and remembers who the year round residents are. We do too. It's a joy to see new faces, some of whom have recently relocated to Sarasota.

## Worship

- **Easter.** A couple hundred people attended our Good Friday where we had nine readers, most of whom began attending within the last year. Our Saturday Easter Egg Hunt was well received by 146 kids from the community. And our Sunday Easter services has 783 people in attendance.
- **Word.** I love how God has brought such qualified preachers into our fellowship. Much thanks to David Denison and Steve Cydrus who preached April 8 and 15 respectively. This Sunday, April 22, I will start a new five-week series on the Holy Spirit, called "Untapped." It will be an invitation to every believer (even church leaders) to be filled with the Holy Spirit in a fresh way.

## Community

- **Visitors.** In the normal course of church life people come and go. Since the first of the year 273 people have registered as visitors to a SCC event. 75 of them were at a worship service. That's five a week. Our goal is to genuinely befriend them at a pace that they find meaningful, while also believing enough in what God is doing here to encourage them to become regular attenders. This is a family effort. We encourage everyone to keep their eyes and ears open to the new people among us every single week.
- **Baptisms and New Members.** It's always a joy when regular attenders become members. We have over 90 regular attenders who have not yet done so. Membership means that a person recognizes SCC as their home church, and is ready to join us in helping fulfill our mission and vision. We are planning our next Quarterly Membership Interest Luncheon for May 6 to explain and encourage this. Please pray that I can articulate the mission and vision of SCC in a way that is compelling, inviting, and clear. We are also planning a beach baptism for June 3 (in lieu of the previously scheduled May 27), and will schedule the reception of new members accordingly.
- **Membership Transfers.** Of course, for various reasons, people will join a church and then leave. Sometimes they simply move away, but other times they change churches. We're often blessed to be on the receiving end of that, so I choose to give my blessing to membership transfers whenever I can conscientiously do so. However, there are times that I'm unable to do so. A couple recently requested a transfer of membership to a congregation that left our conference under disciplinary action. I counseled the couple to run from any church that teaches immorality. They were offended and have made it known to a number of people. While I'm saddened at their response, I stand by both the intent and content of what I wrote. I'm open to any clarifying conversations about it, but, beyond this report, have chosen not to address it publicly. We trust the people of SCC to be discerning in their responses. And we pray blessing for the couple.

## Service

- **Puerto Rico.** From March 7 to 29 we sent two teams totalling some 16 people who rebuilt a school so that children could learn protected from the elements.
- **Dominican Republic.** We have one team currently in the DR and look forward to their return with a good report.

- **Global Disciples.** We have committed (along with Bethel) to host a conference to teach the Global Disciples Approach here in Sarasota, the last part of September.
- **Hospitality, Children, Youth, Tech.** We have an urgent need for volunteers in a number of areas. We always try to discern whether it's God telling us to discontinue an activity (like Sunday morning coffee), but before we eliminate things we are asking everyone to look at their serving schedule and see if they can help out once a month in a way they are not currently serving. "Many hands make for light work."

## Lifestage Ministries

- **Youth.** We are looking at more of a "discipleship" model of youth ministry, as differentiated from the typical "youth group" model. We appreciate your prayers as we look to engage students beyond Wednesday night.

## Staff

- **Executive Minister.** James Read was affirmed by the congregation with a 100% vote. Amen. He is finish out his responsibilities through the end of June when Fabiana graduates, and then they will relocate here immediately to begin his new responsibilities in July.
- **Facilities.** Bob Sebourn has agreed to fill the maintenance position during the spring and summer while Erv Miller is not here. Since November we were able to take out media trees and replant palms, paint the front part of the building in preparation for signage (still awaiting permit), repair and adjust many of the glass door closers, replace various light bulbs and ballasts including in the new street sign, build various shelves and storage areas, replace cambro faucets, install the new main entrance signs and a new campus directory, replace an exterior door on Module 3, and do various deep cleaning projects through the campus.

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.

