

December Minutes
Executive Council – December 3, 2024
First Brethren Church of Sarasota

Present: David Stone, Martha Stone, Cindy Showalter, Kaye Matthews, Terry Hostetter, Charlie Barnett, John Pitcock, Grant Showalter, Jennifer Showalter, Carolyn Solomon.

Meeting called to order at 6:07.

PASTOR – see attached.

OUTREACH – no report.

CONGREGATIONAL ENRICHMENT – There is damage to nursery furnishings so pastor will contact the Ukrainian Church. Everything else is going well. Attendance is up for the season.

EDUCATION – no report.

PASTORAL CARE – no report.

PROPERTY – See attached. Pastor will talk with Viktor Kovalenko about flooring for cottage small room. We will talk to Marcus Teats about a machine to strip the vinyl squares that are there now.

HOSPITALITY – Carry-in went really well. Meals are covered for the work teams.

STEWARDSHIP – MSC to give January's mission offering to Spain and to give February's mission offering to Resurrection House.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – see attached. We have been receiving a lot of money for hurricane repairs.

TREASURER – see attached.

OLD BUSINESS – no old business.

NEW BUSINESS –

MSC Be it resolved that Martha Stone (assistant treasurer) OR Jennifer Showalter (treasurer) is/are hereby authorized to open brokerage accounts including margin accounts for options trading, investment accounts, safekeeping accounts, checking accounts and savings accounts, and to execute related documents and transactions for First Brethren Church of Sarasota, Florida whether absolutely or as Trustee, and to purchase, sell, assign and endorse for transfer, certificates representing stocks, bonds, or other securities now registered or hereafter registered in the name of this church.

MSC that Kaye and Jeanne be supported to have a movie and dinner night once a month as an outreach to our neighborhood.

MSC to adjourn at 7:00 pm with a closing prayer by Grant Showalter.

Respectfully submitted by

David Stone
Pastor

October MINUTES
Executive Council – October 22, 2024
First Brethren Church of Sarasota

Present: David Stone, Martha Stone, Carolyn Solomon, Grant Showalter, Jennifer Showalter, Iris Helmuth, Terry Hostetter, Cindy Showalter, Charlie Barnett, John Pitcock.

Meeting called to order at 7:00 with an opening prayer by Iris Helmuth.

PASTOR'S REPORT – see attached

Sale of Partners Building signed for \$555,000. Closing Dec.10 if inspection goes well.

OUTREACH – no report

CONGREGATIONAL ENRICHMENT -no report

EDUCATION – no report

PASTORIAL CARE – no report

MINISTRY OF PROPERTY – see attached - will ask Viktor Kovalenko about flooring for small room in cottage – discussed possible pipe installation for drainage at back of property - discussed hiring Ian (Agape school student) to do lawn maintenance for 13.00 per hour MSP

HOSPITALITY – had carry-in in October – will have another in November

STEWARDSHIP – November mission offering will be for Mennonite Disaster Service, December offering will be for Philippines Church, MSC

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – see attached

TREASURER'S REPORT – see attached

OLD BUSINESS – report from nominating committee

NEW BUSINESS -

1. Congregational Business Meeting to be November 12 at 6:00 pm,
2. Pastor's vacation November 2-9.
3. Discussion of earlier time for business meetings. MSC to meet at 6:00 pm.
4. Discussion of new budget for 2025 as presented by Finance Committee.
 - a. MSC to increase Pastor's salary 4%.
 - b. MSC to present this updated budget to the congregation business meeting.

MSC to adjourn at 8:05 pm with a closing prayer by Grant Showalter.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Solomon
Recording Secretary

Pastor's Report

First Brethren Church of Sarasota
Executive Council
December 2024

Report on October/November goals

- I'm planning the small group series, probably for February.
- I have asked Katie Allman to take lessons from Monica to be our social media director.

Goals for December/January

- Finish plan for small groups.
- Work with Katie to do the social media.
- Plan Christmas Eve service.
- Host the team from Nappanee and help with their work.

Weekly Activities October/November

- Sunday worship practice at 8:30 A.M.
- Children Sunday school class helper.
- Sunday 10:00 A.M. worship & live stream.
- Nightly 7:00 online devotional on Facebook and YouTube.
- Wednesday Bible Study in-person and on Facebook Live.
- Maintain church web site.
- Hospital and other visits.

Non-weekly Activities October/Nov

- Executive Council.
- Helped Kathy Rosales clean out Rebecca Abuid's storage unit.
- Showfolks Circus Club prayer.
- Congregational Business Meeting.
- Property meeting.
- Replaced/rekeyed cottage doorknob.
- Installed ceiling Christmas lights.
- Pastor appreciation dinner.
- Thanksgiving church dinner.
- Video for 70th anniversary celebration.
- Hours of legal prep and deposition.
- Bowling with youth.
- Worked on selling the 2425 Property.
- Worked on removing Missionary Board from our church property deed.

- Hurricane Milton workday.
- Fixed mower trailer.
- Went with Jennifer to the building department about permits for repairs.
- Tarpred roof with help from Terry, Logan, and Todd.
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Membership changes

- None.

Vacation days

- One week.

Comments

This period has been extremely busy. Hurricane Milton came early in October. Since then I have been dealing with the sale of the 2425 Fruitville Road building, the lawsuit that we just won, the sale of the building, and quite a few other activities. This is in addition to my regular, pastoral duties. I'm hoping after this month, things will be back to more normal activities.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor David

New Business

- Decide January and February mission offerings.
- Movie and dinner night proposal.
- Update on lawsuit: We won!

FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH – EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE PROPERTY MINISTRY
UPDATE FOR DECEMBER 2024

NOTES FROM THE NOVEMBER PROPERTY MINISTRY MEETING

- Outstanding items being carried over into 2025 include: Exterior wall repair at the school from a water leak and new flooring in the cottage / office side.
- In November, all eleven of our AC systems have been serviced and new filters were installed. (Completed)
- The property committee approved having three panes of glass installed at the day care center.

UPDATE ON LAWN CARE OF OUR CHURCH GROUNDS

- The church is currently employing a school student to perform mowing, trimming and edging of our church grounds.
- Property has purchased a gas-powered edger and soon will be purchasing a gas powered weed wacker for the churches use.

DAMAGE FROM HURICANE MILTON

- A) From the damage that occurred to the school, church, cottage and storage shed, property has been activity performing clean-up and planning for the rebuilding process. Our current status:
- 1 - Storage Shed – Obtained information on a 12ft. x 16ft. shed for purchase. Currently working on the requirements for a permit from the city of Sarasota.
 - 2 – Front section of the school, walkway and roofing - Information has been submitted to Sarasota for the permit. Materials and labor are being obtained and set to begin rebuilding the structure.
 - 3 – Wire fence repairs at the student play area – Currently these repairs have not been addressed at this time.
 - 4 – Following the above structural roof repairs at the school, interior repairs to the acoustical ceiling system, exterior stucco and painting will be addressed.

Financial Secretary Report

Offering budget/month: \$12,584.61

October 2024

Fund Source

Building fund	\$20.00
<i>Offering</i>	\$20.00
Capital Improvem	\$5.00
<i>Offering</i>	\$5.00
Colombia	\$550.00
<i>Offering</i>	\$550.00
Evan & Claire	\$1,025.00
<i>Offering</i>	\$1,025.00
Funeral	\$100.00
<i>Offering</i>	\$100.00
General	\$12,475.79
<i>Fri NA New Dire</i>	\$200.00
<i>Funeral</i>	\$325.00
<i>MNMG</i>	\$400.00
<i>Offering</i>	\$8,361.69
<i>Play&Grow</i>	\$3,089.10
<i>Tues.NA</i>	\$100.00
Milton Recovery	\$61,420.00
<i>Friendship Class</i>	\$920.00
<i>IN WMS</i>	\$1,000.00
<i>Offering</i>	\$59,500.00
Missions	\$210.00
<i>Offering</i>	\$210.00
Pastor Supp.	\$1,200.00
<i>Offering</i>	\$1,200.00
ResurHouse.	\$100.00
<i>Offering</i>	\$100.00
Samaritan's Purs	\$100.00
<i>Offering</i>	\$100.00

November 2024

Fund Source

Building fund	\$30.00
<i>Offering</i>	\$30.00
Evan & Claire	\$1,015.00
<i>Offering</i>	\$1,015.00

General \$24,716.18

<i>Fri NA New Dire</i>	\$200.00
<i>Offering</i>	\$9,323.13
<i>Play&Grow</i>	\$3,101.05
<i>Rent Agape</i>	\$11,577.00
<i>Shirts</i>	\$315.00
<i>Tues.NA</i>	\$200.00

Mennonite Disaste \$600.00

<i>Offering</i>	\$600.00
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Milton Recovery \$23,710.00

<i>Brethren Church</i>	\$10,000.00
<i>Offering</i>	\$8,875.00
<i>Pleasant Hill FB</i>	\$1,235.00
<i>Pleasant View B</i>	\$600.00
<i>Ukrainian churc</i>	\$3,000.00

Missions \$206.00

<i>Offering</i>	\$206.00
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Pastor Supp. \$1,200.00

<i>Offering</i>	\$1,200.00
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Samaritan's Purse \$400.00

<i>Offering</i>	\$400.00
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BALANCE SHEET

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CURRENT ASSETS	
Checking/Savings	
Everence FCU	
EFCU - Unrestricted	(\$4,860)
EFCU - Special	\$81,385
TOTAL Everence FCU	\$76,525
EFCU - Capital Savings	\$3
EFCU - Peru Savings	\$25
TOTAL Checking/Savings	\$76,553

SPECIALS BALANCE

November 30, 2024

SPECIAL INCOME	
Deacon Fund	\$1,130
CIA	\$350
Youth	\$2,595
Agape School Lunches	\$351
Holiday Flowers	\$92
Christmas	\$0
Outreach	\$0
Resurrection House	\$0
Missions - Clarie & Evan	\$1,015
Building Improvement	\$6,222
Handyman Services	\$150
Kitchen Improvement	\$304
Milton Recovery	\$59,529
Memorials	\$7,148
PJH Scholarship	\$2,500
TOTAL SPECIAL INCOME	\$81,385

OUTSTANDING BILLS		MEMO	Amount
DATE	NAME		
12/1/24	Rev. David Stone		\$2,630
12/1/24	Logan Rico		\$918
12/25/24	Barbara Ford-Coates Tax Collector	150 N Shade	\$5,979
12/25/24	Barbara Ford-Coates Tax Collector	2425 Fruitville Road	\$5,997
12/25/24	Barbara Ford-Coates Tax Collector	2435 Fruitville Road	\$7,608
TOTAL			\$23,132

INCOME REPORT

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	Year Budget	RECEIVED this YEAR	(\$) Yet to Receive this Year \$ RECEIVED Over Budget	Should be as of report date:		Should be:
				% of Budget for the YEAR	Received this MONTH	
Offering General	\$151,015	\$130,824	(\$20,192)	86.6%	\$9,329	100.0%
Other General						% of Budget for the MONTH
Community Meetings	\$11,500	\$8,250	(\$3,250)	71.7%	\$400	41.7%
Agape Academy	\$40,000	\$42,258	\$2,258	105.6%	\$11,577	347.3%
B Office Building 2425 sm	\$38,275	\$29,430	(\$8,845)	76.9%	\$0	0.0%
A Office Building 2435 lg	\$36,125	\$34,152	(\$1,973)	94.5%	\$3,101	103.0%
TOTAL Other General	\$125,900	\$114,090	(\$11,810)	90.6%	\$15,078	143.7%
Benevolence						
Missions	\$7,000	\$12,151	\$5,151	173.6%	\$206	35.3%
Peru Orphanage	\$2,000	\$255	(\$1,745)	12.8%	\$0	0.0%
Total Benevolence	\$9,000	\$12,406	\$3,406	137.8%	\$206	27.5%
TOTAL INCOME	\$285,915	\$257,320	(\$28,595)	90.0%	\$24,613	103.3%

Other Income	
Special Income	\$115,632
	\$27,270

Sarasota First Brethren Church

SPENDING REPORT

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	Year Budget	SPENT this YEAR	(\$) Y et to SPEND this Year	Should be as of report date:	
				% of Budget for the YEAR	% of Budget for the MONTH
SR Pastor				91.7%	100%
Base Salary	\$38,360	\$26,881	(\$11,480)	70.1%	13.6%
Housing	\$30,000	\$40,215	\$10,215	134.1%	254.8%
Health Savings	\$4,600	\$4,600	\$0	100.0%	300.0%
Retirement	\$4,785	\$4,785	\$0	100.0%	300.0%
TOTAL SR Pastor	\$77,745	\$76,481	(\$1,264)	98.4%	141.2%
Director of Children & Youth					
Director of C&Y Salary	\$24,000	\$0	(\$24,000)	0.0%	0.0%
TOTAL Director of C&Y	\$24,000	\$0	(\$24,000)	0.0%	0.0%
Custodian					
Custodian Salary	\$17,000	\$17,676	\$676	104.0%	149.2%
TOTAL Custodian	\$17,000	\$17,676	\$676	104.0%	149.2%
Extended Expense					
Conf Exp Pastor	\$2,400	\$2,672	\$272	111.3%	0.0%
Honorarium	\$900	\$300	(\$600)	33.3%	0.0%
Ministry Expense	\$100	\$0	(\$100)	0.0%	0.0%
Med Insurance	\$10,000	\$12,102	\$2,102	121.0%	254.9%
TOTAL Extended Expense	\$13,400	\$15,074	\$1,674	112.5%	190.2%
Social Security/FBC					
SS Sr. Pastor	\$5,230	\$4,794	(\$436)	91.7%	100.0%
SS Director of C&Y	\$1,836	\$0	(\$1,836)	0.0%	0.0%
SS Custodian	\$1,301	\$1,352	\$52	104.0%	149.2%
TOTAL Social Security/FBC	\$8,366	\$6,146	(\$2,220)	73.5%	85.7%
Office Expense	\$1,500	\$1,082	(\$418)	72.2%	0.0%
Service	\$600	\$66	(\$534)	11.0%	0.0%
Pastoral Care	\$300	\$0	(\$300)	0.0%	0.0%
Stewardship	\$800	\$597	(\$203)	74.7%	38.8%
Outreach					
O Agape School Lunches	\$2,000	\$0	(\$2,000)	0.0%	0.0%
O General	\$10,000	\$4,998	(\$5,002)	50.0%	72.2%
TOTAL Outreach	\$12,000	\$4,998	(\$7,002)	41.7%	60.2%
Hospitality	\$600	(\$492)	(\$1,092)	-82.1%	249.8%
Congregational Enrichment	\$500	\$1,563	\$1,063	312.7%	2435.4%

SPENDING REPORT

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	Year Budget	SPENT this YEAR	(\$) Yet to SPEND this Year	% of Budget for the YEAR	SPENT this MONTH	Should be as of report date:	Should be:
Education						91.7%	100%
Education General	\$600	\$747	\$147	124.5%	\$0		0.0%
Education Youth	\$1,000	\$0	(\$1,000)	0.0%	\$0		0.0%
TOTAL Education	\$1,600	\$747	(\$853)	46.7%	\$0		0.0%
Property							
P Insurance	\$22,000	\$19,915	(\$2,085)	90.5%	\$0		0.0%
Taxes & Assessments	\$4,800	\$0	(\$4,800)	0.0%	\$0		0.0%
P General	\$34,500	\$50,197	\$15,697	145.5%	\$1,156		40.2%
TOTAL Property	\$61,300	\$70,112	\$8,812	114.4%	\$1,156		22.6%
Utilities							
Water	\$7,000	\$7,066	\$66	100.9%	\$602		103.1%
Electricity	\$16,000	\$12,856	(\$3,144)	80.4%	\$1,191		89.3%
Telephone	\$3,000	\$3,320	\$320	110.7%	\$321		128.6%
Fire Alarm	\$1,000	\$1,346	\$346	134.6%	\$0		0.0%
Waste Services	\$400	\$338	(\$62)	84.5%	\$52		156.0%
TOTAL Utilities	\$27,400	\$24,926	(\$2,474)	91.0%	\$2,166		94.9%
Benevolences							
Deacon Fund	\$12,000	\$5,802	(\$6,198)	48.4%	\$150		15.0%
Missons	\$5,400	\$11,990	\$6,590	222.0%	\$786		174.6%
Peru Orphanage	\$3,600	\$293	(\$3,307)	8.1%	\$0		0.0%
Brethren Church National	\$2,000	\$1,500	(\$500)	75.0%	\$0		0.0%
TOTAL Benevolences	\$23,000	\$19,585	(\$3,415)	85.2%	\$936		48.8%
Rental Expense							
R Maint. & Misc.	\$30,000	\$29,444	(\$556)	98.1%	\$0		0.0%
R Taxes	\$12,000	\$0	(\$12,000)	0.0%	\$0		0.0%
R Sales Tax	\$4,540	\$2,750	(\$1,790)	60.6%	\$88		23.3%
TOTAL Rental Expense	\$46,540	\$32,194	(\$14,346)	69.2%	\$88		2.3%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$316,652	\$270,756	(\$45,895)	85.5%	\$20,100		76.2%