

**Sherwood Community Friends Church Business Meeting Minutes  
January 29, 2017**

Opening Prayer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christine Brandt opened the meeting with prayer</li> <li>• Followed by a time for prayer and waiting</li> </ul>
Minutes from October 9, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes from previous meeting were approved without objection</li> </ul>
Staff Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rick McNeal, Director of Worship Arts, had nothing to add to his January report (provided in packet).</li> <li>• Daniel Licon, Youth Pastor, expressed gratitude for the opportunity to serve our church's youth and the support of the congregation.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ As you can read from his January report there is a lot going on.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Rich Miller, Pastor, had nothing to add to his January report (provided in packet).             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Rich would like to encourage us to be excited about the book of Philippians.</li> <li>➤ He mentioned that the Elders Administrative Planning Session met for strategic planning (What is our focus? "What do we want to be about in 2017?")</li> <li>➤ "Together in Grace" is our theme and we, as a church, need to work on growing deeper by loving people for who they are.</li> <li>➤ He reminded us that our budget is a tool to do ministry in grace.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christine Brandt, Missions and Outreach, had nothing to add to the January report (provided in packet).             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Rich Miller asked for more information about the trip to Ireland planned for August 8-15, 2017</li> <li>➤ The focus of this trip is to learn how SCFC can support EFM's missionary work in Ireland.</li> <li>➤ Those interested in traveling to Ireland with Rich and Nadine Miller, need to decide by March.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dwayne Astleford, Spiritual Life, highlighted April 8<sup>th</sup> as "Serve Day" and on April 16<sup>th</sup> we will be having our Easter Brunch.</li> <li>• Dwayne also reported that a new sound board has been installed and they are in the process of "fine tuning" it.</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Crisman, Board of Elders, had nothing to add to his January report (provided in packet).</li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marcia Astleford, Clerk of Christian Education, thanked Karen Burkholder for all her work on the Children's Christmas Program</li> <li>• In order to comply with the Child Protection and Abuse policy; 40 people have already completed the video training requirement. This is in preparation for the Youth Group's Mexico Trip.             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Marcia did encourage those interested in working with children to please complete the training and take the online test.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● David Heath, Stewardship, went over the year-end report. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ He highlighted we ended with a net income of \$14,836 and expressed gratitude for an amazing year.</li> <li>➤ The church's mortgage is projected to be paid off by May of 2021.</li> <li>➤ David stated that an average of the past 5 years was used in creating the 2017 budget and that there were a lot of discussions in striving for a balanced budget.</li> <li>➤ There were a number of adjustments made; most notably was the removal of VBS as a line item. The reason was that VBS has not taken place these last few years. If there is a strong desire to bring VBS back, please contact the stewards and they would be happy to make it work.</li> <li>➤ There was an increase in the current budget for Youth Programs. The Youth program use to be under Christian Ed but has now become a line item of its own.</li> <li>➤ The 2017 budget also included a small increase for staff</li> <li>➤ A proposal was made in regards to the reserve account to use a portion of the reserve account to pay down the mortgage in order to pay it off by April 2019.</li> <li>➤ 2017 budget and proposal were approved</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Tim Brandt, Trustees, stated that there is a need to resurface the parking lot. He is currently getting bids and speaking with the Charter School in efforts to get them to contribute half of the cost. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Lead Testing has been done and the basement water fountain was found in need of replacing. It has been turned off in the interim.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Questions and Additional concerns</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Christine Brandt announced that donations for the Youth Group's Mexico Trip from today's lunch totaled \$1,059.32</li> <li>● David Crisman thanked Stewards for their hard work and David Heath for his leadership</li> <li>● Rich Miller added his thanks to David Heath and stated that 2016 was a year to "lean on God and have faith." He encouraged us to stay the course for God has blessed us.</li> <li>● Brett McKee stated that we need to use our property to grow the church and Rich Miller reassured him that we continue to work toward our goal of expanding – especially with the youth programs.</li> <li>● Verne Martin thanked the Trustees for their ongoing work</li> <li>● Elsa Jane Weislogel thanked Rich Miller for his prayers and sermons.</li> </ul>
<p>Closing Prayer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Christine Brandt closed in prayer.</li> </ul>

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