

**Sherwood Community Friends Church Business Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 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 January 29, 2017 and April 30, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minutes from previous meetings were approved without objection.</li> </ul>
Nominating Committee Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Schlarbaum thanked Meg Rice for her previous leadership role on this committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ There is still a need to fill at least two positions (Assistant Clerk of Stewardship and Assistant Clerk of Elders and Recording Clerk).</li> <li>➤ All nominees were approved without objection.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Committee Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christine Brandt asked that members read all committee reports. Then time was given for questions or comments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Christian Education</b> - Camp Scholarship Fund currently has \$255 in donations.</li> <li>➤ <b>Stewardship</b> - Thank you for David Heath's work as Clerk of Stewardship and a request for prayer for Cary Kutter as the new clerk.</li> <li>➤ <b>Mission and Outreach</b> - Still nine spots available in the Community Garden. It was suggested that some of those spots could be used to grow fresh vegetables for the Food Bank.</li> <li>➤ <b>Spiritual Life</b> - Prayer Wall on the website is currently down; therefore, it is requested that members need to email or phone in prayer requests. Verne Martin reported that those who were looking for a job and had asked for prayers have now obtained employment. Also, Social/Fellowship has had a lot of community outreach activities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Committee Reports were approved without objection.</li> </ul>
Pastor Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Again, Christine Brandt asked that members read Worship Arts, Youth Pastor, and Pastor's reports. Then time was given for questions or comments.</li> <li>• Rob Whitaker, Worship Arts Director, gave thanks for being asked to return to Sherwood Community Friends Church.</li> <li>• Daniel Licon, Youth Pastor, commented on how successful the "time around the table" with the youth has become and how it has encouraged the youth to engage in thoughtful conversations. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Delores Burg stated how grateful she was for Daniel's leadership with our youth and that he is doing a fabulous job teaching.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pastors' Reports were approved without objection.</li> </ul>
Elders Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• David Crisman, Clerk of Elders, reported that the elders recommend Rich Miller's Pastoral call be extended for five years and Daniel Licon's Pastoral call be extended for two years beginning July 1, 2017. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Many in the congregation expressed their gratitude for their service.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Members in attendance affirmed and approved the extensions.</li> </ul>

<p>Membership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elders recommend the following as new members here at Sherwood Community Friends Church: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Christine Crisman (w/associate member Emery Crisman), David and Susan Gilmore, Cheri Hampton (w/ associate members: Skylar, Dallas, Kemper Hampton, LaJuan Thomas, Christian Jose), Daniel and Elizabeth Licon, Craig and Wendy McIndoo, Priscilla Peterson, and Patricia Weber.</li> <li>➤ Membership recommendations approved.</li> <li>➤ June 11, 2017 – a special celebration during the fellowship time and an introduction of new members will take place during our worship service.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Christine Brandt, Clerk of the Meeting, offered up prayer and then gave time for members to read the Elders’ letter regarding NWYM “Restructuring Plan.” (This letter was originally given to members at the April 30, 2017 meeting). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Elders have recommended that we remain a NWYM Friends Church and remain committed to its current Faith &amp; Practice.</li> <li>➤ Elsa Jane Weislogel objected to the word “compelled” in the letter and members agreed to change it to “led.”</li> <li>➤ Rick Reid stated, “It is okay to stay with the status quo.”</li> <li>➤ Rose Bray agreed with Rick’s statement; however, due to the current social climate, she expressed concerns about “hate crimes.” She asked that members be aware of the situation.</li> <li>➤ Delores Burg replied, “This is our family. Anyone who enters our church is welcomed and loved. We don’t have to agree and approve of their life style.”</li> <li>➤ Christy Crisman reminded us that this letter doesn’t mean the conversation is over. We can still have dialogue.</li> <li>➤ Craig McIndoo commented, “I believe we are facing a challenge.” Then he quoted Dr. Rick Warren (Pastor of Saddleback Church; Lake Forest, CA): “Our culture has accepted two huge lies. The first is that if you disagree with someone’s lifestyle, you must fear or hate them. The second is that to love someone means you agree with everything they believe or do. Both are nonsense. You don’t have to compromise convictions to be compassionate.”</li> <li>➤ Many members in attendance expressed similar sentiments.</li> <li>➤ Verne Martin expressed concern and sadness over the split and feels that the Elders’ letter needs to convey such a message.</li> <li>➤ Members agreed with Verne’s concern; however, it was decided his concern over the split would be taken back to the elders and dealt with at another time.</li> <li>➤ Christine Brandt asked, “Are all hearts clear?”</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Elders’ recommendation to continue as a NWYM Friends Church and remain committed to its current Faith &amp; Practice was approved.</li> </ul>
<p>Closing Prayer</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daniel Licon closed in prayer.</li> </ul>

Minutes submitted by:  
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