Minutes of the Congregational Business Meeting
May 6, 2025

Quorum established at 5:55 PM.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM with an opening prayer by Pastor Stone.

1. MSC that we accept the minutes of the Congregational Business Meeting of November 13, 2024
2. Conference will be at Roanoke, VA on third week of July. Pastor Stone and Jill will attend.
3. Pastor Stone has vacation later in May and Bob Dillard will preach.
4. MSC to give Ministry of Property authorization to spend up to $25,000 to replace two wooden double doors in the educational building. Terry Hostetter will get additional bids. Terry gave a property update which includes:
   a. Flat roof on the walkway will be replaced by Todd Helmuth.
   b. Permit received to make preparations for replacing shed.
   c. Some trees will be removed to protect buildings with stumps removed.
   d. Custodian needed to replace Logan who joined the military. Kayla Stone accepted the position. A cleaning service had requested $1,000 per week.
   e. Kaye Matthews gave an update on the plan for 3 movie nights in the summer for the community. This will include pizza, sodas, popcorn and a Christian movie from 17neverever865:00 to 7:30.
   f. Floors and kitchen to be cleaned in June. Drawers need to be painted and repaired.

MSC to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 with a closing prayer by Moderator Grant Showalter.

Carolyn Solomon
Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Congregational Business Meeting
November 13, 2024

Quorum established at 5:58 PM.

Meeting called to order at 6:02 PM with an opening prayer by Moderator Grant Showalter.

1. MSC that we accept the minutes of the Congregational Business Meeting of May 7, 2024
2. Pastor shared that the building is being vacated early by the tenant. Kevin Robbins has presented a contract for $550.000.
3. Pastor made a motion that: Resolved that Grant Showalter, in his capacity as Moderator and President of the First Brethren Church of Sarasota, Florida, is authorized to sign on behalf of the church to sell the building at 2425 Fruitville Rd. Motion was seconded and carried.
4. The ballot of the officers for 2025 was presented by the nominating committee. 2 missing names were added, Jill Stone was added to Ministry of Education and Cindy Showalter was added to Ministry of Service. MSC to accept the ballot as presented.
5. Presentation of the budget by Jennifer Stone.

Explanations to questions were answered.
MSC to put $6000.00 into the budget for additional maintenance personnel.
MSC to accept the budget, minus the Pastor's salary.
Discussion followed regarding the Pastor's salary increase for 2025. The Executive Council recommended a 4% increase. MSC to increase the Pastor's salary by 4% for the 2025 year.
MSC to adjourn the meeting at 6:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Carolyn Solomon
Recording Secretary

Financial Secretary Report

Offering budget/month: $12,584.61

March 2025

Fund	*Source*		
Deacons fund			**$300.00**
	Offering	$300.00	
Evan & Claire			**$1,010.00**
	Offering	$1,010.00	
Funeral			**$50.00**
	Offering	$50.00	
General			**$29,891.85**
	Fri NA New Dire	$200.00	
	MNMG	$800.00	
	Offering	$13,613.80	
	Play&Grow	$3,101.05	
	Rent Agape	$11,577.00	
	Thurs NA StepN	$100.00	
	Tues.NA	$200.00	
	Wed AA Beg.	$300.00	
Milton Recovery			**$10.00**
	Offering	$10.00	
Missions			**$227.00**
	Offering	$227.00	
Paraguay			**$773.00**
	Offering	$773.00	
Pastor Supp.			**$1,200.00**
	Offering	$1,200.00	

April 2025

Fund	*Source*		
Easter Breakfast			**$40.00**
	Offering	$40.00	
Education and Bo			**$120.00**
	Offering	$120.00	
Evan & Claire			**$1,020.00**
	Offering	$1,020.00	
Flowers			**$35.00**
	Offering	$35.00	
General			**$15,598.11**
	Offering	$15,498.11	
	Thurs NA StepN	$100.00	
Missions			**$270.00**
	Offering	$270.00	
Pastor Supp.			**$1,200.00**
	Offering	$1,200.00	
Pucusana.			**$850.00**
	Offering	$850.00	

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BALANCE SHEET

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CURRENT ASSETS	
Checking/Savings	
Everence FCU	
EFCU - Unrestricted	$17,673
EFCU - Special	$62,384
TOTAL Everence FCU	$80,057
EFCU - Capital Savings	$3
EFCU - Peru Savings	$25
TOTAL Checking/Savings	$80,085

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SPECIALS BALANCE

SPECIAL INCOME	
Deacon Fund	$1,200
CIA	$350
Youth	$2,595
Agape School Lunches	$351
Holiday Flowers	$63
Outreach	$0
Resurrection House	$0
Missions - Clarie & Evan	$0
Building Improvement	$6,237
Handyman Services	$150
Kitchen Improvement	$304
Milton Recovery	$41,487
Memorials	$7,148
PJH Scholarship	$2,500
TOTAL SPECIAL INCOME	$62,384

OUTSTANDING BILLS

DATE	NAME	MEMO	Amount	
5/1/25	Rev. David Stone		$2,714	
5/1/25	Kayla Stone		$1,050	
TOT/..				$3,764

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INCOME REPORT

	Year Budget	RECEIVED this YEAR	($) Yet to Receive this Year $ RECEIVED Over Budget	Should be as of report date: 33.3% % of Budget for the YEAR	Received this MONTH	Should be: 100.0% % of Budget for the MONTH
Offering General	$170,940	$77,391	($93,549)	45.3%	$15,367	107.9%
Other General						
Community Meetings	$11,500	$2,125	($9,375)	18.5%	$100	10.4%
Agape Academy	$40,000	$11,577	($28,423)	28.9%	$0	0.0%
B Office Building 2425 sm	$38,275	$0	($38,275)	0.0%	$0	0.0%
A Office Building 2435 lg	$37,209	$9,303	($27,906)	25.0%	$0	0.0%
TOTAL Other General	$126,984	$23,005	($103,979)	18.1%	$100	0.9%
Benevolence						
Missions	$16,000	$3,265	($12,735)	20.4%	$1,120	84.0%
Total Benevolence	$16,000	$3,265	($12,735)	20.4%	$1,120	84.0%
TOTAL INCOME	$313,924	$103,661	($210,263)	33.0%	$16,587	63.4%

Other Income						
Special Income		$10,885			$2,415	

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SPENDING REPORT

Should be as of report date: 33.3%

Should be: 100%

	Year Budget	SPENT this YEAR	($) Yet to SPEND this Year $ SPENT Over Budget	% of Budget for the YEAR	SPENT this MONTH	% of Budget for the MONTH
SR Pastor						
Base Salary	$26,470	$12,157	($14,313)	45.9%	$1,789	100.0%
Housing	$45,000	$11,667	($33,333)	25.9%	$4,167	100.0%
Health Savings	$4,600	$1,150	($3,450)	25.0%	$0	0.0%
Retirement	$4,785	$1,196	($3,589)	25.0%	$1,196	300.0%
TOTAL SR Pastor	$80,855	$26,170	($54,685)	32.4%	$7,152	106.1%
Director of Children & Youth						
Director of C&Y Salary	$18,000	$0	($18,000)	0.0%	$0	0.0%
TOTAL Director of C&Y	$18,000	$0	($18,000)	0.0%	$0	0.0%
Custodian						
Custodian Salary	$22,254	$9,344	($12,910)	42.0%	$2,437	131.4%
Custodian Medical	$2,160	$400	($1,760)	18.5%	$0	0.0%
TOTAL Custodian	$24,414	$9,744	($14,670)	39.9%	$2,437	119.8%
Landscaper						
Landscaper Salary	$6,000	$221	($5,779)	3.7%	$0	0.0%
TOTAL Landscaper	$6,000	$221	($5,779)	3.7%	$0	0.0%
Extended Expense						
Conf Exp Pastor	$2,400	$1,286	($1,114)	53.6%	$426	213.2%
Honorarium	$900	$0	($900)	0.0%	$0	0.0%
Ministry Expense	$100	$0	($100)	0.0%	$0	0.0%
Med Insurance	$10,000	$4,248	($5,752)	42.5%	$0	0.0%
TOTAL Extended Expense	$13,400	$5,534	($7,866)	41.3%	$426	38.2%
Social Security/FBC						
SS Sr. Pastor	$5,467	$2,644	($2,824)	48.4%	$529	116.0%
SS Director of C&Y	$1,377	$0	($1,377)	0.0%	$0	0.0%
SS Custodian	$1,702	$195	($1,508)	11.4%	$24	17.0%
SS Landscaper	$459	$8	($451)	1.8%	$0	0.0%
TOTAL Social Security/FBC	$9,006	$2,847	($6,159)	31.6%	$553	73.7%
Office Expense	$1,500	$844	($656)	56.2%	$200	159.8%
Service	$700	$126	($574)	18.0%	$0	0.0%
Pastoral Care	$300	$0	($300)	0.0%	$0	0.0%
Stewardship	$600	$328	($272)	54.7%	$14	28.0%
Outreach						
O Agape School Lunches	$2,000	$0	($2,000)	0.0%	$0	0.0%
O General	$10,000	$69	($9,931)	0.7%	$69	8.3%
TOTAL Outreach	$12,000	$69	($11,931)	0.6%	$69	6.9%

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SPENDING REPORT

Should be as of report date: 33.3%

Should be: 100%

	Year Budget	SPENT this YEAR	($) Yet to SPEND this Year $ SPENT Over Budget	% of Budget for the YEAR	SPENT this MONTH	% of Budget for the MONTH
Hospitality	$600	($90)	($690)	-15.0%	($40)	-80.0%
Congregational Enrichment	$800	$324	($476)	40.5%	$34	51.4%
Education						
Education General	$600	$335	($265)	55.8%	$323	645.8%
Education Youth	$1,000	$0	($1,000)	0.0%	$0	0.0%
TOTAL Education	$1,600	$335	($1,265)	20.9%	$323	242.2%
Property						
P Insurance	$22,000	$11,410	($10,590)	51.9%	$0	0.0%
Taxes & Assesments	$4,800	$6,166	$1,366	128.5%	$0	0.0%
P General	$34,500	$15,714	($18,786)	45.5%	$1,291	44.9%
TOTAL Property	$61,300	$33,290	($28,010)	54.3%	$1,291	25.3%
Utilities						
Water	$7,000	$3,023	($3,977)	43.2%	$603	103.4%
Electricity	$18,000	$4,065	($13,935)	22.6%	$1,035	69.0%
Telephone	$4,000	$1,453	($2,547)	36.3%	$456	136.9%
Fire Alarm	$1,500	$0	($1,500)	0.0%	$0	0.0%
Waste Services	$450	$58	($392)	12.9%	$0	0.0%
TOTAL Utilities	$30,950	$8,598	($22,352)	27.8%	$2,095	81.2%
Benevolences						
Deacon Fund	$6,000	$690	($5,310)	11.5%	$150	30.0%
Missons	$16,000	$3,505	($12,495)	21.9%	$2,120	159.0%
Brethren Church National	$2,000	$500	($1,500)	25.0%	$500	300.0%
TOTAL Benevolences	$24,000	$4,695	($19,305)	19.6%	$2,770	138.5%
Rental Expense						
R Maint. & Misc.	$30,000	$660	($29,340)	2.2%	$0	0.0%
R Taxes	$12,000	$7,845	($4,155)	65.4%	$0	0.0%
R Sales Tax	$2,199	$264	($1,934)	12.0%	$0	0.0%
TOTAL Rental Expense	$44,199	$8,769	($35,429)	19.8%	$0	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENSE	$330,223	$101,805	($228,419)	30.8%	$17,324	63.0%