

Minutes
Executive Council
February 4, 2025

Present: Terry Hostetter, Cindy Showalter, Martha Stone, Pastor Stone, Grant Showalter, Jennifer Showalter, Iris Helmuth, Kaye Matthews and Carolyn Solomon.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM with an opening prayer by Iris Helmuth.

PASTOR'S REPORT – see attached

OUTREACH – no report

CONGREGATIONAL ENRICHMENT – no problems have been given to this committee – all seems to be going well

EDUCATION – no report

PROPERTY – see attached

HOSPITALITY – no report

STEWARDSHIP – MSC for mission offerings for March and April will be Paraguay and Pucusana.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY – see attached

TREASURER'S REPORT – see attached

OLD BUSINESS – Kaye and Jeanne are working on the possibility of a movie/dinner night

NEW BUSINESS -

1. Received \$25,000. from the estate of Clarence Showmaker – MSC to put these monies in the Endowment Fund.
2. Nominating Committee will be appointed at the August Executive Council meeting – Nominating Committee will meet on 8-19 - and Budget Committee Meeting will be 9-16.
3. An Easter breakfast will be held at 8:30 AM.
4. A lunch will be for Memorial Day.
5. August 10 will be a back to school lunch.
6. Suggestion to have a Fall Festival in the fall. October 25 is the suggested date.
7. MSC carried to accept the Planning Schedule as amended.

MSC to adjourn at 7:05 PM with a closing prayer by Grant Showalter.

Respectfully submitted by

Carolyn Solomon

Recording Secretary

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

Pastor's Report

First Brethren Church of Sarasota

Executive Council

February 2025

Report on December/January goals

- Small groups have been delayed due to lack of leaders. Discussion for tonight.
- I have asked Katie Allman to take lessons from Monica to be our social media director.
- Christmas Eve service was a great night.
- The group from Nappanee worked out wonderfully.

Goals for February/March

- Begin small groups.

Weekly Activities December/January

- 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 December/Jan

- Executive Council.
- Showfolks Circus Club prayer.
- Putt putt golf with youth.
- Eucharist communion.
- Helped install Christmas decorations.
- Christmas Eve service.
- Attended New Years' Eve get-together.
- Property meeting.
- Installed new parking lot light with Grant.
- Repaired cement block at top of walkway pillar where new lintel was poured.
- 2425 property sold.
- \$500,000

Membership changes

- Kaysen Kinsler baptized and accepted into membership.

- Clarence Shoemaker passed away.

Vacation/sick days

- One day vacation.
- Two days off for surgery.
- Three days in jury duty.

Comments

December is, of course, always a busy month personally and in the church's calendar. It was, however, a good month. Things were getting back to a more normal schedule after the lawsuit was won and the building was substantially repaired.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor David

New Business

- Decide March and April mission offerings.
- Movie and dinner night proposal.
- Plan rest of 2025.
- Decide how to allocate Clarence Shoemaker \$25,000 gift.

FIRST BRETHREN CHURCH – PROPERTY MINISTRY UPDATE FOR JANUARY 2025

A – PROJECT UPDATE FROM HURRICANE MILTON

- Grateful for the 3 man crew from Nappanee Indiana, repairs were completed to the roof and eave structure at the school, walkway roof structure and re-roofing of these areas. Several other areas of shingle repair were also completed on the school and church roofs.
- Completed all demolition clean-up and debris was removed from the site.
- Removed the forms from the poured in place concrete beam & in the process of preparing for paint.
- Completed installation of the aluminum fascia at the school and along the front of the walkway.
- Other hurricane Items in progress include:
 - 1- The painting of the roof eaves at the school and wood on the underside of the walkway is in progress and expected to be completed by Friday. (1-17-2025)
 - 2- Interior ceiling tile, etc. have been purchased and installation will occur in the very near future.
 - 3- There is an exterior dusk to dawn light that has been damaged and needs to be replaced. A exterior light has been purchased and installation will occur in the very near future.
 - 4- H & Y Fence has been contacted requesting pricing to repair the damage to the student's playground fence. (This may take a little time as they are extremely busy)
 - 5- Sarasota's requirement to obtain a survey of the property lines to install a shed is also in progress. Upon completion, a permit will be requested from the city.
 - 6- At the last meeting a shed was proposed and reviewed, however since then, it was suggested to increase the size of the shed from 12'x16' to 12'x20'.
 - 7- The area where the shed will be placed is extremely low and importing crushed shells and regrading to achieve positive drainage will be required. The current concrete pad is scheduled to remain and a new concrete pad will be installed to receive the new shed.

- 8- As part of this hurricane recovery, there are currently other trees that need to be reviewed and removed as they lean toward our building structures.

B – PROJECT UPDATE FROM TROPICAL STORM DEBBY

- From incoming water, approx. 1ft. of drywall was removed above the concrete floor. New drywall was installed, finished and then the entire room was repainted.
- The carpet has been removed from the cottage; however, some existing floor tile and carpet strips needs to be removed. Upon completion, the entire floor area needs to be cleaned in preparation for new flooring.

C – OTHER PROJECTS IN PROGRESS

- Repair an exterior masonry wall at the school from a previous water leak. (Pending)

D – OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

- Proposing to replace the cottage roof and the entire walkway roof in May of 2025.

E – MANPOWER NEEDS – OPEN FOR DISCUSSION

- The church will be in need of a janitor / custodian to clean all of our buildings beginning approx. June-July 2025.

Financial Secretary Report

Offering budget/month: \$12,584.61

December 2024

Fund Source

Building fund	\$15.00
Offering	\$15.00
Deacons fund	\$570.00
Offering	\$570.00
Evan & Claire	\$1,020.00
Offering	\$1,020.00
General	\$22,923.64
FPL refund	\$87.04
MNMG	\$800.00
Offering	\$18,180.45
Play&Grow	\$3,077.15
Shirts	\$279.00
Thurs NA StepN	\$200.00
Wed AA Beg.	\$300.00
Milton Recovery	\$2,060.00
N. Manchester C	\$2,000.00
Offering	\$60.00
Missions	\$240.00
Offering	\$240.00
Pastor Supp.	\$1,200.00
Offering	\$1,200.00
Philippines	\$1,090.00
Offering	\$1,090.00
Poinsettias	\$125.00
Offering	\$125.00
Shirts	\$30.00
Offering	\$30.00

January 2025

Fund Source

Evan & Claire	\$1,020.00
Offering	\$1,020.00
General	\$15,588.06
Fri NA New Dire	\$200.00
MNMG	\$400.00
Offering	\$11,587.01

Play&Grow	\$3,101.05
Thurs NA StepN	\$100.00
Tues.NA	\$200.00
Milton Recovery	\$500.00
Offering	\$270.00
West Alexandria	\$230.00
Missions	\$225.00
Offering	\$225.00
Pastor Supp.	\$1,200.00
Offering	\$1,200.00
ResurHouse.	\$100.00
Offering	\$100.00
Spain	\$660.00
Offering	\$660.00

Planning Schedule for First Brethren Church of Sarasota – 2025

Executive Council

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12-9

Congregational Business Meeting

5-6

11-4

Eucharist Communion

1-26

7-27

Three-fold Communion

4/13

10-5

Easter: 4-20

Thanksgiving Sunday Dinner: 11-23

Pastor Appreciation Dinner: 10-19

Conference: 7-21 – 7-24

Christmas Eve

Christmas Brunch: 12-6

Budget meeting: 10-23

Sarasota First Brethren Church	
December 31, 2024	BALANCE SHEET
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CURRENT ASSETS	
Checking/Savings	
Everence FCU	
EFCU - Unrestricted	\$705
EFCU - Special	\$73,634
TOTAL Everence FCU	\$74,339
EFCU - Capital Savings	\$3
EFCU - Peru Savings	\$25
TOTAL Checking/Savings	\$74,366

Sarasota First Brethren Church	
December 31, 2024	SPECIALS BALANCE
SPECIAL INCOME	
Deacon Fund	\$1,700
CIA	\$350
Youth	\$2,595
Agape School Lunches	\$351
Holiday Flowers	\$109
Christmas	\$0
Outreach	\$0
Resurrection House	\$0
Missions - Clarie & Evan	\$0
Building Improvement	\$6,237
Handyman Services	\$150
Kitchen Improvement	\$304
Milton Recovery	\$52,191
Memorials	\$7,148
PJH Scholarship	\$2,500
TOTAL SPECIAL INCOME	\$73,634

OUTSTANDING BILLS		NAME	MEMO	Amount
1/1/25		Rev. David Stone		\$2,714
1/18/2025		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				\$23,215

INCOME REPORT

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				Should be as of report date:	Should be:	
				100.0%	100.0%	
	Year Budget	RECEIVED this YEAR	(\$) Yet to Receive this Year \$ RECEIVED Over Budget	% of Budget for the YEAR	Received this MONTH	% of Budget for the MONTH
Offering General	\$151,015	\$148,819	(\$2,197)	98.5%	\$18,625	148.0%
Other General						
Community Meetings	\$11,500	\$9,550	(\$1,950)	83.0%	\$1,300	135.7%
Agape Academy	\$40,000	\$42,258	\$2,258	105.6%	\$0	0.0%
B Office Building 2425 sm	\$38,275	\$29,430	(\$8,845)	76.9%	\$0	0.0%
A Office Building 2435 lg	\$36,125	\$37,229	\$1,104	103.1%	\$3,077	102.2%
TOTAL Other General	\$125,900	\$118,468	(\$7,432)	94.1%	\$4,377	41.7%
Benevolence						
Missions	\$7,000	\$13,446	\$6,446	192.1%	\$1,295	222.0%
Peru Orphanage	\$2,000	\$255	(\$1,745)	12.8%	\$0	0.0%
Total Benevolence	\$9,000	\$13,701	\$4,701	152.2%	\$1,295	172.7%
TOTAL INCOME	\$285,915	\$280,987	(\$4,928)	98.3%	\$24,297	102.0%
Other Income						
Special Income		\$120,931			\$5,299	

SPENDING REPORT

December 3, 2024

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					Should be as of report date:	Should be:
					100.0%	100%
	Year Budget	SPENT this YEAR	(\$) Yet to SPEND this Year	% of Budget for the YEAR	SPENT this MONTH	% of Budget for the MONTH
Education						
Education General	\$600	\$747	\$147	124.5%	\$0	0.0%
Education Youth	\$1,000	\$190	(\$810)	19.0%	\$190	228.3%
TOTAL Education	\$1,600	\$937	(\$663)	58.6%	\$190	142.7%
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	\$50,855	\$16,355	147.4%	\$658	22.9%
TOTAL Property	\$61,300	\$70,771	\$9,471	115.5%	\$658	12.9%
Utilities						
Water	\$7,000	\$7,832	\$832	111.9%	\$766	131.4%
Electricity	\$16,000	\$13,927	(\$2,073)	87.0%	\$1,071	80.3%
Telephone	\$3,000	\$3,642	\$642	121.4%	\$321	128.6%
Fire Alarm	\$1,000	\$2,131	\$1,131	213.1%	\$785	941.9%
Waste Services	\$400	\$364	(\$36)	91.0%	\$26	78.0%
TOTAL Utilities	\$27,400	\$27,896	\$496	101.8%	\$2,969	130.0%
Benevolences						
Deacon Fund	\$12,000	\$7,102	(\$4,898)	59.2%	\$150	15.0%
Missions	\$5,400	\$13,285	\$7,885	246.0%	\$1,295	287.8%
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	\$22,180	(\$820)	96.4%	\$1,445	75.4%
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	\$2,837	(\$1,703)	62.5%	\$87	23.1%
TOTAL Rental Expense	\$46,540	\$32,281	(\$14,259)	69.4%	\$87	2.3%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$316,652	\$286,636	(\$30,015)	90.5%	\$14,721	55.8%

Sarasota First Brethren Church	
January 31, 2025	BALANCE SHEET
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CURRENT ASSETS	
Checking/Savings	
Everence FCU	
EFCU - Unrestricted	\$15,314
EFCU - Special	\$70,389
TOTAL Everence FCU	\$85,703
EFCU - Capital Savings	\$3
EFCU - Peru Savings	\$25
TOTAL Checking/Savings	\$85,731

Sarasota First Brethren Church	
January 31, 2025	SPECIALS BALANCE
SPECIAL INCOME	
Deacon Fund	\$1,700
CIA	\$350
Youth	\$2,595
Agape School Lunches	\$351
Holiday Flowers	\$109
Outreach	\$0
Resurrection House	\$100
Missions - Clarie & Evan	\$1,020
Building Improvement	\$6,237
Handyman Services	\$150
Kitchen Improvement	\$304
Milton Recovery	\$47,826
Memorials	\$7,148
PJH Scholarship	\$2,500
TOTAL SPECIAL INCOME	\$70,389

OUTSTANDING BILLS		MEMO	Amount
DATE	NAME		
1/1/25	Rev. David Stone		\$2,714
1/182025	Logan Rico		\$950
12/25/24	Barbara Ford-Coates Tax Collector	150 N Shade	\$6,166
12/25/24	Barbara Ford-Coates Tax Collector	2435 Fruitville Road	\$7,845
TOTAL			\$17,674

INCOME REPORT

January 31, 2025

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				Should be as of report date: 8.3%	Received this MONTH	Should be: 100.0%
	Year Budget	RECEIVED this YEAR	(\$) Yet to Receive this Year \$ RECEIVED Over Budget	% of Budget for the YEAR		% of Budget for the MONTH
Offering General	\$170,940	\$13,237	(\$157,703)	7.7%	\$13,237	92.9%
Other General						
Community Meetings	\$11,500	\$300	(\$11,200)	2.6%	\$300	31.3%
Agape Academy	\$40,000	\$0	(\$40,000)	0.0%	\$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	\$3,101	(\$34,108)	8.3%	\$3,101	100.0%
TOTAL Other General	\$126,984	\$3,401	(\$123,583)	2.7%	\$3,401	32.1%
Benevolence						
Missions	\$16,000	\$885	(\$15,115)	5.5%	\$885	66.4%
Total Benevolence	\$16,000	\$885	(\$15,115)	5.5%	\$885	66.4%
TOTAL INCOME	\$313,924	\$17,524	(\$296,400)	5.6%	\$17,524	67.0%
Other Income						
Special Income		\$2,820			\$2,820	

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Sarasota First Brethren Church

SPENDING REPORT

Should be as of report date: 8.3%				Should be: 100%	
(\$) Yet to SPEND this Year				SPENT this MONTH	
Year Budget	SPENT this YEAR	\$ SPENT Over Budget		% of Budget for the YEAR	% of Budget for the MONTH
SR Pastor					
Base Salary	\$41,470		(\$38,014)	8.3%	\$3,456
Housing	\$30,000		(\$27,500)	8.3%	\$2,500
Health Savings	\$4,600		(\$4,600)	0.0%	\$0
Retirement	\$4,785		(\$4,785)	0.0%	\$0
TOTAL SR Pastor	\$80,855		(\$74,899)	7.4%	\$5,956
Director of Children & Youth					
Director of C&Y Salary	\$18,000		(\$18,000)	0.0%	\$0
TOTAL Director of C&Y	\$18,000		(\$18,000)	0.0%	\$0
Custodian					
Custodian Salary	\$22,254		(\$20,027)	10.0%	\$2,227
Custodian Medical	\$2,160		(\$1,760)	18.5%	\$400
TOTAL Custodian	\$24,414		(\$21,787)	10.8%	\$2,627
Landscaper					
Landscaper Salary	\$6,000		(\$5,890)	1.8%	\$111
TOTAL Landscaper	\$6,000		(\$5,890)	1.8%	\$111
Extended Expense					
Conf Exp Pastor	\$2,400		(\$2,400)	0.0%	\$0
Honorarium	\$900		(\$900)	0.0%	\$0
Ministry Expense	\$100		(\$100)	0.0%	\$0
Med Insurance	\$10,000		(\$7,876)	21.2%	\$2,124
TOTAL Extended Expense	\$13,400		(\$11,276)	15.9%	\$2,124
Social Security/FBC					
SS Sr. Pastor	\$5,467		(\$4,939)	9.7%	\$529
SS Director of C&Y	\$1,377		(\$1,377)	0.0%	\$0
SS Custodian	\$1,702		(\$1,702)	0.0%	\$0
SS Landscaper	\$459		(\$459)	0.0%	\$0
TOTAL Social Security/FBC	\$9,006		(\$8,477)	5.9%	\$529
Office Expense	\$1,500		(\$1,401)	6.6%	\$99
Service	\$700		(\$700)	0.0%	\$0
Pastoral Care	\$300		(\$300)	0.0%	\$0
Stewardship	\$600		(\$544)	9.4%	\$56
Outreach					
O Agape School Lunches	\$2,000		(\$2,000)	0.0%	\$0
O General	\$10,000		(\$10,000)	0.0%	\$0
TOTAL Outreach	\$12,000		(\$12,000)	0.0%	\$0

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Sarasota First Brethren Church

SPENDING REPORT

				Should be as of report date: 8.3%			Should be: 100%
Year Budget	SPENT this YEAR	(\$) Yet to SPEND this Year	% of Budget for the YEAR	SPENT this MONTH			% of Budget for the MONTH
Hospitality	\$600	\$0	0.0%	\$0			0.0%
Congregational Enrichment	\$800	(\$600)	23.8%	\$191			286.1%
Education							
Education General	\$600	(\$588)	2.0%	\$12			23.5%
Education Youth	\$1,000	(\$1,000)	0.0%	\$0			0.0%
TOTAL Education	\$1,600	(\$1,588)	0.7%	\$12			8.8%
Property							
P Insurance	\$22,000	(\$16,879)	23.3%	\$5,121			279.3%
Taxes & Assessments	\$4,800	(\$4,800)	0.0%	\$0			0.0%
P General	\$34,500	(\$34,425)	0.2%	\$75			2.6%
TOTAL Property	\$61,300	(\$56,104)	8.5%	\$5,196			101.7%
Utilities							
Water	\$7,000	(\$6,070)	13.3%	\$930			159.3%
Electricity	\$18,000	(\$17,009)	5.5%	\$991			66.1%
Telephone	\$4,000	(\$3,668)	8.3%	\$332			99.6%
Fire Alarm	\$1,500	(\$1,500)	0.0%	\$0			0.0%
Waste Services	\$450	(\$450)	0.0%	\$0			0.0%
TOTAL Utilities	\$30,950	(\$28,697)	7.3%	\$2,253			87.3%
Benevolences							
Deacon Fund	\$6,000	(\$5,850)	2.5%	\$150			30.0%
Missions	\$16,000	(\$16,000)	0.0%	\$0			0.0%
Brethren Church National	\$2,000	(\$2,000)	0.0%	\$0			0.0%
TOTAL Benevolences	\$24,000	(\$23,850)	0.6%	\$150			7.5%
Rental Expense							
R Maint. & Misc.	\$30,000	(\$30,000)	0.0%	\$0			0.0%
R Taxes	\$12,000	(\$12,000)	0.0%	\$0			0.0%
R Sales Tax	\$2,199	(\$2,199)	0.0%	\$0			0.0%
TOTAL Rental Expense	\$44,199	(\$44,199)	0.0%	\$0			0.0%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$330,224	(\$310,921)	5.8%	\$19,303			70.1%