

Minutes
Executive Council Brethren Church
October 6, 2026

PRESENT: John Pitcock, Kaye Matthews, Grant Showalter, Jennifer Showalter, Dorothy Dekmar, Cindy Showalter, Martha Stone, Pastor Stone and Carolyn Solomon.

Meeting called to order at 6:01 PM with an opening prayer by David Stone.

PASTOR'S REPORT: See attached.

OUTREACH: Cindy noted two events are scheduled: Fall Festival 12:00 – 4:00 on 10/24/2026 and movie night 12/6/2026 at 6:00.

CONGREGATIONAL ENRICHMENT: Kaye. Attendance 55/56. Several come late. On 9-20-2026 young man from Ohio, found us on the live stream, hasn't been back yet, looking for a church home. Last Sunday Eli came to church for the first time. He also came to communion that night. He will be joining First Brethren Church and will be baptized a week from Sunday. Nursery has a screw missing from the handle. Cindy asked if Mike could do the announcements.

EDUCATION: No report

HOSPITALITY: Pastor Appreciation Day 10-18-2026. Thanksgiving dinner 11-22-2026.

PROPERTY: See attached.

STEWARDSHIP: Martha. See attached on Pastor Dave's report. Mission offerings were moved: October-Gratis Brethren Church, November-India, December-Chile. Motion Martha. Kaye Second. Approved unanimously.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: See attached. Did good in August, not so good in September.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jennifer. See attached. \$46,000 in the bank. \$22,000 designated. Jennifer will check to see how much has been given for the roof to update the thermometer. Update the endowment fund and use a different color on the thermometer.

OLD BUSINESS: Pastor Dave. Daycare 3% raise each year and they will take care of the maintenance of the building except for structure and major system replacement. They can do 3% but not big repairs. She wants a three year lease and a year's notice if the building gets sold. Motion passed unanimously.

We will ask the daycare to pass out flyers for Fall Fest, Christmas Eve and other events.

Bring a friend day February 14th, 2026 will be discussed at the next meeting on December 8th.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Grant. Ballots see attached. There might be some adjustments. Grant motioned John Second. Passed. Voting will be on 11-10-2026 at 6:00 PM.
2. Jennifer. Budget see attached.
3. Pastors salary. Jennifer discussed what it concludes which equals \$84,090. 3.5 % is \$2,943. Grant made the motion, John second. Increase in salary of \$3,000. Weekly amount of \$57.69. Passed unanimously.

MSC to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM with a closing prayer by Grant.

Respectfully submitted by

Dorothy Dekmar for Carolyn Solomon
Recording Secretary

Minutes
Executive Council Brethren Church
August 8, 2026

PRESENT: John Pitcock, Kaye Matthews, Ruth Schay, Martha Stone, Pastor Stone, Cindy Showalter, Dorothy Dekmar and Carolyn Solomon.

Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM with an opening prayer by Ruth Schay.

PASTOR'S REPORT: See attached.

OUTREACH: The summer movie nights were a success. The first and third had good attendance while the second one had fewer. It was suggested the movie was not geared towards children and it was July 4th weekend. We agreed to try again for December 6. Kaye will work on packets for visitors for that time.

CONGREGATIONAL ENRICHMENT: Nursery is being geared for younger children. Toys are being broken, maybe by the Ukrainian Church children.

EDUCATION: No report.

HOSPITALITY: Carry-in Sunday August 9, 2026, after the worship service

STEWARDSHIP: Mike Funkhouser and John Pitcock did the audit of the books and found all in order.

FINANCIAL SECRETARY: See attached.

TREASURER'S REPORT: See attached.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. MSC to have the mission offering for August and September to be for the Mennonite Disaster Services for August and Pucusana in Peru for September.
2. MSC That First Brethren Church of Sarasota, Florida, reimburse Pastor Stone for his Medicare premiums when he chooses to drop his church-paid current health insurance in favor of Medicare. Will be a pre-tax benefit.
3. MSC That First Brethren Church of Sarasota, Florida, pay for the Everence Medicare Supplement G.
4. Names for Nominating Committee:

MSC for nominating committee are Kaye Matthews, Peggy Pitcock, and Iris Helmuth.

5. Discussed the possible rent increase for the Daycare.

MSC to raise the rent 3 percent and they would be responsible for maintenance.

6. Discussed the Christmas shoebox program.

MSC to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 PM with a closing prayer by Pastor Stone.

Respectfully submitted,

Carolyn Solomon

Recording Secretary

Pastor's Report

First Brethren Church of Sarasota
Executive Council
October 2026

Report on August/September goals

- The new youth group has begun with the new school year. We are asking for more commitment from the youth so our attendance is much lower. However, the deeper commitment may make that a worthwhile change. Time will tell.
- I finished the planning for the small group series on the archaeology of the Exodus. I think everyone who has attended has enjoyed it.

Goals for October/November

- Prepare for the holiday season.
- Marketing for the Fall Festival.

Weekly Activities August/September

- Sunday worship practice at 8:30 A.M.
- Children Sunday school class helper.
- Build presentation slides for worship.
- Sunday 10:00 A.M. worship & live stream.
- Nightly online devotional on Facebook and YouTube.
- Wednesday night Bible study.
- Wednesday youth group meeting.
- Small group meeting on Wednesday.
- Maintain church web site.
- Hospital and other visits.
- Pre-marital and other counseling.

Non-weekly Activities

August/September

- Executive Council.
- Showfolks Circus Club prayer (2).
- Agape School board meeting (2).
- August carry-in dinner.
- Fixed two toilets.
- August movie night.
- Slavic church service and dinner.
- Take the youth out tubing.

Membership changes

- Charlie Barnett passed away.

Vacation/sick days

- None.

Comments

August and September, the depth of the summer slump, have still been busy for the work of the church. We have had a lot of needs of various kinds that the church has been able to help with. Everything from transport to doctors' appointments, financial help, counseling, etc.

Todd did a great job on the roof. It is looking great and he gave us a great price. The endowment fund helped get us over the top for funding. We have about \$38,000 left in that fund to spend that can help with the sanctuary roof.

Dorothy is working hard on the Operation Christmas Child box ministry.

I will be taking one week of vacation next month. We also have tenting for termites during the week of Thanksgiving.

It was great to get to October and have more people in the worship service.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor David

New Business

- Mission offering for October-December.
 - Gratis Brethren Church asked for help to tear down their irreparable parsonage to use the area for parking.
 - India
 - Chile
- Talk about Daycare lease.

Property Team
October 6th, 2026
To Do

5-8-26	Check the Bible racks for trash. Check the foam and replace if needed.
5-8-26	Scrub the bottom of all inside the church walls.
5-8-26	Power wash square light posts at all entrances.
May 2026	Check all pine trees that could fall on anything that could damage the church property.
May 2026	Remove weeds at the Cross and bench. Add pavers and rocks. Cross needs to be touched up with paint.
August 2026	Power wash tables and chairs.
September 2026	Remove two trees and replace with new ones.
September 2026	Paint all signs with blue paint.
September 2026	Covering for garbage cans at the church.
October 2026	Power wash between the church and the hall.
October 2026	The wood door to the hall near the church. The wood door near the daycare.
October 2026	Clean by hand pineapple lights on front welcome sign. Tighten screws.
October 2026	Paint inside of the education buildings, Been three years per Cindy.
January 23 rd , 2027	Community Clean up

Pending

5-21-2026	Church front entry has termites.		Pastor Dave. Will be tented on 11-23-2026.
May 2026	Roof over the sanctuary and office will be done when money is raised.	Dave S	
May 2026	Fence along the East area of the corner of the parking lot to hide the house with all the cars in the yard.	Dave S Ruth Shay reported to the city.	H & Y Fence to expensive.
May 2026	Leaking Baptism pool needs to be fixed properly, the way it should have been done when it was installed.	Dave S	Pastor Dave working with Kayla and Cody 10-6-2026.
May 2026	Rubber chair and table leg protectors	Grant	Ordered. Tables in storage still need to have protectors put on.
September 2026	Police no trespassing signs, replace and order 7 new to add near the shed and the school.	Dorothy	Police meeting 9-29-2026. Updating contract. Dave S hanging up new signs.

Completed since the last meeting.

Jennifer set the 2027 budget. Josh from the school power washed the north side of the church. The front welcome sign was power washed. Load of debris was taken to community clean up. Square Cement direction post in the parking lot removed. Oak tree near the school removed.

Financial Secretary Report

Offering budget/month: \$16,225.00

August 2026

Fund Source	
Building fund	\$5.00
Offering	\$5.00
Evan & Claire	\$20.00
Offering	\$20.00
Evan & Claire/Ch	\$180.00
Offering	\$180.00
General	\$20,081.92
MNMG	\$800.00
Offering	\$16,180.87
Play&Grow	\$3,101.05
Missions	\$900.00
Offering	\$900.00
Movie night	\$516.00
Offering	\$516.00
Pastor Supp.	\$1,200.00
Offering	\$1,200.00
ResurHouse.	\$100.00
Offering	\$100.00
Roof	\$1,105.00
Offering	\$1,105.00

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Offering	\$100.00
Roof	\$1,330.00
Offering	\$1,330.00

September 2026

Fund Source	
Evan & Claire	\$20.00
Offering	\$20.00
General	\$22,836.90
MNMG	\$40.00
Offering	\$11,616.85
Play&Grow	\$3,101.05
Rent Agape	\$7,749.00
Wed AA Beg.	\$330.00
Missions	\$980.00
Offering	\$980.00
Pastor Supp.	\$1,300.00
Offering	\$1,300.00

Sarasota First Brethren Church	
September 30, 2026	BALANCE SHEET
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CURRENT ASSETS	
Checking/Savings	
Everence FCU	
EFCU - Unrestricted	\$23,711
EFCU - Special	\$22,414
TOTAL Everence FCU	\$46,125
EFCU - Capital Savings	\$3
EFCU - Peru Savings	\$25
TOTAL Checking/Savings	\$46,153

Sarasota First Brethren Church	
September 30, 2026	SPECIALS BALANCE
SPECIAL INCOME	
Deacon Fund	\$3,866
CIA	\$350
Youth	\$2,595
Agape School Lunches	\$0
Holiday Flowers	\$39
Outreach	\$866
Resurrection House	\$0
Missions - Clarie & Evan	\$20
Building Improvement /Roof	\$4,577
Handyman Services	\$150
Kitchen Improvement	\$304
Milton Recovery	\$0
Memorials	\$7,148
PJH Scholarship	\$2,500
TOTAL SPECIAL INCOME	\$22,414

OUTSTANDING BILLS			
DATE	NAME	MEMO	Amount
10/1/26	Rev. David Stone		\$2,875
10/1/26	Kayla Stone		\$1,200
TOTAL			\$4,075

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Sarasota First Brethren Church

INCOME REPORT

Should be as of
report date:

75.0%

Should be:

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	\$194,700	\$184,944	(\$9,756)	95.0%	\$11,626	71.7%
Other General						
Community Meetings	\$9,000	\$4,570	(\$4,430)	50.8%	\$370	49.3%
Agape Academy	\$40,000	\$32,912	(\$7,088)	82.3%	\$7,749	232.5%
A Office Building 2435 Ig	\$37,500	\$27,909	(\$9,591)	74.4%	\$3,101	99.2%
Money Market Income Transfer	\$0	\$40,000	\$40,000	100.0%	\$0	0.0%
TOTAL Other General	\$86,500	\$105,391	\$18,891	121.8%	\$11,220	155.7%
Benevolence						
Missions	\$10,000	\$6,237	(\$3,763)	62.4%	\$980	117.6%
Total Benevolence	\$10,000	\$6,237	(\$3,763)	62.4%	\$980	117.6%
TOTAL INCOME	\$291,200	\$296,572	\$5,372	101.8%	\$23,826	98.2%
Other Income						
Special Income		\$28,502			\$2,750	

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Sarasota First Brethren Church
SPENDING REPORT

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report date:
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Should be:
100%

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	Year Budget	SPENT this YEAR	(\$ Yet to SPEND this Year	% of Budget	SPENT this MONTH	% of Budget
			\$ SPENT Over Budget	for the YEAR		for the MONTH
SR Pastor						
Base Salary	\$24,705	\$18,529	(\$6,176)	75.0%	\$2,059	100.0%
Housing	\$50,000	\$37,500	(\$12,500)	75.0%	\$4,167	100.0%
Health Savings	\$4,600	\$3,838	(\$762)	83.4%	\$0	0.0%
Retirement	\$4,785	\$2,393	(\$2,393)	50.0%	\$0	0.0%
TOTAL SR Pastor	\$84,090	\$62,260	(\$21,830)	74.0%	\$6,225	88.8%
Custodian						
Custodian Salary	\$30,000	\$24,039	(\$5,961)	80.1%	\$2,907	116.3%
TOTAL Custodian	\$30,000	\$24,039	(\$5,961)	80.1%	\$2,907	116.3%
Extended Expense						
Conf Exp Pastor	\$2,400	\$2,354	(\$46)	98.1%	\$0	0.0%
Honorarium	\$750	\$0	(\$750)	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Ministry Expense	\$100	\$0	(\$100)	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Med Insurance	\$13,000	\$9,630	(\$3,370)	74.1%	\$0	0.0%
TOTAL Extended Expense	\$16,250	\$11,984	(\$4,266)	73.7%	\$0	0.0%
Social Security/FBC						
SS Sr. Pastor	\$5,715	\$3,334	(\$2,381)	58.3%	\$0	0.0%
SS Custodian	\$2,295	\$1,505	(\$790)	65.6%	\$0	0.0%
TOTAL Social Security/FBC	\$8,010	\$4,839	(\$3,171)	60.4%	\$0	0.0%
Office Expense	\$1,500	\$779	(\$721)	51.9%	\$0	0.0%
Service	\$400	\$0	(\$400)	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
Stewardship	\$800	\$652	(\$148)	81.5%	\$9	13.4%
Outreach	\$10,000	\$4,632	(\$5,368)	46.3%	\$158	19.0%

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Sarasota First Brethren Church

SPENDING REPORT

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	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	\$318	(\$282)	53.0%	\$0	0.0%
Congregational Enrichment	\$2,100	\$1,255	(\$845)	59.8%	\$0	0.0%
Education						
Education General	\$1,500	\$845	(\$655)	56.4%	\$0	0.0%
Education Youth	\$500	\$0	(\$500)	0.0%	\$0	0.0%
TOTAL Education	\$2,000	\$845	(\$1,155)	42.3%	\$0	0.0%
Property						
P Insurance	\$16,000	\$29,772	\$13,772	186.1%	\$0	0.0%
Taxes & Assesments	\$6,500	\$7,010	\$510	107.8%	\$0	0.0%
P General	\$56,500	\$52,204	(\$4,296)	92.4%	\$817	17.3%
TOTAL Property	\$79,000	\$88,985	\$9,985	112.6%	\$817	12.4%
Utilities						
Water	\$7,500	\$4,836	(\$2,664)	64.5%	\$578	92.6%
Electricity	\$17,000	\$13,575	(\$3,425)	79.9%	\$1,855	130.9%
Telephone	\$4,000	\$2,956	(\$1,044)	73.9%	\$327	98.2%
Fire Alarm	\$1,500	\$1,586	\$86	105.7%	\$0	0.0%
Waste Services	\$450	\$297	(\$153)	66.1%	\$44	116.0%
TOTAL Utilities	\$30,450	\$23,251	(\$7,199)	76.4%	\$2,804	110.5%
Benevolences						
Deacon Fund	\$6,000	\$1,449	(\$4,551)	24.2%	\$150	30.0%
Missons	\$10,000	\$6,237	(\$3,763)	62.4%	\$980	117.6%
Brethren Church National	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0	100.0%	\$500	300.0%
TOTAL Benevolences	\$18,000	\$9,686	(\$8,314)	53.8%	\$1,630	108.7%
Rental Expense						
R Taxes	\$8,000	\$8,406	\$406	105.1%	\$0	0.0%
TOTAL Rental Expense	\$8,000	\$8,406	\$406	105.1%	\$0	0.0%
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$291,200	\$241,929	(\$49,271)	83.1%	\$14,551	60.0%

Sarasota First Brethren Church

Budget Report 2027-2

Prepared for the Eecutive Council Meeting

NPW
\$3,744.23

Needed per
week
3,983.77

	8 months			2026 Year Budget	PROPOSED 2027BUDGET	
	Jan - Aug'26	% of 2026 Budget	2026 Annualized			
Income						
20 Offering General	172,648	133%	258,972	194,700	0	207,156
21 Other General						
21-2 Community Meetings	4,200	70%	6,300	9,000	6,600	
21-5 Agape Academy	25,163	94%	37,745	40,000	24,750	
21-4 2435 Childcare	24,808	99%	37,213	37,500	38,900	
21-5 Money Market Income	40,000	100%	60,000	0	0	
Total 21 Other General	94,171	163%	141,257	86,500		70,250
22 Benevolence						
22-0 Missions	5,257	79%	7,886	10,000	10,000	
Total 22 Benevolence	5,257	79%	7,886	10,000		10,000
Total Income	272,077	140%	408,115	291,200		287,406
Expense						
01 SR PASTOR						
01-1 Base Salary	16,470	100%	24,705	24,705	24,705	
01-2 Housing	33,333	100%	50,000	50,000	50,000	
01-4 Health Savings	3,838	125%	5,757	4,600	4,600	
01-5 Retirement	2,393	75%	3,589	4,785	4,785	
Total 01 SR PASTOR	56,034	100%	84,051	84,090		84,090
04 CUSTODIAN						
04-1 Custodian Salary	21,131	106%	31,697	30,000	34,000	
Total 04 CUSTODIAN	21,131	106%		30,000		34,000
05 EXTENDED EXPENSE						
05-1 Mileage/Travel	0	0%	0			
05-2 Conf Exp Pastor	2,354	147%	3,530	2,400	3,000	
05-3 Conf. Exp Moderator	0	0%	0	0	0	
05-4 Honorarium	0	0%	0	750	750	
05-5 Ministry Expense	0	0%	0	100	100	
05-8 Med Insurance	9,630	111%	14,445	13,000	4,800	
Total 05 EXTENDED EXPENSE	11,984	111%	17,975	16,250	pp	8,650
06 SOCIAL SECURITY/FBC						
06-1 Sr. Pastor	3,334	87%	5,001	5,715	5,714.93	
06-4 Custodian	1,505	98%		2,295	2,601	
Total 06 SOCIAL SECURITY/FBC	4,839	91%	7,259	8,010		8,316
07 OFFICE EXPENSE	779	90%	1,169	1,500	1,500	
08 SERVICE	0	18%	0	400	400	
10 STEWARDSHIP	633	75%	950	800	800	
11 OUTREACH	4,473	67%	6,710	7,000	10,000	
12 HOSPITALITY	318	-11%	477	600	600	
13 CONG ENRICHMENT	1,255	56%	1,882	2,100	2,100	
14 · EDUCATION						
14-1 Ed General	845	85%	1,268	1,500	1,500	
14-2 Ed Youth	0	0%	0	500	500	
Total 14 · EDUCATION	845	63%		2,000		2,000
15 PROPERTY						
15-2 P Insurance	29,772	279%	44,657	16,000	30,000	
15-3 Taxes & Assessments	7,010	162%	10,515	6,500	7,500	
15-6 P General	71,387	190%	107,081	56,500	40,000	
Total 15 PROPERTY	108,169	205%	162,253	79,000		77,500
16 UTILITIES						
16-1 Water	4,258	85%	6,387	7,500	7,500	
16-2 Electricity	11,720	103%	17,580	17,000	17,000	
16-3 Telephone	2,629	99%	3,944	4,000	4,000	
16-4 Fire Alarm	1,586	159%	2,379	1,500	2,000	
16-5 Waste Services	254	85%	381	450	450	
Total 16 UTILITIES	20,447	101%	30,671	30,450		30,950
17 BENEVOLENCES						
17-1 Deacon Fund	2,290	38%	3,435	6,000	6,000	
17-0 Missions	5,145	32%	7,718	10,000	10,000	
17-5 National Church	1,000	50%	1,500	2,000	2,000	
Total 17 BENEVOLENCES	8,435	35%	12,653	18,000		18,000
18 RENTAL EXPENSE						
18-2 Rental Taxes	8,406	158%	12,608	8,000	8,500	
Total 18 RENTAL EXPENSE	8,406	158%	12,608	8,000		8,500
Total Expense	247,369	127%	371,054	288,200		287,406
Net				0		0