

## SONRISE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP STATED SESSION MEETING MINUTES

The Stated Meeting of the Session of SonRise Christian Fellowship was called to order Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 6:30PM.

### **PRAYER**

**ROLL CALL:** Rev. Banning Cantarini

**CLASS OF 2025**

Cory Bitting

**CLASS OF 2026**

Gayle Kott

Bob Mann

Cathy Smelser

Lougene Williams

**CLASS OF 2027**

Martha Garcia

Kirk Sandvig

Also Present: Greg Coppock, Executive Pastor, Beth Deutsch, Clerk of Session, Lisa Stowers, Deacon Moderator, Karl Stephens, Treasurer

Privileges of the floor: Greg Coppock, Beth Deutsch, Lisa Stowers, Karl Stephens  
Meeting Minutes of 12/2/25 were approved 12/9/25.

**MSC Approval of Agenda:**

Committee/Team Minutes Received: Missions, Finance.

### **CLERK'S REPORT:**

Deaths: Agatha Anderson 12/17/2025

Sharon Navarro 1/10/2026

Births: Caleb Huerte 12/30/2025

### **CONSENT DOCKET:**

	<b>November 2025</b>	<b>November 2024</b>
Gifts	\$ 67,590	\$ 61,678
<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 49,958</u>	<u>\$ 51,980</u>
Net Operating Income/(Loss)	\$ 17,632	\$ 9,698

### **DEACON REPORT**

Lisa reported they are still praying for more new Deacons. Six Deacons are retiring with only one confirmed new Deacon coming on board. Teresa Johnson will assume the role of Deacon Moderator on March 3, 2026. Deacons will bring valentine cookies on February 15<sup>th</sup>. They are planning a Name Tag Sunday in March and will provide sweets for after service to promote fellowship. Pastor Banning introduced the concept of Junior Deacons.

### **COMMITTEES:**

**Building & Grounds**

HVAC in CAC is ready to move forward. Pastor Greg has negotiated a contract with Welkin Heating & Air. In addition to the funds donated for the HVAC, we will need to use funds from the CAC remodel reserves to fully pay for the HVAC.

Discussed butcher block tops to complete the Connect tables and the steam cleaning of pews. **MSC** to contract for the installation of butcher block on the top of the Connect Tables and for steam cleaning of pews and to utilize the funds designated as Patio Furniture in our reserve account to partially offset the cost.

Discussed next phase of updating the downstairs area known as the Kids Zone. Discussed ideas on how to occupy kids as parents are staying after service to visit on the patio. This may require some capital expenditure. Session will pray about this and continue discussions.

#### Missions

Martha reviewed the Mission Committee Minutes regarding the Missions component of our Lent season series.

**MSC** SonRise volunteers (possibly Life Groups) will provide food, beverages, and some raffle prizes weekly for the Skate Church ministry at the Fallbrook Skate park during the upcoming Sermon series leading up to Easter (February 1 – March 29<sup>th</sup>)

#### Finance – 2026 Budget

Bob presented the Finance Committee recommended balanced budget. Discussed the youth program coordinator position. Discussed increasing the budgeted expenditures to include an increase for that position. Discussed moving the youth director and the preschool program coordinator positions from 1099 contracts into salaried positions. Karl cautioned that continued operating losses combined with needed deferred maintenance and capital expenditures is not a sustainable model. We need a strategy to increase giving.

**MSC** to approve the revised 2026 budget which projects an operating loss of \$40,000 and reflects an increased salary for the youth coordinator position and moving two 1099 contract positions to salaried positions. See Attached 2026 budget.

Discussed the need to provide financial education as we have done in the past with positive results. Discussed providing congregation with biblical teaching about tithes and offerings. Discussed a children's ministry component to foster a habit and mindset of faithful giving among our kids and youth.

#### Personnel

Discussed Children's Ministry, the tremendous growth in the program and gave thanks for our Children's Ministry staff.

Discussed the position of Youth Director position that is currently a part-time temporary 1099 contract.

**MSC** to create a salaried part-time position of Youth Director with a salary of \$30,000 per year.

Discussed the Live Streaming of the worship service and the new temporary 1099 contract position of Sunday Production Coordinator that was recently approved. Pastor Banning will finalize the duties and personnel committee will prepare an offer letter and begin the process for live streaming the worship service. There will be a capital expenditure needed to live stream estimated at \$5,000 - \$8,000. The year-long process will involve training someone to take on this task permanently. Clarified that Ryan will still be needed in the booth. Discussed phasing out the position of Video editor once we are live streaming.

## **PASTORS REPORT**

March 8<sup>th</sup> was set for the volunteer fair. Ministries will be asked to prepare a list of needs with descriptions of what volunteers do in those positions. That list should be distributed ahead of the Volunteer Fair. Discussed creating a QR code for volunteer opportunities that newcomers can use to find service opportunities.

February 10<sup>th</sup> is the due date for ministries to submit their reports for the Annual Congregational Meeting.

May 7<sup>th</sup> is the National Day of Prayer which we are hosting this year.

For Holy week we will have a Maundy Thursday potluck meal and worship service in the CAC. We will add a Good Friday service this year.

Summer Series will feature testimonies. Pastor Banning asks that Elders be in prayer about who we might ask to give their testimony.

**MSC** Adjourn at 8:30 PM with prayer

Respectfully Submitted,

Beth Deutsch, Clerk

**NEXT REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF SESSION  
FEBRUARY 24, 2026 AT 6:30PM**