

Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren Church Board Agenda

Monday, September 11, 2023, 6:45 PM in Discovery Room & via Zoom

In Attendance: Alyssa Cross (Clerk), Jeff Eisenbise (Chair), Duane Hernley, Kurt DeGoede, Jim Hollinger, Kurt Sollenberger, Kevin Engle (Chair Elect), Pastor Naomi Kraenbring, Lynne Hockley, Karen Ungemach, Pastor Jason Haldeman, George Snavelly, Dave Leiter, Gina Strouse, Kendra Gotshall (Treasurer), Joe Detrick (Moderator), Pastor Liz Bidgood Enders

I.	<p>Opening Devotions Board Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jeff opened the meeting with a reflection on hearing prophetic voices, inspired by Richard Rohr. Who is the religious establishment that is being called to task? Is it us? We need to hear that prophetic voice and ask ourselves, “how are we going to be that which we are called to be?” • The prophets were Jews, but they also critiqued Judiasm. Influence comes from being on the inside edge. We have to be able to critique our own group, our own self, our own teaching. Need both point and counterpoint to gain wisdom.
II.	<p>Acceptance of Previous Minutes Board Chair</p> <p>Action: Approval of August 14 Minutes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minutes accepted as presented.
III.	<p>Review of August Action via Email Board Chair</p> <p>The following proposal was communicated and voted on via email between the August and September board meetings, during the week of August 21:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kurt Sollenberger, on behalf of the Resources Commission, proposed that we donate the funds from the following conduits to the Belinda Kline Good Memorial Scholarship Fund at Elizabethtown High School: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acct 2689: Belinda K Good Memorial (\$355.00) ○ Acct 2688: Becca Reynolds Memorial (\$2,306.00) ○ Acct 2644: Softball Fundraiser (\$721.17) • The donation amount totals \$3,382.17. • The proposal received unanimous support from all voting members and was approved. • A check was sent to the Elizabethtown Area School District Scholarship Fund, earmarked and noted for the Belinda Kline Good Memorial Fund.
IV.	<p>Treasurer’s Report (Exhibit A) Treasurer</p> <p>Action: Approval of the Treasurer’s Report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report accepted as presented.
V.	<p>Board Chair Update & Report Board Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Bucher Swank will be ordained November 26 as part of the Sunday morning service. • Desiree Weaver Spidel starting the licensing process.
VI.	<p>Commission & Deacon Highlights & Concerns Commission Chairs</p>
	<p>Christian Education</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lined up Sunday School teachers for the fall. • Have new youth leaders: Sam & Kelly Epps, Jake & Desiree Weavel Spidel
	<p>Expressions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working towards bringing Walking Roots Band the weekend of November 11-12. Afternoon event, evening concert and participating in worship. • Looking at repairing some hymnals and assessing how many are needed in the pews.
	<p>Nurture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We appreciate the work of Jason Haldeman and Ally Mattern-Bradley who were largely responsible for organizing the church picnic along with many other volunteers. It was a fun event! • We also appreciate the generous gift of time and effort by Glenn Book, Ashley Haldeman and Amy Karr in making possible a book and podcast study using John Pavlovitz’ materials as a way of becoming more familiar with his message before he comes in person. • Other committees under Nurture that have been working hard lately include the Historical Committee and Rose Ann Wade, Barb Sweigart, and Sue Taylor who have organized the Guess Who Is Coming to Dinner events. The Prime Time Committee has developed a great agenda for the year that includes a

	visit to Rock Ford in October, a luncheon and speaker (John Paul Benowitz on our Anabaptist presidents), and a Christmas traditions inter generational story telling event and pot luck dessert in December.	
	Resources <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing process of refurbishing areas. Stair treads were redone just in time for nursery school to start. Doors were hung on the stage storage area. Kitchen prep continuing via sorting through items and paring down. Talking with the child care center to figure out how this will work. Amy is still working on figuring out the air conditioning system. Still trying to get the remote access to work properly. Parking lot lines were painted. College was accommodating and the cost was shared. 	
	Witness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Big events in August were successful in having a community presence and raising awareness: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Welcoming College Students back Etown Fair – would be great to have an article in the Messenger with some photos. Continuing to try to work to assist refugees. Working with Church World Service. No news on the Haiti family. Looking at potential interest in an anti-gun violence group. 	
	Deacons <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing work on Deacon duties: visitation, greeting, transportation, funeral meals, benevolence. Preparing for Love Feast and Communion in October Thanks to Lucy and Duane for helping with the funeral meals. 	
VII.	Reports from Pastors <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liz <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 11 days on the job! Jason <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thanks to Kevin for leadership in the Endowment Integrity Committee and educational opportunities (Money Talks) Encouraged by participation of volunteers for the picnic and the fair. Naomi <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Figuring out how to work together as a new team. Leaning into the ethics guidelines from the denomination regarding former pastoral staff. John Pavlovitz weekend details: Main speaking event is Friday evening. Saturday morning workshop (open to the congregation first). Sunday morning service. CAT survey is opening up on Sunday. 8-10 college students are attending the new Young Adult class. Report on NOAC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Well attended by members in this congregation. Was a good time for all attendees. Group will be meeting to discuss the topics presented by Mark Charles (re: discovery doctrine). 	Pastors
VIII.	Next Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Board Meeting: Monday, October 9, 6:45 pm Fall Council Meeting: Sunday, December 3, 2023 (Reports due November 13) 	
IX.	Word of Closure & Adjournment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm 	Board Chair

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Cross (Clerk)
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