

**Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren  
Church Board Minutes**

**Saturday, January 27, 2024, 8:00 AM in Young Center & via Zoom**

**In Attendance:** Alyssa Cross (Clerk), Joe Detrick (Moderator), Kevin Engle (Board Chair), Don Ziegler, Duane Hernley, George Snavely, Vida Snavely, Pastor Jason Haldeman, Joanne Hershey, Karen Ungemach, Kirk Kreider, Kurt DeGoede, Kurt Sollenberger, Pastor Liz Bidgood Enders, Lois Herr, Lynne Hockley, Pastor Naomi Kraenbring, Pat Hoffer, Paula Knudsen Burke, Peggy Shaffer, Sandy Brubaker, Tom Campbell, Craig Coble, Ken Shaffer, Kendra Gottshall

I.	<p><b>Welcome, Centering, and Devotions</b> <span style="float: right;">Kevin Engle, Chair &amp; Pastor Liz</span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pastor Liz led the group in a reflection on internal and external perceptions. These perceptions, written on different sides of a strip of paper led way to a mobius strip activity, inspired by Parker Palmer's "A Hidden Wholeness", which offered a new perspective on how these inner and outer surfaces flow into each other to create the whole.</li> </ul>
II.	<p><b>Announcements</b> <span style="float: right;">Kevin Engle, Chair</span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Overview of Board Packet</li> <li>● Kendra Gottshall, Treasurer, reviewed 2023 preliminary year end financials. The final numbers will be presented at the February board meeting</li> </ul>
III.	<p><b>Highlights of CAT Survey Report</b> <span style="float: right;">Pastor Naomi</span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● This congregation feels positive about the way things are going right now <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Worship services that are exceptional in both quality and spiritual content</li> <li>○ Pastors articulate a clear vision for our church and keep it before the people in a compelling way</li> <li>○ Pastors help us accomplish our mission by bringing out the best in everyone</li> <li>○ Leaders of our church show a genuine concern to know what people are thinking when decisions need to be made</li> <li>○ Pastors communicate with people in a way that keeps us informed and connected.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Goals that need attention to continue to build strength and positivity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Attract families with children and youth to our church</li> <li>○ Renew and revitalize the community around the church by building coalitions with partners that share this vision and commitment</li> <li>○ Expand outreach ministries that provide direct services to those living on the margins of society (i.e. homeless, immigrant, transient persons)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
IV.	<p><b>Breakout Group Discussion of Top 3 Priorities</b> <span style="float: right;">Group Discussions</span></p>
V.	<p><b>Whole Group Sharing &amp; Debriefing</b> <span style="float: right;">Kevin Engle, Chair</span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● After two different breakout sessions, the group came back together and shared their takeaways.</li> <li>● A summary of the discussion will be available at the next board meeting</li> </ul>
VI.	<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● February Board Meeting: 2/12/2024</li> </ul>
VII.	<p><b>Closing</b> <span style="float: right;">Joe Detrick, Moderator</span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Joe offered a reflection on the feeding of the 5,000. God cares about what happens to people's bodies. He cares about our whole selves. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers. Our gifts can be expanded and multiplied.</li> <li>● Joe led the group in singing "Sent forth by God's blessing"</li> <li>● Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am</li> </ul>

Respectfully submitted,  
Alyssa Cross (Clerk)  
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