

ELIZABETHTOWN CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

FALL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

November 19, 2017

I. Welcome and Worship

Carroll Kreider, Moderator opened the meeting at 12:30. Pastor Pam Reist said a short prayer.

II. Overview of Agenda

The Agenda was approved as presented.

III. Acceptance of Minutes

A. Spring Council - May 21, 2017

The Minutes from the May 21, 2017 Church Council meeting are **approved** as written.

IV. Order of the Day:

A. Affirmation of Ministerial Licensing for Josh Tindall, Naomi Kraenbring, Rose Baer

**Action A: Motion** by Ralph Detrick to re-affirm the licensing of Josh Tindall, Naomi Kraenbring, Rose Baer to the ministry in the Atlantic Northeast District of the Church of the Brethren. Seconded by Gene Ellis. **Approved.**

B. Ministerial Licensing of Jason Haldeman

**Action B: Motion** by Ralph Detrick to license Jason Haldeman to the ministry in the Atlantic Northeast District of the Church of the Brethren pending district approval. Seconded by Ken Kreider. **Approved.**

V. Treasurer's Report (Exhibit A)

**Action C: Motion** by John Over to Accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Barry Garman. **Approved.**

VI. Pastoral Team Report (Exhibit B)

The Pastors reviewed items in report. The Pastors also shared that they will be in touch with Church World Service regarding a Dreamer who was recently in need of assistance. Pastor Josh Tindall shared that he is planning to launch a children's music ministry group beginning January 2018 on Wednesday afternoons. Pastor Greg Laszakovits shared that part of the Church's mission is to reach as many people and the music ministry is no different. John David Bowman expressed his thanks for including acapella hymn singing to Worship services.

VII. Report of Church Board

1. **Christian Education Commission** (Exhibit C)

2. **Expressions Commission** (Exhibit D)

The Expressions Commission is looking for volunteers to help the team.

3. **Nurture Commission** (Exhibit E)

The Nurture Commission is looking for a one year appointed member.

4. **Resources Commission** (Exhibit F)

5. **Witness Commission** (Exhibit G)

6. **Deacons** (Exhibit H)

Will have four new teams of deacons in the new year.

7. **Board Chair**

A. HR Committee has hired Crystal Crater to fill the office position.

B. Asks for continued prayers.

C. Building Improvement Updates. The congregation had identified needs, and is challenging the group to be more creative. Encourages the congregation to stay engaged in this conversation. The committee is continuing their work.

D. Carroll Kreider, Moderator, and Nancy Hivner, Board Chair-Elect, expressed their appreciation of Matt Heinz and the work he has done in the role of Board Chair.

8. **Ministry Action Plan (MAP)**

MAP has invigorated the Children's Ministry and has continued to deepen relationships by increasing the engagement of small groups. The LEAP team has created partnerships with two congregations. LEAP will reconvene to discuss how to use the Church's positive progressive voices in our denomination. The Spirituality team has prepared Lenten services. The Worship Attendance group has looked at how to form relationships with targeted groups. The Building Improvement Team prepared office space for Pastor Jason Haldeman.

VIII. Affirmation of Reports

**Action D: Motion** by John David to receive & accept the Reports of the Commissions, Committees, and Pastors. Seconded by Karen Ungemach. **Approved.**

IX. Gifts Discernment Committee - 2018 Church Leadership Slate (Exhibit I)

**Action E: Motion** by Gene Ellis to accept the Slate for 2018 Church Leadership Group Members with the addition of Ellen Flory in the Nurture Commission who moved from a one-year term to a three-year term. Seconded by Barry Garman. **Approved.**

X. Proposed Budget for 2018 (Exhibit J)

Discussion: The Finance Committee is concerned by the offering number. It is imperative that if we approve this budget our future giving should reflect the budget.

**Action F: Motion** by Matt Heinz to accept the Proposed Budget for 2018. Seconded by Jim Hoffer. **Approved** as presented.

XI. Constitution Proposed Amendment (Exhibit K)

Discussion: John David Bowman expressed concerns regarding terminology of an inactive member versus a separated member. A Congregation member expressed confidence in those who have looked at this Amendment and made decisions.

**Action G: Motion** by Matt Heinz to accept proposed amendment to the Constitution as presented. Seconded by Barry Garman. One opposed. 81-1. **Approved** as presented.

XII. Reflections and Closing Prayer.

Pastor Jason had a short prayer and Carroll Kreider, Moderator, closed the meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jaynie Korzi, Church Clerk  
December 2, 2017