

Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren
Church Council Minutes
May 22, 2022 11:30 AM in the sanctuary and via Zoom

I.	<p>Welcome & Call to Order Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joe Detrick opened the meeting at 11:39 am. His opening remarks referenced Nehemiah and the destruction of the city and the people being led into slavery. Nehemiah was charged with rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem. The people committed themselves to the common good and had a mind to work together and things happened. Much can be accomplished with cooperation.
II.	<p>Opening Prayer Pastor Pam</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pam led the congregation in prayer.
III.	<p>Overview and Acceptance of Agenda Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agenda accepted as presented.
IV.	<p>Acceptance of Minutes Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fall Council (November 21, 2021) minutes accepted as presented.
V.	<p>The Treasurer's Report -- Exhibit A Treasurer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary Two-Year Comparative Balance Sheet (December 31, 2021) Summary Comparative Income Statement Brethren Foundation Fund Analysis (Jan 1 - Oct 31) GI Account Summary Report (Jan 1 - Oct 31) <p>Questions & Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jim Hollinger: Observation on the long-term funds as it relates to Witness Commission. At the beginning of the year, the total funds in the O&M account were \$779k. Witness manages the expenditures of those funds and can spend 4% of the fund over the course of the year. Since the council made the decision to set aside a portion of the account for the building project in the long-term fund, Witness only has access to 4% of the balanced fund, which is a significant difference. Concern moving forward about O&M money being tied to the building project. Jim Beckwith: Can you explain how disbursements are handled from the long-term funds? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expenses are paid out of cash on hand and then the amount is transferred out of the long-term fund at the end of the year as a lump sum. Ray Leckrone: Notices that special funds dominate the budget and the balance sheet which indicates an inefficient use of financial resources. Recommends an annual budget vs special funds disbursement efficiency rate comparison. Ron Good: Question regarding salary payments for Eric Landram and district policy. What process was followed regarding those decisions? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Will be addressed during the Board Chair report. <p>Action A: Motion to Accept the Treasurer's Report by Craig Coble. Treasurer's Report accepted as presented.</p>
VI.	<p>Pastoral Team Reports -- Exhibit B Pastors</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refer to the written report for full detail. Thrilled that Naomi will be joining the pastoral team and looking forward to operating as a team of three. We will miss Josh but rejoice in his calling to lead in a new way. Annual Conference and National Youth Conference will both take place in person this summer.
VII.	<p>Ordination request for Josh Tindall Moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> District Board approved the ordination of Josh. Josh shared that he will be serving as senior pastor of the Wesleyan Church of the Cross congregation in Carlisle. Feeling fear in response to the calling, but choosing to act in spite of it. Expressed thanks for the journey that brought him to this point.

	Action B: The congregation unanimously affirms the ordination of Josh Tindall with a total of 78 votes in favor and 0 opposed.	
VIII.	<p>Reports of Church Board -- Exhibit C</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Church Board Chair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Chronological report of Board actions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Amendment to the April note: College has decided not to proceed with the land transfer. ○ Report on Interim Agreement with Naomi Kraenbring ○ Special thanks to the Building Improvement Committee for their dedication and work over the past 7 years (Barry Garman, Jim Hoffer, Mike Bierbower, Dick Keeseey, Lisa Clemmens) ● Refer to written reports for details from the Christian Education Commission, Expressions Commission, Nurture Commission, Resources Commission, Witness Commission, and the Deacons <p>Questions & Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Carroll Kreider: Thanks to the congregation for approving the budget last year that allowed the Resources Commission to use \$88k for special projects. The Resource Commission is working with the Building Improvement Committee to address updates for the classrooms (painting and flooring). (\$55k for paint, \$13k to restore floors, + additional for 2 rooms that need to have the flooring replaced. Hallways will not be addressed at this time. New washer/dryer downstairs for daycare use.) In response to the concern about spending money on ourselves: we have not been spending money on upkeep for this building for a long time and now the need has arisen. 	Moderator
IX.	<p>Building Committee and Improvement Plan Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● At a Special Meeting on May 1, the Board considered a presentation from the Building Improvement Committee to award a bid for the installation of the HVAC equipment. After a review of available funding, the Board agreed to award the contract for the installation. <p>Questions & Discussion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Anna Belser: Acknowledges the amount of time and work that has gone into this project and has faith in the leadership for this endeavor. Sorry to hear that the building of the addition is not in the works, but understand that circumstances have changed. Whatever we do next, am grateful to be more cognizant of what our resources are and what we can afford. ● Jim Beckwith: There was a desire to do the installation of HVAC of the existing building and new construction at the same time due to efficiencies. Can you speak to that? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The decision was made to continue to use the units that are serving the existing building. 	Board Chair
X.	<p>Affirmation of Reports</p> <p>Action C: Motion to receive & accept the reports of the Commissions, Committees, and Pastors by John Over. The reports are accepted unanimously.</p>	Moderator
XI.	<p>Reflections and Questions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Joe reaffirmed that the Pastors, Board Chair, and Moderator are always available for questions or to hear ideas that should be presented to the Board for consideration. 	Moderator
XII.	<p>Closing Prayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Pastor Josh led the congregation in singing Blessed Be the Tie that Binds and the meeting concluded at 1:13 pm. 	Pastor Josh

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Cross, Clerk
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