

Newington Baptist Church
Quarterly Business Meeting
Sunday April 16, 2023

Bob Hinson, Moderator, called the meeting to order followed by a prayer by Pastor Chris Grella.

The minutes from January 22, 2023, were approved as printed on the agenda.

Reports:

Financial: Wanda German, Treasurer, gave an overview of:

- Congregational Report, which included Money Market CD and Ellis Hall CD, Designated Funds, Profit & Loss vs. Actual. The report was approved.

Action Teams and Committees:

- **Board of Directors:** Jerry German reported that the Board is reviewing policies and procedures, Incorporation work is done, Insurance is done, working on church security and working on a 5-year plan for contracts.
- **Properties:** Joe Semanski reported that the team is working on replacing all florescent bulbs with LED bulbs, sealed the old chimney, helped with construction in Ema's Closet, restored power in Youth Room, still working on locks on the exterior doors and all inspections are up to date.
- **Children's Ministry:** Heather King reported that she would like to see more children participate in the Bible Challenge, Sunday School and Kid's Worship attendance has increased, Egg Hunt was a huge success with 125 children, 33 children have registered for VBS already, VBS Leader training will take place soon. Prayer requests: VBS, Nursery Coordinator, 1st – 5th grade Sunday School teacher, Kid's life Leader.
- **Preschool:** Stephanie Smith reported that the year is winding down, next year's 4-year-old class is full, 3-year-old class has 3 spaces left, teachers are taking emergency training classes.
- **WMU & Cemetery Committee:** Jerry Young reported that the Clothes Closet celebrated 25 years this past February, over 7 million clothes have been given out free of charge. The Cemetery Committee met and decided on new prices for lots.

- **Youth:** Brenda Armistead reported Youth Sunday was great and she got to baptize for the first time, \$800 from Mystery Dinner and \$700 from Paint Night were raised for Youth Camp this summer, the youth enjoyed stuffing eggs with candy for the Egg Hunt, they pulled weeds from the church flowerbeds. Fundraisers coming up, sub sandwiches will be sold on the 5th Sunday, Tidal Wave Carwash coupons will be sold, a \$10 spaghetti dinner will be held on July 7 at Courthouse Restaurant. Having a new projector will allow Youth to begin a mission study. Graduation Sunday is coming soon.
- **Stewardship:** Bob Hinson reported that spending is in line with the budget, more is spent on utilities so please remember to turn the lights off! Water and HRSD bills are up because of more baptisms being done, Praise God! Designated giving is increasing, and counters are working very hard. Online giving is good, and the church will be audited this year.
- **OCC:** Rachel reported the Wednesday Night Packing Party was a hit and 371 shoeboxes were filled, fundraising ideas are welcomed, Tammy Lutig has been sorting, and when you shop keep an eye out for deals.
- **Missions and Benevolence:** Frank Wingfield reported we have 3 missionaries we support, and benevolence has gone for homelessness and short-term needs.
- **Personnel:** Buddy King reported the committee has been working on job descriptions, getting coverage for Angie, our office manager, when she needs to be out, and the Daffodil Festival paid Heather Honchak, our custodian, to work for them at the Daffodil Show in our gym.
- **Young At Heart:** Terri Townsend reported everything is going well and the attendance is great.
- **Sunday School:** Billy Hogge reported there are 9 classes now with 2 new classes added Parent Adventures and Back to the Future, prayers are needed to supply 4 new teachers because the 1st – 6th grade class needs to split into 2 classes 1st – 3rd grade and 4th – 6th grade, Sunday School Picnic is June 9 at Beaverdam Park. The church needs to pray for new Sunday School Directors because Billy and Patricia will be retiring on the last of August 2023.
- **Pastor:** Pastor Chris Grella thanked the church staff, and reported a New Member Class will be on May 20th, we will participate in the National Day of Prayer May 4th, child dedication will be on Mother's Day, Grad's Day June

4th, Youth will share camp experiences Aug.13th, 150th NBC anniversary
October 1st, Leadership Team working on Vision Statement.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Jeraldine Young, Clerk