

Newington Baptist Church
Quarterly Business Meeting
Sunday April 21, 2024

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

The minutes from Sunday January 21, 2024, printed on the agenda were corrected. The BOD statement recorded, "Looking into rezoning NBC property so electronic sign can be installed", "rezoning" was changed to "ordinance change of". Following the change the minutes were approved.

Reports:

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

- * Designated Funds as of March 21, 2024
- * Congregational Report January – March 2024
- * Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual Jan. - March 2024

The report was approved.

Action Teams & Committees:

1. Preschool: Stephanie Smith

- * Year to end in couple of months. We're going over our budget and making plans for next year.
- * A few spots are available for next year.
- * April 29 we will have our Spring Program.
- * May 24 we will have our End of Year Celebration
- * Thanks to all who volunteered, donated things, and prayed for our success.

2. Children's Ministries: Heather King

- * Thanks to the volunteers who made the Egg Hunt a success! 150 goody bags were given out 25 more than last year. Some families came in after registration was closed.
- * Fire and Ice Family night was also a big success.
- * Kids Life ministry continues to grow in number and in discipleship. This years program ends May 29 and beginning back in Sept.

* VBS prep night is May 14th at 6 PM. VBS is June 24 – 28. Please volunteer.

* Our Newington Preschool has been a great partner in all our children's activities.

3. Board of Directors: Jerry German

* **Church Insurance:** Changed to Brotherhood Mutual saving \$8,943.00. Brotherhood Mutual covers \$6,918,000.00 for facility and \$1,384,000.00 for personal property.

* **Insurance Budget:**

The BOD budgeted \$19,000.00 for insurance for 2024-2025. total insurance bill was \$15,514.00. This was a budget saving of \$3,486.00 and a \$2,487.00 credit from Church Mutual because our cancellation date was Feb. 15, 2024, making a total savings of \$5,973.00 that was voted on by the church in March to move the money to the maintenance budget to replace the carpet in the church entrance and hallways.

The BOD has videoed the entire church inside and outside for insurance purposes. These videos are in two secure locations if needed. We are in the process of taking a physical inventory of the church personal property now.

* **Church Maintenance:**

Lots of projects have been done and more to be done as we work on the future 2024 maintenance plan.

* **Church Message Board at Church Entrance:**

The "New" message Board which is the original message board from in front of the "old sanctuary". Corky Hogge had stored it for safe keeping then Ron Michard refurbished it so Joe Semanski and Jerry German could plant it. Let Angie Grella know if you want to post any announcement on the sign.

* **Church Calendar:**

Asking everyone who is planning on using or having a meeting at the church to please put it on the calendar or inform Angie. She must know what is going on to let the right people in the the church. This is for the security of the staff and other people. **This is very important!!** Not knowing what's going on puts Angie in a very difficult situation.

* **Policies & Procedures:**

The BOD has completed the review of all the committees and teams P&P for 2024. You may find the current P&P on NBC'S website under documents.

* NBC Constitution & By-laws Review:

The BOD will be selecting a separate committee to do a complete review of its current C&B. It's been over 5 years since the C&B was voted on and there are changes that need to be made.

* Church Incorporation Renewal:

Completed with, Simms Showers, the church's law firm, the last week in March.

4. Stewardship: Bob Hinson

* Continuing to invest monies

* Committee spending reports sent

* Audit was positive. Outside – every 5 years; Inside – every year

Recommendations from Audit –

Back up for Tori our bookkeeper and BOD do inventory.

5. Properties: Joe Semanski

* Fixed Men's downstairs toilet

* Replaced LED bulb in downstairs ladies bathroom

*Removed grease trap from kitchen

* Painted downstairs classroom

*Installed new sign at Welcome Entrance

*Replaced ceiling tiles in Gym

*Replaced LED beside playground & back of church

*Replaced carpet

6. Youth: Brenda Armistead

*Peanut Butter Egg Fundraiser: \$1423.00

*Sun. May 19th: Youth Sunday & Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser after service [cost: donation]

*SS attendance staying steady [average 6-8]

*Wed. night recently had 23 in attendance [avg with sports in full swing about 14-18 a week]

*Camp week: July 21-26 [Camp Piankatank]. All deposits have been collected [\$125 each student] 14 attending.

* June 2nd Grad Recognition

7. Sunday School: Billy Hogge

*Thanks to all teachers for dedication

*May 6th SS teacher meeting

*June 30 SS picnic at Beaverdam Park after Church service

8. Benevolence: Frank Wingfield

*Newington gave \$1000.00 towards the \$12,088.97 needed by Jubilee Churches of Gloucester

9. Pastor: Pastor Chris Grella

* Pew cards results – Blue: 50% have become members; Green: avg 1 a week and are prayed for by staff and put on prayer list.

*Leadership has been meeting.

*Planning an outdoor baptism

* Sermon Series: July – Paul

* Wed. Bible study – finishing Samuel; Spiritual Gifts – May

Bob asked for any new business and there being none the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeraldine Young, Clerk

Pastors (President) Monthly Report to the board – 7/18/24

Overall Newington status: *Ministries are good...Answered prayers...Attendance/giving is maintaining*

In terms of our Newington MIINSTRY: a few special things you may not be aware of...

- Life of Paul series seems to be going well.
- 9 month series on the Gospel of Mark begins Aug. 4th.
 - January will begin a 'Reading through Gospels' year for the entire church.
- All discipleship classes for the church have been completed and taught at least once.
- Missions team has put preliminary 2025 budget together. Goal will be support of 5 families/missionary
 - Praying about a possible trip to Appalachia next March.
- Newington fundraising calendar: Next...Philly trip supplies (MTBA) & Bethel Bear backpack (\$\$) Aug. 18
- L.A.T (Min. leaders) – have conclude our work on mission strategies. Next mtg. is Aug. 26.
- Still actively attend the MTBA Pastors conference each month. (Next will be in September)
- Jubilee churches (19 churches) continue. Deacons just gave another \$500 gift.
- Men's fellowship (1st Thurs. of month) continues. About 8-12 attending. (next is Thurs. Aug. 1st)
- Have worked with the Clothes Closet volunteers to put together updated Policy and procedures.
- **The second C&B meeting went well. Seven folks on board. We have begun a full review, pt. by pt.**
- **VBS was a great success. 120+ (40+ volunteers) kids attended. 6 known first time decisions.**
- On board for March for Jesus with Good News Gloucester – Sat. Sept. 21.

In terms of our Newington FACILITY: Board is on top of this. No issues currently.

- Board is working on a long-range plan of facility updates, repairs and upgrades.

In terms of our Newington VOLUNTEERS/STAFF:

- Steve Kancianic and Walter Johnson are re-entering deacons team. Brian Landers is new.
- Jim Pyatt - stepping off the deacon team.
- Sherry Landers is praying about a new ministry role with the dev. Disabled (w/ Baron Luechaeur)

In terms of our ATTENDANCE: It seems that we have maintained our growth #'s of about 120-130.

In terms of our Newington FINANCES: We just inched ahead recently in our giving !

Upcoming Events and Special Sunday's:

July 21-26 – Youth camp trip to Piankatank
July 28 – Volunteer Appreciation Sunday
July 31-Aug.21 - NO Wed. Bible Study (4 week break) (Also, NO youth on July 24 & Aug. 14)
Aug. 4 – Message series on the Gospel of Mark begins, continues until Easter 2025.
Aug. 11 – Outdoor Baptisms & Picnic @ Bobbi Morgan's home.
Aug. 18 – Bethel Bear Backpack & Deacon ordination Sunday
Aug. 21-25 – Pastor Chris gone to Pa for Nathan's wedding
Aug. 25 – Youth Sunday / Worship service - review of camp)
Sept. 1/8 – Gloucester Fire & Rescue snacks and card gathering
Sept. 8 – Promotion Sunday for children's and Youth grades
Sept. 15 - Missionary of the Month video from Bobi S.
Sept. 29 – Kids Worship & Covered Dish Sunday.
Oct. 30 – OCC Packing party - Date??
Nov. 4-6 – Five Newington couples to 'The Cove' in Asheville N.C.
Nov. 10 – Pastor Chris day off (Pastor Larry speaking)
Dec. 8 – Lottie Moon flag parade