

Newington Baptist Church
Quarterly Business Meeting
Sunday, July 21, 2024

- I. Call to Order
 - a. Bob Hinson, Moderator, called the meeting to order followed by a prayer by Pastor Chris Grella.
 - b. The Minutes from Sunday, April 21, 2024, were reviewed and approved.
- II. Financial Reports: Wanda German, Treasurer
 - a. Designated funds as of June 30 2024: \$149,576.10
 - b. Benevolence fund is being used actively to help others in our community.
 - c. Congregational Report from April to June 2024 shows money moved from operating account to CDs to earn interest, but remains accessible to us if we need it.
 - d. Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual: 56% of budget spent by the end of June, which is about on target to finish within budget by the end of the year.
 - e. Financial report was approved as presented.
- III. Action Teams and Committees:
 - a. Children's Ministries: Heather King
 - i. VBS Recap: Many thanks to the 40+ volunteers and additional supporters of VBS. About 120 kids participated, averaging 115 a day. We had amazing feedback about how much families love VBS at Newington. Several kids expressed interest in following Jesus and shared they first learned about Jesus at a Newington VBS.
 - ii. Fall planning underway to re-start KidzLife on Wednesdays after school begins and tentatively scheduled our Sunday School promotion day for Sunday, September 8th.
 - b. Nominating: Heather King
 - i. Our full update with volunteer changes will be presented in October.
 - ii. Offered the nominations of 5 new members to our church counting team to be added upon completion of a background check on each candidate: Sherry Landers, Brian Landers, Bobby Blymyer, Joyce Blymyer, Kim Hogge. Voted to approve their nomination as Counting Team members.
 - iii. Thanked Jerry Young for serving as our Church Clerk faithfully and announced that she had submitted her resignation. We will be looking for a new Church Clerk to begin by the next business meeting in October. The Church Clerk needs to be a church member and will

take notes at our quarterly business meetings and send them to the church secretary and Board of Directors chairman.

c. Board of Directors: Jerry German

- i. Thanks to the Nominating Team for filling open positions.
- ii. Constitution Committee update: Pastor and six others are reviewing the church constitution and bylaws. This was last done 6 years ago.
- iii. CPR training: They are looking to offer a training class, open to the congregation, for a fee of about \$25 to \$35 per person in either September or October.
- iv. Financial Audit update: We had four suggested actions following our audit. Two are complete. We are completing the last two now, which are to write the Policies and Procedures for handling building use fees and to conduct a physical inventory of everything in the church, something the insurance has also asked for. Committee Chairs will help with the inventory.
- v. The Board sent scholarship payments for three students: Victoria King, Lauren King and Josh Grella.
- vi. Thanks to Susan and Angie for their work on the website and app.
- vii. We are on schedule according to our 5-year maintenance plan.
- viii. Outside Sign: We are working on a replacement sign. The county ordinance is against electronic signage, so we're considering options, doing research, getting estimates, etc. Hope to decide on a plan and include it in next year's budget to be completed in 2025.
- ix. Landscaping: Have a goal to improve curb appeal. Have had landscaping done and looking to establish a landscaping contract for 2025 so that church members are no longer doing the work.
- x. Policies and procedures: All P&P are up to date, including a recent update for the Counting Team as we prepare to train new members.
- xi. Starting August 1st, we will begin the nominating process for a new board member as Stan Ward is about to rotate off the board at the end of the year.

d. Stewardship Committee: Bob Hinson

- i. Overall, committees have done a great job controlling spending and not going over budget.
- ii. Our estimated giving for this point of the year was \$167,143. Although the report shows our total expenses as \$187,647.64, that includes \$20,000 we put into deferred maintenance, so it's actually at about \$167,647. Our giving/income is \$162,605.40 by the end of June, a

difference of about \$5000. Reminded committees to continue to keep spending under control and let the Stewardship Team know if we need to go over budget.

- iii. The 2025 Budget process will begin soon. Committee Chairs will be contacted about next year's requests.
- iv. Some reminders from the Counting Team:
 - 1. Please be sure to write separate checks for separate donations instead of trying to include offering and designated donations on the same check.
 - 2. Please ensure your check is signed, dated, and the amounts match.
 - 3. Please complete the outside of the offering envelope.
 - 4. Checks are always made payable to Newington Baptist Church, even if it's for another ministry like CareNet.
- e. Personnel: Buddy King
 - i. Personnel completed the annual review for Pastor Chris.
 - ii. Heather Honchak is away on vacation for two weeks at the end of July. Buddy King and Joe Semanski will be covering for her while she's away.
 - iii. Personnel also continues to provide coverage when Angie is out of the office, including when she'll be away in August.
- f. Deacons: Buddy King
 - i. Joe Semanski is away, so Buddy King presented the report for the deacons.
 - ii. Jim Pyatt is rotating off the deacons.
 - iii. Walter Johnson and Steve Kancianic have agreed to serve again.
 - iv. Brian Landers has been nominated as a new deacon.
 - v. New deacons were approved. This will bring our total number of deacons serving from 8 this past year to 10 for the coming year. Deacon ordination for Brian Landers will be held on Sunday, 8/18.
- g. Youth Ministries: Brenda Armistead
 - i. Camp begins this afternoon at Camp Piankatank. 14 youth attending.
 - ii. Youth Sunday planned for 8/25. The youth will share about camp.
 - iii. Lock-in planned for Friday, 9/13.
 - iv. Chili Cookoff planned for 11/16.

- h. WMU: Jerry Young
 - i. Shared a history of the Clothes Closet as it celebrated its 26th anniversary this past February. They continue to have an abundance of donations.
 - ii. Just completed an update to the Clothes Closet Policies and Procedures.
 - iii. To date, they have given out over 7 million articles of clothing.
 - iv. Please contact Jerry Young or come during Clothes Closet hours to help.
- i. Properties:
 - i. 2024 projects completed: Carpet, fire alarm, flower beds, replaced 2 heat pumps, replaced sewage pumps, replaced broken spigot outside.
 - ii. In progress: Gym and fellowship hall floor to be cleaned and re-sealed, kitchen floor and stove to be replaced, misc. painting to be done after kitchen is complete.
 - iii. Question asked about the staples in the pews that are causing problems. The board is investigating a solution for that.
- j. Sunday School: Billy Hogge
 - i. Thanks to our teachers and our substitutes!
 - ii. Picnic at Bobbi Morgan's house with baptism on 8/11. Signup sheet on the FYI board and online.
- k. Misc. reports
 - i. Doug Hull shared that we ended the school year providing 38 students at Bethel Elementary School with "Bethel Bear Packs" (weekly food for identified students in need)
 - ii. Greeters: Thanks so much to Terri Townsend for leading our Greeters Team. She has recently stepped down and Billy Hogge has agreed to lead. They are looking for more greeters who serve no more than once a month. Please see him if you'd like to be put on the schedule.
- l. MTBA: Lillian Cox
Young at Heart Lunch on August 16th at 11 a.m. Covered dish. John Seltzer will be sharing about an upcoming mission trip to Philadelphia in an area called "the open air drug market." Please come to hear about this mission!
- m. Pastor's Report
 - i. Volunteer Sunday next week

- ii. Ministry changes: Thanks to Terri Townsend for leading our church prayer ministry. She has recently stepped down and Vickie Pruden has agreed to lead.
- iii. Sign-up sheet for the upcoming baptism is online and on the FYI board.
- iv. Will be sharing more about the Philadelphia mission trip during August.
- v. A reminder about the fundraising calendar administered by Pastor Chris to keep us from inundating the congregation for too many donations at once. Please let him know if you want to be included.
- vi. We're about to start a 9-month study (excluding holidays/special occasions) on the Gospel of Mark
- vii. In January, will begin an optional opportunity to read through the four Gospels during the year together with regular devotionals and other content.
- viii. Missions Team: Now supporting 4 missionaries. Trusting God for 5 missionaries we support in 2025.
- ix. Next March: Trip to Appalachia being planned as part of the Hope for Appalachia project.
- x. Jubilee Churches continue to meet—19 local churches working together to help those in need in our community.
- xi. Hoping to bring the suggestions from the Constitution Committee to the congregation in January.
- xii. March for Jesus down Gloucester Main Street for prayer, gathering and worship is set for September 21st. If you're interested in helping, please let Pastor Chris know.

IV. Bob Hinson asked for any new business. None was put forward. Meeting adjourned.