

# Elizabethtown Church of the Brethren

## Church Board Minutes

Saturday, January 4, 2025, 8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall & via Zoom

**In Attendance:** Alyssa Cross (Clerk), Jeff Eisenbise (Moderator), Kevin Engle (Board Chair), Pastor Jason Haldeman, Kurt Sollenberger, Amy Karr, George Snavelly, Pastor Naomi Kraenbring, Deb Ziegler, Barry Garman, Sandy Garman, Kim Glass, Vida Snavelly, Paula Burke, Peggy Shaffer, Rose Baer, Liz Landis, David Leiter, Pat Hoffer, Mike Nolt, Sandy Brubaker, Jim Hoffer, Carol Nolt, Craig Coble, Rich Hollinger

I.	<p><b>Welcome, Devotions, and Announcements</b> <span style="float: right;">Kevin Engle, Chair &amp; Jeff Eisenbise, Moderator</span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Jeff opened the meeting with a reflection on Ephesians 2:10: “For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do”. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Focus on being God’s workmanship and living out God’s call to do good works in our church, community, and beyond.</li> <li>○ Our purpose as God’s creation is to reflect God’s love and goodness through our actions. These good works are not a means of earning salvation but rather a response to the grace we’ve received. Live a life of purpose by doing good.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Kevin welcomed the group to the meeting and reviewed the agenda and the Board packet.</li> </ul>	
II.	<p><b>Vision Casting: Good Works in our Church’s Mission</b> <span style="float: right;">Kevin Engle, Chair</span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Group Reflections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ How does Ephesians 2:10 shape our understanding of these three main goals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ <i>Attracting younger families:</i> Nurturing new generations</li> <li>■ <i>Impacting our community:</i> Being visible examples of God’s love.</li> <li>■ <i>Outreach to marginalized individuals:</i> Walking in Christ’s compassion.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What does “doing good works” look like practically in each area? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>■ Notes are available in a separate document</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
III.	<p><b>Breakout Sessions: Turning Vision into Action</b> <span style="float: right;">Group Discussions</span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● The group divided into their Commissions and discussed the following guided questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ What specific “good works” can we focus on in the coming year to support these goals?</li> <li>○ What resources, partnerships, or changes do we need?</li> <li>○ Who can take the lead on these initiatives?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
IV.	<p><b>Group Sharing &amp; Strategic Planning</b> <span style="float: right;">Group Discussions</span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Presentation: Each group presented 2-3 actionable ideas with the Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Notes are available in a separate document</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
V.	<p><b>Closing Devotional &amp; Sending Forth</b> <span style="float: right;">Pastor Naomi Kraenbring</span></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Pastor Naomi closed the meeting with a reading from Ephesians 2:10. “Instead, we are God’s accomplishment, created in Christ Jesus to do good things. God planned for these good things to be the way that we live our lives.” (CEB) and a reflection on our time together. Themes that were highlighted: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ We have been thinking about who we are and where we are going, but we are rooted in a rich tradition. We work to do our best and we hope that that shows in how we live our lives.</li> <li>○ Everyone has a ministry. We all have a role to play.</li> <li>○ We acknowledge that there are things that we do with excellence, and things that we can improve.</li> <li>○ We all feel connected to one another.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● The meeting concluded at 11:45 am.</li> </ul>	

Respectfully submitted,  
Alyssa Cross (Clerk)  
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