

MAUGANSVILLE BIBLE BRETHREN CHURCH
Council Meeting #97 ~ August 18, 2024

The meeting was called to order at 12:17 p.m. by John Lum. In order for a quorum to be established there must be 51% of the total number of church members in physical attendance, therefore, today 74 members needed to be present. A quorum was established with 97 members in attendance.

WORDS OF APPRECIATION: John Lum and Pastor Chad spoke on behalf of the Official Board, the pastoral staff and the congregation thanking Ellen Hicks for her 12 years of dedication, love and support to MBBC in her role of as church secretary. Your valuable contributions to the ministries and people of MBBC did not go unnoticed and we are incredibly grateful for your years of service. Pastor Chad offered pray for Ellen as she enters this next chapter in her life. Thank you Ellen, we appreciate you.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE AGENDA

Motion to Approve: Richard Rutherford

Second to Motion: John Ficca

Motion Passed.

MOTION TO APPROVE TELLERS

Motion to Approve: Derek Mowen

Second to Motion: Adam Brite

Motion Passed.

Tellers: Joe Strite, Linda Higgins, MaryEllen Piper, Ray Shultz

MOTION TO APPROVE COUNCIL MEETING #96 (08/20/2023) MINUTES

Motion to Approve: Derek Mowen

Second to Motion: Tommy Hogue

Motion Passed.

GENERAL REPORTS:

TRUSTEE BOARD REPORT: Tim Henesy

Tim began by thanking the board members, the church and the trustees for all their hard work and support this past year. There has been a lot of maintenance and updating completed at the church this year, including: installing a new HVAC unit, finished painting and flooring/carpet installation in the hallways and classrooms, updating the gym flooring and lighting, installing electronic locks to secure restricted areas (Ex.: when the gym is being used by an outside group, the rest of the church is secured), the purchase of a new commercial refrigerator for the kitchen and an outside storage sea container. Among the next projects to be completed are landscaping upgrades and having additional sidewalks installed.

DEACON BOARD REPORT: Not Provided

ELDER BOARD REPORT: Pastor Chad Carter

Collectively, the Elder Board always ask, where is God moving and where do we need to readjust our focus? While the board may see challenges ahead, such as our growing youth and the need for more helpers on Sundays (see Pastor Brian to volunteer). One of the many ways the congregation of MBBC excels is to engage and minister to new families and those in need. This year the church experienced having four funerals in an eight day time span. Pastor Chad noted that not once was the church short-handed in meeting the challenges in this demanding schedule, every family was well ministered to and

cared for and that was all thanks to the congregation of MBBC. Another ministry is the Connect Class. It's a class for newer members of the congregation that is meant to engage and welcome them into our church. One the most mentioned statements from those in this class is how welcoming and friendly the congregation is to new people. Pastor Chad stated this is a hallmark of a healthy church.

A direct ministry of the Elder Board is known as Elder Care, or care for our congregation. The elders spend much time in prayer for the congregation, most often by praying for individuals or families by name if a need is known or seen. Pastor Chad commended the board and acknowledged that he feels the current board is the best group he has had the privilege of being part of since his time here at pastor.

A long-standing member of the Elder Board is Leonard Horst. Leonard has been attending MBBC for over 30 years. In his years of service at MBBC, Leonard has filled many needs stepping up to support staff as well as members of our MBBC family. At this time, the cancer that Leonard has been battling is no longer at a treatable stage. Therefore, he is stepping back as an active member of the Elder Board. The Official Board has named Leonard Horst as Elder Emeritus; a fancy sounding title for man that will tell you he is a plain talker. Leonard's new title means he is retired from administrative duties of the Elder Board but can serve the church on the board as he deems able. Thank you Leonard for your many years of faithful service, support and encouragement to your MBBC family.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Pastor Chad Carter

(Elder's Report on Membership was included in the agenda packet)

The membership and attendance is best described as growing! This past year 30+ members have been added into the MBBC congregation.

MOTION TO APPROVE MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Motion to Approve: Pastor Chad Carter

Second to Motion: Richard Rutherford

Motion Passed.

ELECTION OF LEADERSHIP

Except for an elected elder, all elections require a simple majority. Elders require a 2/3 majority to be considered elected.

DEACON BOARD: Voted to serve a three-year term. *There is not a required number of members needed to serve on the board, nor is there a number limit to serve on the Deacon Board. The amount of members may fluctuate. A blank response on the ballot is considered a NO vote.*

Nominated: Jason Crum, John Ficca, Bill Leasure, Alex Witmer, Troy Young

Results: All men nominated were elected to the board.

TRUSTEE BOARD: Voted to serve a three-year term.

Nominated: Ken Nuse, Tyler Strite

Results: Both men nominated were elected to the board.

ELDER BOARD: See Elder Report for details.

Leonard Horst named Elder Emeritus.

ASSISTANT MODERATOR: Voted to serve a one-year term.

Nominated and Elected: Dean Lehman

MODERATOR: Voted to serve a one-year term.

Nominated and Elected: Tim Shaffer

Moderator serves as Chairman of the Official Board. The Official Board consists of: Elder Board, Deacon Board and the Trustee Board.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Richard Rutherford

Page 1: This is the recap page that totals all the subsequent reports to follow.

No questions regarding this page.

Page 2/3: Ministry Expenses – Line Items 5101 – 5146

Question: Line 5131, Special Needs Our Church: Why the large increase?

Answer: It is a fund set aside to help Ellen, if needed, as she transitions away from her position at MBBC.

Question: If money is designated for an item (ex. HVAC) can it be used elsewhere?

Answer: No.

Page 4: Operating Expenses – Line Items 5501 – 5542

Question: What is Line 5524-2 SubSplash Fee?

Answer: SubSplash is the company used to process online tithes and the fee incurred to do so.

Question: What is Line 5510, Credit Card Holding Account?

Answer: The amount shown is monies being held in an account until they can be distributed to the correct ministry area.

Question: Line 5515, Maintenance-Lawn & Grounds. Why only \$3600 budgeted when the expense last year was so much higher?

Answer: Last year there was an added expense in December of \$3200 that will not be need this year.

Question: Line 5518, Contract Cleaning. Please explain the increase in the budget.

Answer: Herb is our Monday thru Friday custodian. There is a need in addition to Herb to cover weekend ministry events. The cleaning service works Saturday overnights at \$75/week to ensure the church is ready for Sunday morning.

Page 5: Facility Expenses – Line Items 5901 – 5926

No questions asked but it was noted by Richard that the Upwards Sports Ministry is self-funded. Meaning money is not taken from the budget to fund the program. The excess funding from the program was used to pay for the gym upgrades (new flooring and lighting).

Page 6: Administrative Expenses – Line Items 6001 – 6054

Note: Like many other areas, costs for insurance and administrative expenses have increased.

Question: Line 6040, Ministry Internship, what is this and why the increase?

Answer: This is money budgeted for those wanting to go into the ministry as a career. Currently, the board is meeting with a person interested in youth ministry. At this time, however, the name of the individual cannot be announced.

Page 7: Mission Expenses – Line Items 7020 – 7298

Question: Line 7231, FCA Justin Weddle, since Justin left FCA what will happen to the donation?

Answer: The money provided will go into their general fund. There is not a proposed budgeted amount for this line item in the 2024/2025.

Page 8: Self-Funded Ministry

Music & Arts Camp and Upward Sports are self-funded ministries. The expenses for these programs are not in the operational budget.

Also, it was noted that the United Way (that Richard Rutherford works with) assisted with painting at the church as an outreach and it greatly helped cut cost for the church. Thank you Richard!

MOTION TO APPROVE THE BUDGET

Motion to Approve: Richard Rutherford

Second to Motion: John Ficca

Motion Passed with unanimous approval, no extensions, no votes against.

Pastor Brian closed in prayer (Thanks for putting together the council meeting packets too!)

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING

Motion to Approve: Troy Young

Second to Motion: Derek Mowen

Respectfully Submitted,
Angela Hykes