

Amwell Church of the Brethren  
Annual Business Meeting  
January 26, 2022

**Greeting** – Moderator Cindy Kiskurno

**In Attendance:**

Cindy & Jeff Kiskurno, Joe & Sherry Ferello, Mark & Ida Smith, Pastor Bob & Jean DiSalvio, Cindy Cuoco, Sam Paulicelli, Robin DiSalvio, Lauren Frankevich, Rhonda Jenkins

**Opening Prayer** – Pastor Bob

**Opening Hymn** – Channels Only

**Scripture:** Cindy Kiskurno – Deuteronomy 32:4

He is the Rock, his work is perfect for all his ways are judgement: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he.

**Approval of Annual Business Meeting Minutes of 2021.** Motion to accept minutes for 2021 – Mark Smith. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sherry Ferello. All in Favor – Yes.

**Affirmation of New Church Moderator** – Sam Paulicelli for 2022-2024 beginning in February 2022.

**Pastor's Report** – Bob DiSalvio

Year of transitioning – Still trying to get people into church. Some are afraid of Covid and don't want to come. Live streaming doing well. The phone is good for shut-ins that don't have computers. Pastor still able to visit people and go into hospitals. Have several close to finishing the discipleship. Suggestion to say Prayer of Salvation at end of each sermon. Bible Study for Revelation was well attended via phone.

**Treasurer's Report** – Lauren Frankevich reporting for Erik Frankevich

Amwell Church of the Brethren was blessed again financially last year despite the continued difficult circumstances we all endured.

Regular weekly offering was under our budget of \$147,288.42 by \$11,674.34 with a total of \$135,614.08 in total collected. This was still an impressive total considering the reduction of in-person attendance many times through the year.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday monthly mission offering totaled \$2,397.00, under the \$3,000.00 budget by \$603.

The missionaries we support receive year-end offerings consisting of 10% of the regular weekly offering plus the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday monthly mission collections. We are able to send \$15,958 in support of them. We were also able to send financial support to The Flemington Food Pantry

and Children's Hunger Fund with donations gathered during our VBS program. In addition, we sent support to Teen Challenge in the amount of \$750 and through our Jesus Birthday offering we sent \$2,500 to Samaritans Purse in support of the Kentucky Tornado victims.

We also received additional income from various donations in the amount of \$1,286.

The budget for 2021 was set at \$151,568.42 for total income. Actual income was \$143,004.09.

Most expense categories were under budget last year. The total expense for 2021 was \$147,598.43. This includes the remaining balance of the A/V system installation and associated office furniture, and PC purchase expenses as well as the necessary flood damage repairs incurred in September. The budgeted expense for 2021 was \$151,068.42.

Our general bank account balances as of 12/31/21 were:

Checking: \$15,511.89

Savings: \$152,770.45

God was faithful to our church in 2021 and through generous giving of our church family we have been able to meet the needs of our church and continue to reach out to help others.

### **Trustees Report – 2022 Budget Meeting – Mark Smith**

Arranged for and oversaw project management of:

- Removed sound equipment to make way for construction
- Remove one pew to make room for platform
- Construct platform approximately 8" high apply commercial grade peel and stick carpet tiles
- Added power outlets
- Installed partitioning for sound booth
- Installed sound system
- Reconnect Propane tank
- Cleaning of the Sanctuary – Initially cleaned by Trustees. Trying to find a cleaning service, all currently backed up due to hurricane.
- Repair floor damage in hallway
- Replace three broken windows in crawlspace
- Repair AC units that were flooded – Have one verbal estimate from Mark Pfeninger for <\$1,000
- Fill washed out areas in the lawn – Parker Waldron – in process
- Install a sump pump under kitchen

Proposed projects:

- Need quote to redo front steps, patio, and wall.
- Need quote to refurbish room at garage end and storage area next to it.
- Need quote to install a sump pump under Sanctuary and another under kitchen.

### **Deacon's Report – Jeff Kiskurno & Mark Smith**

The deacon's provided some assistance this year and through the Benevolent Fund in 2021. It was suggested by the Pastor that we consider sending some aid to the people in Kentucky who suffered great loss from the tornadoes last fall. The COS approved on sending the Jesus Birthday offering and making up the difference to \$2,500.00. A check was sent to Samaritan's

Purse for that amount to help them. The deacon's sent the following missionaries checks for their determined amount as in prior years:

Campbells

Martinez's

Church of India

Maldonado Ministry

COBYS

Sister Rhinehart has returned to the US and is living with her daughter in Virginia. The Dillinger's have retired from Crossworld and we are trying to determine if they are still involved in their mission outreach in any way.

We will discuss our missionary support for this year in light of these changes.

Please let us know your suggestions for a third deacon candidate.

Please let us know how we can be of assistance in the year ahead.

**Fellowship Report** – Estelle Saunders – Absent

No Report – Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm – Busy Bee Valentine Dinner and Meeting at Gold Star Diner

**Community Ministry** – Sue Apgar – Absent

No Report

**Education Ministry** – Jean DiSalvio

The play at Christmas went very well. The Children's Ministry has grown in children and helpers.

**Worship Ministry** – Randy Charlins – Absent

Pastor Bob gave report. David Hall going to be doing music once a month.

Sign billboard read:

Welcome to worship every Sunday here, Live Stream or Phone

Jean looking into the sign contact.

**Men's Ministry** – Sam Paulicelli

Starting up again in February 2022, 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday at 7:30 am. 4 to 10 people in attendance.

Almost finished "Everything You Need" by David Jeremiah

**Street Preaching Ministry** – Chris DiSalvio Absent

Report given by Robin DiSalvio. Started as a single individual and now have several that stand on the corner on Route 31 near Costco. Frank Barber, Jill and Anthony Damino & Pastor Bob DiSalvio. Feed back is great. People wanting to know more. Chris calls police dept. to make them aware that he will be on the corner every other Saturday. (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday of each month).

**Youth Group** – Robin DiSalvio

Meet on Fridays from 7 to 9 pm. Half of the year the time was 6 to 9 pm. Attendance was small 3 to 10. They are watching SuperBook which is a scripture base Cartoon.

### **Tech Ministry – Robin DiSalvio**

If we look back, there have always been congregants from Amwell serving the church in the technology space. As we look ahead, it appears the need to understand and leverage technology to share the gospel in the most effective and broad means possible is only growing. Therefore, I suggest that the current group of congregants addressing the church's tech needs become a formal ministry of Amwell in 2022. Here is your tech team:

- Maria Brafford: Website Administrator, Free ConferenceCall.com Administrator & Host
- Jayne Hann: PowerPoint – Sunday Service
- Cindy Cuoco: PowerPoint – Sunday Service
- Rhonda Jenkins: PowerPoint – Sunday Service & Wednesday Night Service
- Sherry Ferello: PowerPoint – Wednesday Night Service, Livestream
- Joe Ferello: Audio Board Lead
- Mike Cruz: Video Editing, Free ConferenceCall.com Administrator & Host
- Chris DiSalvio: PowerPoint – Wednesday Night Service, Livestream, Audio Board Support

I want to thank each team member for all of their hard work and service! I hope I haven't accidentally forgotten anyone. I also wanted to invite you to join this ministry team if you feel called by the Lord!

Here are a few accomplishments from 2021, and some projects we are working on in 2022.

#### **2021 Accomplishments**

- Website updates (including the new landing page for the Street Preaching Ministry)
- Blog posts from Pastor
- Training on the new audio/visual system that was installed
- Successfully live-streaming our first service on YouTube
- Transitioning to our new telephone conference call platform

#### **2022 Projects**

- Video editing of each live-stream service. This will be a more polished version of the full service currently being posted today.
- Increased data analytics from our website and live-stream to learn, adapt, and grow.
- Increase the number of platforms our live-streamed services get posted too (i.e., iTunes, Spotify, Facebook, etc)
- Identify software that converts hand-written text to digital/computer typed text.
- Propose AV enhancements (i.e., additional microphones, some that hang from ceiling to capture congregational singing, comments/questions, and prayers.)

Looking forward to a great year!

In Service to the King of Kings.

### **Fundraising – Sue Pierman**

Available balance as of December 31, 2021 --- \$14,727.62

Income --- Shoprite Cards ---\$400.00

Interest -----\$7.24

Total ---- \$407.24

Expenses ---VBS tent rental - \$1325.00

**Approval of Reports**

Motion to accept reports – Rhonda Jenkins, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Kiskurno – All in Favor – Yes

**Appreciation of the dedication of our Faithful Volunteers:** Cindy Cuoco

**Nominations:** 3-year term

Trustee Lisa Mazeika - 2022 – 2025 – Not recommended

Trustee Cindy Cuoco – 2022 – 2025

Trustee Murph Pfenniger – 2022 - 2025

**Affirmation of Nominees as presented for 3-year term 2022 – 2025**

Motion to accept Jean DiSalvio, 2<sup>nd</sup> Rhonda Jenkins, All in Favor – Yes

**Old Business** – None

**New Business**

Eva Martinez – Missionary

Cindy Kiskurno stated she appreciates everyone hard work.

**Closing Hymn** – God Be With You

**Closing Prayer** – Jeff Kiskurno