



Salem Church of the Brethren

Simply Peacefully Together

2nd Quarter Board Report ~~April 10, 2025

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ at Salem,

The 2nd quarter board meeting was held on April 10, 2025. Following is a summary of the business & reports of that meeting:

- **In Attendance:** Scott White, Kaitlin Poth, Donnie Savage, Nancy Fike, Tom Bryner, Christ & Pat Rice, Butch Wade, Bethany & Sadie Rosenberger, Ruth Ann Murphy, Paul Hager, & Hugh Dopson.
- **Call to Order:** Scott White, chairman, called the meeting to order & opened the meeting with prayer.
- **Reading of the Minutes:** Kaitlin Poth read the minutes from the 1st quarter meeting. The minutes were approved as read.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ruth Ann Murphy gave the treasurer's report. There were no questions. *Copies of the quarterly financial report are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary for review.
- **Pastor's Report:** Pastor Donnie reported that he continues to love his work at Salem.
- **Commission Reports:** Commission reports were presented by each commission chairperson as follows:

***Nurture Commission (Nancy Fike, Kaitlin Poth, & Sharon Sisler)**

- The church was decorated for Easter & spring. Thank you to everyone who helped.
- During the Lenten season, devotionals were given to all members. Take Up Your Cross by Tim Harvey was used.
- Readings were added to the worship service. The readings were from skitguys.com & titled "Things of God" by Paul Neil.
- For Palm Sunday, palms will be distributed & a breakfast will be enjoyed to celebrate the Easter season.
- Bethany & Ruth Ann are planning Kid's Day on April 19th.
- Sunday school continues to be supported.

Ideas for future: Mother's Day additions. Father's Day additions.

***Steward Commission (Richard Hileman, Tom Bryner, Paul Hager)**

Projects for 2025:

- Some landscaping has been completed, but there are still some areas we are looking at.
- Ceiling tiles need to be replaced in the social hall again.
- Lime & fertilize parts of the lawn around a few trees.
- Gutter covers need replaced.
- Put a metal roof on the shed. Pastor Don is looking into this.

Projects Completed for 2025:

-A new wi-fi thermostat has been installed in the sanctuary area. The old thermostat is being used in the kitchen area of the building.

***Witness Commission (Pat Rice, Barb Bryner, Cathy Hager)**

Last Quarter Projects / Activities:

- Food Pantry: Jan: 135 / Feb: 135 / March: 118. We continue to provide 2 items per month @ app. \$360 per month.
- Two CD's are being sent weekly. We thank Trinity for running the CD's & Chris & Butch for copying them & mailing them.
- 10 Prayer Bears were requested this quarter.
- 1 Love Gift was presented in January for \$250.00.
- South Fayette visits were held on Jan. 13: Jesus is the Light of the World / Feb. 10: A Valentine for Jesus / March 18: Fishers of Men. A snack was provided each visit with a time of fellowship following the lesson & snack. Prayer was requested for 3 residents who had serious falls in March. One fall resulted in a broken hip & a hospital stay.
- 10 cleaning buckets were purchased & sent to southern WV following the floods earlier in the year. (The app. Cost of 10 buckets is \$300.00.) We plan to assemble 10 more buckets to have on hand for any future need.
- We did not get the 1st Quarter Fellowship scheduled in March as we had planned so we are now looking at the 2nd or 3rd week in May. The activity will be a fellowship meal at Apple Annie's.
- A silent auction basket was provided to Bruceton School in March for the Calendar Party.
- The Quarterly Board Report/Newsletter was posted on the website in Feb. following the last board meeting.

New Items for Discussion/Information:

- James-Isaac House (Kingwood location) has asked for financial assistance.
- An updated board membership chart was distributed.
- 1st draft of the updated church directory was presented.

***Old Business:**

1. Scott brought up the liability insurance for church members which was tabled from the last meeting. Donnie stated that the insurance rep had called him & Donnie told the rep we were not making any changes at this time. It was decided to discuss this matter at the next board meeting since so many members were not in attendance at the current meeting.
2. Nancy wanted to confirm that the church was planning to continue having the local cemetery mowed & it was confirmed from the minutes of the 1st quarter board meeting that the church would continue to pay for the mowing in the upcoming season.
3. Discussion was held about the need for a fence around the cemetery. Richard & Scott had looked at it & determined it would cost about \$1500 to replace. Greg Gibson, president of the cemetery board had talked with the owner, Rick Hilling, who did not see the need for a fence. Connie Miller had approached Tom & told him there was money for a fence. The church determined that the fence was a matter for the cemetery board to review.

***New Business:**

1. Pat brought up a letter the church had received from James-Isaac House in Kingwood. The building they are currently in was recently purchased. The new owner raised the rent from \$250.00 a month to \$1850.00 a month & told them the rent amount was not negotiable. Pat called & spoke to a lady who

helps at the James-Isaac House & she said that at this point they did not plan to stay in that location. They were pursuing the purchase of a new property & were in conversations with the bank, etc. She indicated that they were more concerned in getting funds for a down payment on the property than with rent assistance. After some discussion, it was decided to give a love gift of \$1000.00 to help with a down payment. Follow-up discussion has been called for.

2. Donnie shared that he & Miranda would be attending the annual conference in Greensboro, NC, in July if anyone was interested.

- **Adjournment:** Scott White adjourned the meeting & Pastor Donnie closed with prayer.