

Annual Business Report 2024

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2023 Annual Membership Meeting Minutes

In accordance with the current bylaws, this year's annual meeting included engagement from both in-person and remote participants. Prior to the meeting, attendees were able to enjoy coffee and dessert.

Start time: 7:05 PM

THEME FOR THE EVENING - DISCIPLESHIP

Matthew 16:24 Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me".

SESSION 1 - CELEBRATION

- A. Welcome and Praise Reports Seth
 - a. Seth read several praise reports that were received throughout the evening.
 - b. The meeting was then opened in prayer.
- B. 2023 Annual Report Highlights Aaron
 - a. Attendance trends show we are now at record levels of attendance. We averaged 655 in total attendance in 2023. On-line numbers have decreased over the last three years, and in-person numbers have increased.
 - b. General Fund giving was \$22,161 in excess of Expenses. Overall General Fund giving was \$49,702 higher than the previous year.
 - c. Designated Funds Giving:
 - i. \$117,374 to the Great Commission Fund
 - ii. \$239,519 to the Faith Forward Campaign
 - iii. \$20,074 to the Benevolence Fund
 - iv. \$133,654 to Other Missions
 - d. The mortgage balance was reduced by \$361,213 and now stands at \$1,167,312.
 - e. Metrics are all improving, but even more importantly, lives are being changed by the ministry.
 - f. Time was then spent in prayer to thank God for his provision and blessing over the ministry.
- C. Looking Back at 2023 Aaron
 - a. Staff additions in 2023: Suzanne Williams (Executive Director) and Stephanie Miller (Financial Support) were introduced and their new roles explained.
 - b. Chad Oberholtzer and Beth Yoder were recognized for their past contributions as staff members.
 - c. New members were introduced and welcomed to membership.
 - d. Deceased members/attenders were honored: Mable Straw, Ben MacFarlane, Beverly Long, Stan Kotulka, Joel Firebaugh, Sharon Salvage, and Jane Crandell.
 - e. Jonny Mathews (President of ACF) was introduced and then reviewed Dan and Nicole Min's ministry to college students on the Penn State campus. Dan and Nicole were then joined by the other church staff, and Aaron led in prayer over them, as they will be transitioning from ACF to the home church.
- D. Announce Quorum Aaron
 - a. A total of 124 members are needed for quorum. 183 members have checked in at this point in the meeting. Having met the required quorum, the meeting proceeded into the Business portion.

SESSION 2 - BUSINESS - Aaron and Aden

A. Approval of Minutes / Motion 1

Call for approval of the minutes of the annual meeting held February 24, 2023.

MO240223.1 It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the February 2023 Annual Meeting.

Approved via Voice/Chat Vote (in-person/online) with no dissenting votes (in-person or online)

B. Election of Nominated Leaders / Motion 2

Aden Wertz was then introduced and presented the report from the Nominating Committee. Secretary, Elder, Trustee, and Care Team nominees were introduced.

MO240223.2 It is moved and seconded to approve the Nominating Committee's report and to elect all to the positions as listed.

Approved via Voice/Chat Vote (in-person/online) with no dissenting votes (in-person or online)

Aaron then recognized Ron Gibboney and Jason Muscatello for serving 9 consecutive years as Trustees. They now need to step aside for at least one year, per the by-laws.

C. Nominations for Nominating Committee / Motion 3

Aden then reviewed the Bylaws regarding the Nominating Committee process. Six names need to be proposed from the floor, with each member voting for two. The top two names will become member representatives to serve alongside two Elders and the lead pastor as the nominating committee for next year.

There were eight nominations previously submitted electronically, ahead of the meeting:

- George Arnold
- Sjoerd Duiker
- Beth Ertsgaard
- Christie Jester
- Sarah Jones
- Bill Moen
- Jenny Storch
- Emily Wertz

An opportunity was given to receive nominations from the floor, of which there were none.

MO240223.3 It is moved and seconded to close the nominations for the 2023 Nominating Committee.

Approved via Voice/Chat Vote (in-person/online) with no dissenting votes (in-person or online)

Approval of the 2 top vote recipients will be tallied at the end of the in-person and online voting process.

D. Lilly Foundation Renewal Grant / Motion 4

Ash Holleman then shared the heart of the elder board in regards to care of our pastoral team. Part of that care involves a sabbatical rest. Lead Pastor Aaron Henning will be eligible for his next sabbatical in 2025, per the employee handbook (p.21). The church is able to apply for a grant through the Lilly Foundation Renewal Grant program. The Foundation awards up to 180 grants each year. Part of the funding is allocated for travel expenses for the pastor and family, as well as spiritual renewal experiences during the sabbatical. The local church is also able to benefit from the grant funding. It is anticipated that the themes of Discipleship, Restoration and Renewal will be areas for the church to focus on during the sabbatical time. In order to be eligible, the church needs to show their support for the sabbatical. The following motion was made and discussion ensued.

Q: Is this a one-time grant per church or pastor?

A: It is a one-time grant per pastor, so other pastors can apply in the future.

Q: Is there consideration for using internal giving to support sabbaticals and not relying on outside funds?

A: It is not built into the current system, but could be in the future.

Q: Are there any "strings" attached to the grant?

A: No.

Q: What is the maximum grant?

A: Up to \$60,000 can be applied for. Part of the grant goes to the local church and community.

Q: What ideas do we have for using the grant in the local church?

A: A preliminary list includes discipleship, spiritual formation, hosting a conference for emotional healthy spirituality, and to implement a theme of restoration and renewal for 2025.

Q: If we are not awarded the grant, will Aaron's sabbatical still occur?

A: Yes, it would just be funded in a different way.

MO240223.4 It is moved and seconded to approve the pursuit of a Renewal Grant through the Lilly Foundation that, if awarded, will benefit our Lead Pastor and congregation in 2025.

Approved via Ballot Vote (in-person/online) with a combined 166 yes votes and 4 no votes.

E. Updated Pastoral Roles / Motion 5

The elder board has been working with Aaron to realign the various pastoral roles. A chart was shared that described the four areas of focus of the State College Alliance Church (Worship, Belong, Serve, and Send). A new job description was shared for the Pastor of Spiritual Formation (to be fulfilled by Dan Min) and the Pastor of Missional Engagement (essentially being fulfilled now by Aden Wertz). Seth and Aaron's job descriptions will remain the same. Given the proposed changes, the following motion was presented to ratify the changes:

MO240223.5 It is moved and seconded to ratify the pastoral positions (Pastor of Spiritual Formation and Pastor of Missional Engagement) as presented.

Approved via Ballot Vote (in-person/online) with a combined 165 yes votes and 3 no votes.

It was noted that we are already in the process of seeking a replacement for the ACF campus pastor position. The 2024 budget has been developed with these changes in mind.

This is also not a one to one replacement for Chad Oberholtzer's position, but part of a restructuring of staff and their roles. Overall there is not an increase in staff. The 2024 budget is presented with these changes.

SESSION 3 - VISION

- A. Vision for the future: Continuing the Discipleship Journey
- B. Board of Administration Update Phil Savage (chair)

Phil reviewed the budgeting process, being one of bottom up development. Ministry leaders and staff are able to offer their projected needs, which are all rolled together to form the annual budget. For 2024 the budget will increase about 3% over 2023.

The Faith Forward Capital Campaign has been in place for several years, in an effort to retire the mortgage. At the current rate of giving, we should see the mortgage completely retired in 3-4 years. The challenge is to have current givers to continue giving, and new givers to join in, to retire the mortgage much faster. A challenge was also given to commit at some level to join in the effort, and look forward to the celebration when the mortgage is paid in full.

C. Care Team Update - Rachel Fawcett

Rachel was introduced as the volunteer who led the Care Team in 2023 and will continue into 2024. The five areas of focus for the Care Team (Benevolence, Event Food Prep, Personal Meal Prep, Postal Care, and Visitation) are fully staffed and ready to serve under Rachel's leadership.

D. Discipleship Strategy - Brian and Susie Landes

Brian and Susie have a heart for Community Groups, and will be leading in that capacity going forward. Their focus is to assist existing groups, as well as working to form new groups.

- E. Announce Results of Voting
 - a. It was announced that Motion #4 and #5 passed.
 - b. A total of 171 members voted for the Nominating Committee representatives (24 voted online, and 147 voted in-person). It was reported that Sjoerd Duiker and Christie Jester received the most votes and were elected to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2024.
- F. Adjournment and Closing Prayer / Motion 6

MO240223.6 It is moved and seconded to adjourn the Annual Meeting.

Approved via Voice/Chat Vote (in-person/online) with no dissenting votes (in-person or online)

The meeting adjourned at 8:45

Submitted by Keith A Walker, Church Secretary

2024 New Members

Last Name	First Name	New Membership Date
Adam	Dorothy	11/12/24
Adam	Scott	12/10/24
Brooks	Karen	8/13/24
Byron	Margaret	12/10/24
Chelik	Jason	8/13/24
Chelik	Jessica	8/13/24
Groninger	Beth	12/10/24
Groninger	Mark	12/10/24
Handzy	Nestor	12/10/24
Hayes	Jeremiah	12/10/24
Hsu	Tabitha	11/12/24
Jankura	Bruce	11/12/24
Jankura	Diane	11/12/24
Kelly	Gretchen	12/10/24
Kelly	Timothy	11/12/24
Krajcovic	John	12/10/24
Krajcovic	Melissa	12/10/24
Laban Yewka	Elsie	2/13/24
Landes	Brian	1/17/24
Landes	Susie	1/17/24
Maurer	Jody	12/10/24
Maurer	Keith	12/10/24
Miller	Nate	11/12/24
Summers	Holly	7/9/24
Summers	Steve	7/9/24
Wess	Melissa	1/17/24

Church Officers and Elected Leaders

ROLE/OFFICE	NAME	First Term Began	Current Term Expires
Church Secretary (3 year term)	Keith Walker	2017	2027
Treasurer (2 year term)	David Bowers	2021	2025
Assistant Treasurer (2 year term)	Emory Enscore	2021	2025
Elder Board	Don Jones	2022	2025
(3 Year Term)	Wes Miller	2020	2025
	Glenn Firebaugh	2022	2025
	Ashley Holleman	2019	2026
	Eric Wafula	2023	2026
	Keith Walker	2017	2026
	Tom Stauffer	2023	2026
	Chris Cunningham	2021	2027
	Phil Savage	2021	2027
	Bob Whitaker	2024	2027
Trustee Board	George Arnold	2024	2027
(3 Year Term)	Josh Botteicher	2019	2025
	Jerry McMahon	2022	2025
	Jeff Miller	2020	2026
	Mike Whetzel	2023	2026
	Jim Grant	2024	2027
	Jonathan Lietzke	2024	2027
	Scott Miller	2024	2027

Care Team: (3 Year Term)			
Benevolence Team	Rob Shedd	2017	2026
	Beth Shedd	2017	2025
	Judith Bowers	2024	2027
	Rob Cathcart	2024	2027
	Steve Haas	2016	2026
	Jenny Storch	2022	2025
Event Food Prep (Kitchen)	Don Narber	2022	2025
	Mark Hilliard	2024	2027
	Dean Lapp	2023	2026
	Mary Hilliard	2024	2027
	Jackie Stauffer	2024	2027
Visitation	Roger Young	2022	2025
	Rachel Fawcett	2022	2025
	Karen Grant	2021	2026
	Lee Bishop	2020	2026
	Barb Rhine	2021	2027
	Sjoerd Duiker	2022	2025
Postal Care	Erin Koncoski	2022	2025
	Karen Schall	2022	2025
	Pat Alters	2018	2027
Personal Meal Prep	Anto de Padua	2023	2026
	Jude De Padua	2022	2025

2024 Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee wishes to thank our dedicated team of servant leaders who continue to impact our church family in such wonderful ways. It is a beautiful thing to see your gifts in action as we advance Christ's Kingdom together at State College Alliance Church.

The following names are submitted by the Nominating Committee for election by our members:

Officers

•	David Ulmer - Secretary	New Election
•	Beth Yoder - Treasurer	New Election
•	Rick Witmer - Assistant Treasurer	New Election
•	Keith Walker - Assistant Treasurer	New Election

Elders

•	Don Jones	Re-elect
•	Wes Miller	Re-elect
•	David Ulmer	New Election

Trustees

• Roger Greene New Election

Care Team (Deacons and Deaconesses)

•	Beth Shedd - Benevolence Team	Re-elect
•	Chris Ligetti - Benevolence Team	New Election
•	Tabitha Hsu - Event Food Prep Team	New Election
•	Roger Young - Visitation	Re-elect
•	Jeanne Byron - Visitation	New Election
•	Sjoerd Duiker - Visitation	Re-elect
•	Erin Koncoski - Postal Care	Re-elect
•	Karen Schall - Postal Care	Re-elect
•	Kaitlyn Hulse - Personal Meal Prep	New Election
•	Denny Moline - Hospital Visitation	New Election
•	Dottie Sandusky - Hospital Visitation	New Election
•	Nancy Frederick - Hospital Visitation	New Election

2024 Nominating Committee:

Sjoerd Duiker, Aaron Henning, Christie Jester, Seth Roush, Eric Wafula

Summary of Financial Results Year ended December 31, 2024

Statement of Operations

For the year ended December 31, 2024, General Fund giving of \$1,367,525 exceeded General Fund spending of \$1,361,928 by \$5,597. Further, 2024 General Fund giving was \$80,382 higher than giving to the General Fund in 2023. In addition, December 2024 giving to the General Fund of \$171,371 was the 7th consecutive year of giving over \$150,000 for the final month of the year. Finally, full-year giving for 2024 was \$11,984 higher than budgeted giving. Even with the inclusion of an extra \$50,000 mortgage payment, full-year spending for 2024 was only \$6,387 over budgeted spending. Overall, full-year giving was in excess of spending in the amount of \$5,597.

In addition to the General Fund, other primary giving categories for 2024, included:

•	Faith Forward Campaign *	\$283,333
•	Great Commission Fund	\$103,747
•	Benevolence Fund	\$18,410
•	ACF	\$56,063
•	NCS	\$36,077
•	AWAKE Life Conference	\$8,820
•	Other missional support	\$123,508

^{*} Includes gifts totaling \$10,000 from Nittany Christian School in 2024

Statement of Financial Condition

The Faith Forward giving noted above was applied entirely to the mortgage principal during 2024. Combined with the normal monthly mortgage payment principal reduction, the mortgage for 2024 was reduced by \$459,739. The outstanding mortgage balance on December 31, 2024, was \$707,445. As of December 31, 2024, the cash in bank balance was \$247,210. The fund balances for other designated funds totaled \$80,961 on December 31, 2024.

A rollforward of the General Fund Reserve balance from December 31, 2023, follows:

General Fund Balance on December 31, 2024	<u>\$268,630</u>
Full Year 2024 Giving in excess of spending	<u>5,597</u>
2024 Allocation to Samaria Fund	(2,216)
General Fund Balance on December 31, 2023	\$265,249

At its January 14, 2025 meeting, the Board of Elders approved allocating \$4,000 of the 2024 General Fund surplus to the Samaria Fund. The board praises God for the faithful and generous giving of His people to the ministry work of SCAC locally, regionally and the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8).

State College Alliance Church Corporate Revenue & Expenditures

January 2022 through December 2024

	Jan – Dec 2022	Jan - Dec 2023	Jan - Dec 2024	3 Year Total
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income 101 – General Fund Giving	ć1 220 0 7 0	ć1 207 1 <i>1</i> 2	¢1 267 F2F	¢2.802.746
101 – General Fund Giving	\$1,238,078	\$1,287,143	\$1,367,525	\$3,892,746
Expense				
E01 – General Fund Expenses	1,184,609	1,264,982	1,361,928	3,811,519
E01 adj Mortgage Principal Paydowns	(102,427)	(115,840)	(180,109)	(398,376)
	1,082,182	1,149,142	1,181,819	3,413,143
Net Expenses				
Net Ordinary Income/(Loss)	155,896	138,001	185,706	479,603
Other Income/Expense Other Income				
190.1 - Cap Campaign Funds Retained	0	0	0	0
190.2 - Cap Campaign Funds Expended	279,103	239,519	283,333	801,955
190.3 - Other Designated Funds Inc / (Dec)	(29,810)	(13,172)	(2,877)	(45,859)
Apportionments of General Fund (a)	(9,517)	(5,447)	(2,216)	(17,180)
Total Other Income	239,776	220,900	\$278,240	738,916
Net Income	\$395,672	\$358,901	\$463,946	\$1,218,519

(a) Represents Board of Elder apportionments of General Fund Reserves designated funds as follows:

-	January 2022 apportionment to Samaria Fund - 2022	\$9,517
-	January 2023 apportionment to Samaria Fund - 2023	\$5,447
-	January 2024 apportionment to Samaria Fund - 2024	\$2,216

STATE COLLEGE ALLIANCE CHURCH Corporate Balance Sheet

Assets	December 31, 2023	<u>December 31, 2024</u>
Cash in bank accounts	\$255,726	\$247,210
Other Current Assets	\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Current Assets	\$255,726	\$247,210
Total Fixed Assets	\$10,378,317	\$10,378,317
TOTAL ASSETS	\$10,634,043	\$10,625,527
Liabilities & Equity		
Current Liabilities	\$30,466	\$21,065
Mortgage Indebtedness	\$1,167,312	\$707,445
Total Liabilities	\$1,197,778	\$728,510
Equity		
Opening Equity and Retained Income	\$9,087,179	\$9,547,426
53A Capital Campaign Fund	0	0
53B Other Designated Funds	\$83,838	\$80,961
53C General Fund Reserve	\$265,249	\$268,630
Total Retained Allocation of Funds	\$349,087	\$349,591
Total Equity	\$9,436,265	\$9,897,017
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$10,634,043	\$10,625,527

2024 Actuals and 2025 Budget

Account	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Budget
1110-Church Ministries & Operations	1,287,143	1,367,525	1,484,800
510s-Worship			
511-Worship ministry	2,904	6,368	6,800
512-Media & Technology	5,500	6,042	8,100
514-Pulpit Supply	-	503	750
515-Special Services	2,552	720	800
516-Seasonal Décor	481	1,253	1,000
Worship Total	11,438	14,887	17,450
520s-NextGen Discipleship			
**521-Nursery	-	50	N/A
522-Kids Sunday School	4,320	4,241	4,500
523-AWANA	2,286	1,271	2,000
524-Alliance Sports Camp	3,625	4,204	7,000
525-Kids Outreach	2,273	2,479	2,000
526-AWAKE	16,978	13,658	19,530
*527-AWAKE Transportation			10,000
NextGen Discipleship Total	29,482	25,903	45,030

Account number	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Budget
530s-Adult Discipleship			
531-General Adult Discipleship	827	747	700
532-Women's ministry	1,428	1,374	2,000
533-Men's ministry	679	559	1,000
534-20/30 Connect	189	100	500
535-Prime Timers	122	562	600
*537-Community Group Resources			500
538-Special Events (picnics, etc.)	3,214	3,424	3,500
**539-Transportation (e.g. retreats)	-	10,561	N/A
Adult Discipleship Total	6,460	17,327	8,800
540s-Service/Outreach			
541-Missions	5,350	5,455	16,200
542-Community Outreach	1,758	2,437	4,100
543-Church Plants	2,000	5,000	5,220
544-Care Team Expenses	599	350	1,000
545-Kitchen Supplies (incl.Coffee Ministry 22/23)	10,088	2,707	3,000
546-Hospitality ministries / Newcomer expenses	110	182	2,000
548-Coffee Ministry	-	2,962	3,000
Service/Outreach Total	19,905	19,094	34,520

Account number	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Budget
550s-Building/Facilities			
551-Equipment R&M	4,291	704	5,000
552-Building R&M	54,897	46,765	56,000
553-New capital equipment	26,529	5,678	5,000
554-Utilities	71,000	77,209	79,000
555-Building inspections & service contracts	7,085	9,101	7,000
559-Capital improvements to reserve account	10,000	30,000	30,000
Building/Facilities Total	173,801	169,458	182,000
560s-Administrative			
561-Professional Fees (Changed to 'Copying & Printing' in 2025)	4,071	3,228	3,800
562-Office Supplies, postage and print materials	3,456	2,833	3,000
563-Telephone and Internet Services (Changed to 'IT Services' in 2025)	10,669	10,653	15,250
564-Insurance (church)	17,680	18,233	20,000
565-Office service agreements	7,897	9,854	6,000
566-Clearances	163	372	200
567-Leadership Development	2,367	4,816	5,250
568-District Conference & General Council	9,306	3,896	6,800
569-Ferguson Township Water Fee		4,018	N/A
Administration Total	59,626	57,902	60,300

Account number	2023 Actual	2024 Actual	2025 Budget
570s-Payroll/Benefits			
571-Payroll	606,271	632,177	741,600
572-FICA (Included in '571-Payroll' in 2025)	18,737	23,601	N/A
574-Health Care & Benefits	109,849	97,777	149,000
579-Reimbursable expenses (Changed to 'Lead Pastor Ministry Expenses' in 2025)	2,202	2,371	2,500
Payroll/Benefits Total	738,734	755,926	893,100
580s-Banking Fees/Mortgage			
581-District Unified Fund	51,342	74,082	65,600
582-Mortgage Principal	115,840	180,109	134,000
583-Mortgage Interest	48,171	33,902	30,000
584-Banking Fees	10,419	13,340	14,000
Banking/Mortgage Total	225,771	301,432	243,600
Total Expenses	1,265,218	1,361,928	1,484,800
Giving in excess of spending	\$ 22,161	\$5,597	

^{*}New category in 2025

^{**}Closing category in 2025

Attendance Trends

Annual Sunday Morning Attendance Averages

Total	Kids	In Person	Online	Year
598	109	489	0	2018
606	98	508	0	2019
500	36	181	283	2020
489	54	232	203	2021
600	77	377	146	2022
655	88	450	117	2023
679	84	470	125	2024

1st/2nd Service Averages

Year	9:00 Service	10:30 Service
2022	128	245
2023	142	305
2024	146	325

God has been so faithful to us at State College Alliance Church, and we've seen His faithfulness in a variety of ways, including the beautiful impact that He is making in our ever-changing congregation.

- We are celebrating that our attendance in the last three years has outgrown our pre-Covid numbers.
- We note a steady increase in our in-person attendance as more of our people have been able to rejoin us AND we celebrate the many faithful folks who continue to join us online each week. We are thankful that you are with us, even if your circumstances keep you from gathering in person.
- We are experiencing some plateauing in our first service and crowding in our second service so we are asking God for wisdom in how we may maximize our efforts for greater Kingdom Impact in both morning services.
- As we move forward, we encourage the congregation to be prayerful, hopeful, and expectant as we follow the lead of our Good Shepherd. He has GOOD THINGS in store for State College Alliance Church and we desire to embrace the direction that He gives for a bright and fruitful future.