



2024 annual praise & business gathering

May 19, 2024 - 4:30pm

Minutes

I. Praise & Thanksgiving

A. Welcome & Opening Song

B. Stories: *"In what way have you seen God at work in and through New Hope Church?"*

1. Julie Andersen - Psalm 78: 1-4, Sharing God stories.
2. From Staff: Committed student leaders of all ages.
3. Barbara West – Women's Bible Study. Thankful for all the small group leaders who are dedicated and love God's Word.
4. Tony Ringsmuth – Youth mentor and Latino Ministry leader. Thankful for our whole youth department; Jon Ditty, Tyler, and Lexi & Lucas Hyllberg. Great lay team of preachers in Latino Ministries along with Pastor Enrique as interim pastor and who also started a Latino Men's Ministry. Many Latino men and women have stepped up to serve. Jose Luis Rodriguez is stepping in as Pastor of Latino Ministries. God has provided beautifully.
5. Mike Brown – Men's discipleship groups have been meeting for a couple of years. We have great leaders over men's small groups.
6. Jim Janick - Food Shelf. Highlighted the impact of the financial support from NHC. Not only financial but also food, prayer, and encouragement. Making a huge impact in the community. Invited men to come to Friday morning Men's Bible Study.
7. Gina Sigrist – Thanks to all volunteers, especially in Children's Ministries. Also, thank you to Life Group Facilitators and their faithfulness in leading groups well.
8. Don Herweyer – Men's Ministry shout out. Every Saturday from 9am-12pm, they are doing an outreach program called Saturate. They are canvassing the neighborhood and giving out bags with a Jesus video, NHC information and a coffee coupon. So far, they have delivered over 2,000. Have a total of 12,000 bags to delivery.
9. Cyndi Theisen – She and her husband, Peter, started volunteering in Awana. Great to hear little ones learn scripture. Anyone can do it.
10. Doug Wold – Care Ministries has wonderful people who have helped him with his home restoration. He is thankful.
11. Ginny McMillan – Thankful that this church is where she learned to pray. Thanks all the people who pray here.
12. Jennifer Shuga – Continues to pray for NHC and serve here. Thankful to be able to extend loving kindness and grace to one another. Continues to focus on our mission and vision.
13. Beth Pederson – Great connection in Women's Bible Study this year. The study on prayer moved her to start praying with Cubbies, who are the 3 to 5-year-old group. She is also an online host on Sunday mornings and has seen many come to the Lord through this ministry.

14. Julie Andersen – Other Highlights from the year:

- Fall Retreat Salvations – 4 middle school boys gave their life to Christ.
- A middle school girl on Wednesday night gave her life to Christ after the message.
- Colorado Youth Missions Trip – Some boys were struggling, to the point that leaders were ready to call their parents and send them home. Leaders prayed for them and at worship time that night, the boys repented, wept and apologized.
- Disability Ministry – over 150 coming each week on Tuesday night for Christian Glory Club. It is one of the largest outreaches we have. Many who come are unbelievers, not from our church, from different backgrounds.
- Property Council and Alan Gilbertson worked hard to make changes at HopeBridge to make it easier to minister to people.
- New Welcome Desk area has been a blessing on Sunday mornings for making connections.

15. Continue to look for God at work all around you. Be a part of the army of God.

16. Doug Hunt – Saturate Saturday – Answer to prayer in being allowed to deliver bags at an apartment complex.

C. Prayer of Thanksgiving – Doug Hunt, Psalm 100

II. Call to Order (ELT Chair Ken Wright)

A. Adopt Agenda

1. Motion to adopt the agenda as presented.
2. Motion moved and accepted.

B. Approval of 5/21/23 Meeting Minutes

1. Motion to approve the May 21, 2023 meeting minutes.
2. Motion moved and accepted.

III. Congregational Leadership

A. ELT Chair Reflections (ELT Chair Ken Wright)

1. Opportunities for elders to pray for others are precious times of seeing God work. It is one of the privileges of being an elder.
2. This has been a year of adjustment and change at NHC and for him and Laurie personally. Your prayers have meant so much.
3. Task Force Committees are working on Task Force findings from the past year and building on what they have learned.
4. Recognition of Elders stepping away – Doug Hunt, served 1 year and is stepping away to focus on Men's Ministry Leadership, where he feels God wants him to serve. Saado Abboud, served 8 years and his term is up.

B. Elected Positions (Nominating Committee Chair Ken Wright)

1. Leadership Candidates Presented
2. Voting Instructions

IV. The Ministry Funding Plan – Cathy Maupin, Finance Director

A. Auditor's Statements – Steve Brown

1. Both internal and external audit reports came back clean for the year.

B. 2024-2025 Ministry Funding Presentation

1. Overview of proposed budget – includes a slight decrease of 3.2%
 - Breakdown of each ministry area
 2. Explanation of our Reserve accounts as a cash resource rather than an operations funding resource.
 - Reserve accounts include: Opportunity Reserve: Care & Love Fund, which helps fund Care Ministries, Knitter and Stitchers, and all of the food purchased for our food shelf; CIM (Campus Improvement Ministries), which funds planned facility projects recommended by our Property Council; Capital Replacement Fund, used for potential larger capital expenditures.
 3. Ways to help keep our budget balanced.
 - Financially
 - Volunteering
 4. Personal reflections on generosity
 - Purpose, Worship, Obedience
- C. Congregational Q&A regarding Finances only

V. Reflecting Upon & Reaching Our Vision (Pastor Matthew St. John)

- A. Recognition of our elders and staff.
- B. It's been a strong, good year. We have a healthy and vibrant community.
- C. There are many new faces at NHC. There has been a notable Increase in attendance and engagement. God is on the move here.
- D. Gratitude for a humble, Christ exalted worship experience; for teaching throughout our ministries; for the warmth and caring felt at NHC; for being a safe place; and being a humble and bold community, with Biblical convictions and Kingdom purpose.
- E. We manage our resources really well. Our business model is solid and strong.
- F. Our general ministry model is also solid and strong. We are finding our balance of not being over programmed so we can effectively do God's work and glorify him.
- G. We are determined to multiply far and wide.
- H. We want to be better disciples.
- I. Grateful for those participating in our Task Force/Strategic working groups.
- J. 75th Anniversary Celebration this year. God is good!
- K. Our Growth strategy – It is us! We are responsible to tell the story of Jesus. We have the best story to tell!
- L. Our Financial generosity matters. Have the mindset of giving all.
- M. Our tenderness to Jesus matters. This is countercultural. We get to be the gentle and lowly. Let us be confident in our tenderness.
- N. We want to be a church, growing together, reaching out and giving all, rooted in a posture of deep humility and robust prayer. I want us to be a people of peace, of the Prince of Peace.

VI. Congregational Q&A

- A. None asked

VII. Closing

- A. Closing Prayer Saado Abboud
- B. Adjournment (Ken Wright)