

BLC Council Minutes
January 24, 2021 by Zoom

Members Present: Jeff Ziegler, Melissa Lease, Judd Koerwitz, Ronda Bowe, and Dave Baumgarten, Teresa Buechner.

Members Absent: Michelle Ihm

Others present: Pastor Erich Hartenberger, Marcia Thompson, Jo Ellen Uptegraw.

1. Meeting was called to order by Jeff Ziegler at 10:29 am
2. Pastor Erich led a prayer.
3. Nominations for council officers were opened.
 - a. President: Judd nominated Jeff, no other nominations were made. Ronda made a motion for Jeff as president, 2nd by Missy. Motion carried.
 - b. Vice president: Jeff asked if Missy is willing to serve as VP, no other nominations were made. Missy will be the Vice President.
 - c. Recorder: Michelle is the current recorder, Ronda Bowe would be willing. It was tabled until the next meeting so Michelle can say if she is interested or not in being Recorder again.
4. Jo Ellen stated there are some funds left in the construction fund and suggested transferring them to the Capitol Improvement Fund. After discussion Judd made a motion to transfer carry over funds from the construction project into the Capitol Improvement Fund, 2nd by Missy. Motion carried.
5. Jeff listed the Ministry Teams - Financial, Technology, Property and Grounds, Worship, Faith in Action, Gifts/Stewardship; and told the council members to think about which Ministry Team they would like to be the council liaison for and it will be decided at the next meeting.
6. Teresa asked for some clarification on how the process of council works. Jeff stated that they usually meet 1x per month. They have been meeting on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 10am. They have had in-person and zoom meetings, and also use emails. He would like the council to meet in person for February if possible, social distancing and wearing masks. It was decided to meet Sunday February 14, 10:00 am.
7. Pastor Erich
 - a. Asked about installing the council members. Decided it will be at regular streaming of worship at 9:00 am on Sunday February 14th.
 - b. He stated the Proposed Spending Plan may be slightly less due to a difference in insurance costs.
 - c. Discussed setting up a Transition Team, 6-9 persons may be ideal.
 - i. Should NOT be council or staff members or their spouses
 - ii. Should be a diverse group, trusted, respected, prayerful, spiritually wise, regular attendee, able to speak for others, and willingness to listen to all perspectives.

- iii. The team develops a profile of the congregation for use by the Call Committee.
- iv. One or two may move on to be on the Call Committee.
- v. Suggested that we ask congregation members to submit names of persons who they think might make good candidates to serve on the transition team. We will include this in the February newsletter. Council will choose Transition team members from names submitted.

8. No other business

9. Next meeting the council will be installed on **Feb. 14th during worship. Be at BLC 8:45 am.**

10. Motion to adjourn by Missy, 2nd by Teresa. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Marcia Thompson