

BLC Council Minutes

September 19, 2021

Members Present: Jeff Ziegler, Melissa Lease, Ronda Bowe, Teresa Buechner, David Baumgarten and Michelle Ihm. Judd Koerwitz was present by ZOOM

Members absent: None

Others present: Pastor Erich Hartenberger, Marcia Thompson and JoEllen Uptegraw

- Meeting was called to order by Jeff Ziegler
- Pastor Erich shared a Devotional reading Living with Hope.
 - Approval of August 15, 2021, Minutes
1st Melissa Lease, 2nd Teresa Buechner, Motion carried.
- Action Items
 1. Membership Roster Update letter. Pastor Erich will make updates to the letter including taking out the offering/giving portion in the letter. Requesting congregation members complete and return within 10 days. Will mail Monday or Tuesday. Electronic version will go out Tuesday 09/21/21. A second letter will be sent about 2 weeks after the 10 days.
 2. Advertising of the Office Manager Job Position. Will post on a paid ad on Facebook and the Synod website. Administrative Assistant Transition position which can lead to a permanent part time position. 20-25 hours per week, can be flexible with hours, \$12.00 to \$15.00 an hour depending on work experience. Must be knowledgeable with Microsoft office and Word.
 3. Church Phone System. Our hardware needs to be fixed. It's an internal issue. Discussed fixing or changing the system. Missy is going to check on the price to change the phone system to MHTC. Missy believes it would be around \$15 a month.
 4. Call Committee Names. 1 or 2 people from Transition Team to Call Team, Alicia Hathaway and Gregg Guenther. Diane Schlingen as Alternate. Council Members are calling Shelley Sandry, Becky Stauffer, Linda Seely, Randy Moyer, Dawn Baumann, Evan Hathaway, and Parker Ihm
 5. Constitution update has been temporarily put on hold.
 6. Ministry Team Liaisons
 - a. Faith in Action (FIA) - Teresa B. October 1, 2021 Bailey's Run.
 - b. GIFT/Stewardship - Michelle I. Sending out an email to members to see when we can hold a meeting.

- c. Health Ministry - Ronda B. Blood Pressure checks once a month. Ronda is continuing to put recipes in the newsletter. She was wondering if they all need to be healthy recipes. With the holidays coming it would be fun to put other recipes in.
- d. Property & Grounds - Judd K. Some trees need to be cut down. Missy L said Chad Moore is willing to cut down infected trees. Chad needs to set up a time to do it. We have a pesky woodpecker. Judd will fill the hole/cover the hole and try to stop the woodpecker.
- e. Website/Technology/ Communication - Melissa L. purchased the tripod and still needs to be reimbursed. Working on a new phone system for the church.
- f. Worship - Jeff Z.
 - Some members are concerned about it being too cold for outside worship. Will keep an eye on the weather.
- g. Finance - Dave B. Pastor Erich talked with Jeff Reece about meeting with Dave B to go over information on finance. Jeff agreed to meet, they will need to set up a time to do that.

JoEllen provided Council with Profit & Loss and the Balance Sheet as of August 31, 2021. BLC's Net Income is -\$29,381.96. Giving continues to decline. Discussion on putting something in the newsletter showing the congregation what is paid out and what comes in for the month. Will continue to discuss further.

7. Pastor's Report

- Pastor Erich handed out his Pastor's Report. Council looked over and Pastor Erich shared some of his viewpoints and concerns with council members.

8. No other new business. But during the Membership Roster discussion we also discussed sending out a new Automatic Giving Sheet.

9. Next meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2021 at 10:00 am at BLC.

10. Closed the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

11. Adjourn the meeting.

1st Judd Koerwitz 2nd Teresa Buechner, Motion carried.

Submitted by Michelle Ihm