

BLC Council Meeting Minutes

Barneveld Lutheran Church

February 20, 2022

BLC Council met on Sunday, February 20, 2022, in Fellowship Hall at Barneveld Lutheran Church.

The following Council Members were present: Dave Baumgarten, Ronda Bowe, Melissa Lease, Megan Mieden, Otis Nelson, and Shelly Sandry. The following Council Members were absent: Michelle Ihm.

The following others were present: Pastor Erich Hartenberger, Jo Ellen Uptegraw.

The meeting was called to order by Council President Lease at 9:56 am.

Pastor Erich read a devotion.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. BLC Council Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2021

No minutes have been submitted from the November 14, 2021, BLC Council Meeting. The Minutes will be requested from Ihm.

2. BLC Council Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2022

A motion was made by Baumgarten/Bowe to approve the BLC Council Meeting Minutes from January 23, 2022, as amended. Motion carried.

Correspondence

None.

Action Items

1. Council Member Bios

Pastor Erich recommended the new Council Member submit a Council Member Bio to be included in an upcoming edition of BLC's monthly newsletter. Examples for previous bios will be emailed for a starting point.

No action was taken.

2. Ministry Team Liaisons Reports/Updates

a. Faith In Action (FIA) Team – *Shelly Sandy*

No update reported.

b. G.I.F.T. Team – *Michelle Ihm*

No update reported.

c. Health Team – *Ronda Bowe*

No update reported.

d. Property & Grounds Team – *Otis Nelson*

The lawn mower will be removed from the Church storage shed so it can be prepped for the upcoming season.

Randy Moyer has been contacted about installing electricity in the storage shed behind the church.

Spring Clean-Up will need to be scheduled. It is preferred to have this completed prior to Easter worship. Two dates will be provided at the March meeting.

e. Technology Team – *Melissa Lease*

No update reported.

f. Worship Team – *Megan Mieden*

There will be a Pizza Dinner held on Ash Wednesday (March 2, 2022). Soup suppers will also be starting back up for the Lenten season.

Pastor Erich is working with the school who will be providing a spotlight for the church to use during upcoming services.

g. Finance Team – *Dave Baumgarten*

Jo Ellen reported no major updates. The church will likely be about \$4,000 - \$5,000 short. The gas bill is getting out of control, which no one could have predicted.

3. First Right of Refusal – parcel north of BLC

Lease provided an update on the First Right of Refusal document regarding the parcel north of BLC. The legal description should be updated to include the entire parcel, instead of the small portion that was originally described.

4. Building Use – Mount Horeb Chorale Group (Contact: Becky Stauffer)

Becky reached out to the church to seek use of the building for the Mount Horeb Chorale Group. The Facility Use Agreement and Usage Fee Schedule will be provided to her to completion.

No action was taken.

5. Plumbing/bathroom issues

A+ Plumbing has been in the building twice in the past few weeks (end of January – mid-February) to fix plumbing issues in the bathroom.

No action was taken.

6. Suggested amendments to BLC's Constitution

Baumgarten provided a draft version of BLC's Constitution with updates to be consistent with the ELCA's 2019 Model Constitution.

One item of note was the Ministry Teams listed within the Model Constitution. BLC has less than those listed; however, we have combined many of them into one.

The draft changes should be reviewed prior to next month's meeting for possible action at that time.

7. Pastor's Report

Pastor Erich reviewed his thoughts/observations from his Pastor's Report for February 2022 Council Meeting. He highlighted the following from his report:

- The Ministry Teams have the potential to do more. Some of the teams are very active, while others are not.
- The safe has a master code that Baumgarten will be the keeper of. This code will also be placed in the Church's safe deposit box at the bank.
- A Church Council picture would be nice to have for the website; this will be taken at the March 2022 Meeting.

8. Other Business

a. Administrative Assistant/Pastor spending limits

A motion was made by Baumgarten/Sandy to set a staff spending limit of up to \$500 for purchases with the credit card without Council approval; purchases over \$500 will require approval by the Council. Motion carried.

- b. Baumgarten provided an update regarding the Call Committee process. They have one candidate they are seriously considering and are moving forward with a second interview (to be in-person).

BLC Council will meet next on Sunday, March 20, 2022. A photo of the entire Council will be taken at that time.

Highs/Lows

Council members provided their recent highs/lows and were prayed for.

A motion was made by Baumgarten/Nelson to adjourn at 10:52 am. Motion carried.