

BLC Council Meeting Minutes

Barneveld Lutheran Church

January 23, 2022, at 10:00 am

BLC Council met on Sunday, January 23, 2022, in Fellowship Hall at Barneveld Lutheran Church.

The following Council Members were present: Dave Baumgarten, Ronda Bowe, Michelle Ihm, Melissa Lease, Megan Mieden, Otis Nelson, and Shelly Sandry. The following Council Members were absent: None.

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

The meeting was called to order following BLC's Annual Meeting which adjourned at 10:18 am.

Pastor Erich read a devotion.

Action Items

1. Election of Officers – President, Vice President, Secretary

A discussion was had regarding BLC's Church Constitution (Constitution). The Call Process Handbook does not allow a Council President to serve on the Call Committee. The Constitution also does not allow a council member to serve in the same position for more than one consecutive term.

A motion was made by Bowe/Mieden to nominate Lease as President. A motion was made by Ihm/Bowe to nominate Baumgarten as Vice President. A motion was made by Bowe/Sandry to nominate Mieden as Secretary.

A motion was made by Ihm/Mieden to approve the election of officers as nominated. Motion carried.

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Ihm/Bowe to approve the Meeting Minutes from December 19, 2021. Motion carried.

3. Food Pantry

Pastor Erich provided an update on the Food Pantry. Angel Hering, BLC Member, has stepped up to help regularly provide coverage for the Food Pantry. Barneveld's Congregational Church has also agreed to provide coverage one week per month.

The Barneveld Middle School donated over \$2,220 to the Food Pantry; these funds were raised through their Winter Carnival.

4. Authorized Signatories

A motion was made by Lease/Sandry to remove Jeff Ziegler and Marcia Thompson as signatories from BLC's accounts and add Dave Baumgarten and Lois Herfel as signatories on BLC's accounts, contingent upon Herfel being ok with this. This also includes removing Marcia Thompson from BLC's credit card and adding Lois Herfel as a contact. Motion carried.

5. Ministry Team Liaisons

- a. *Faith In Action (FIA) Team* (vacant) – None.
- b. *G.I.F.T. Team* (Ihm) – Ihm reported the G.I.F.T. Team did not do anything last year (2021).
- c. *Health Team* (Bowe) – Bowe reported the Health Team will continue as is.
- d. *Property & Grounds Team* (Nelson) – Nelson agreed to serve as the liaison for this team. Judd Koerwitz would like to remain on the Property & Grounds Team. It was also noted George Ranney is a good contact for Property & Grounds related issues.
 - i. Church Facility Use Agreement – This form was provided to the Council.
 - ii. Thoni Family – Property adjacent to the Church – Lease provided information regarding this from Attorney Ott. The First Right of Refusal would need to include the entire parcel of land, and not just a portion of it. The document would need to be updated with current dates and Council President Lease would be able to sign on behalf of BLC.
- e. *Technology Team* (Lease)
 - i. Electronic sign – Pastor Erich is having to update the sign at the sign terminal because the wireless connection is still not working. Updates will be provided as they are available.
 - ii. Google Drive – This is used for the slides during worship. It is asking for authentication which currently goes to Marcia Thompson's phone as a text message; this profile needs to be updated.

Pastor Erich also recommended the church consider having a church cell phone for the pastor once BLC has a settled pastor.

It was also recommended to have any contracts (i.e. – Gordon Flesch) updated to a contact person title instead of a specific person (i.e. – Administrative Assistant instead of Marcia Thompson).

- f. *Worship Team* (vacant) – None.
 - g. *Finance Team* (Baumgarten)
 - i. Call Committee update – Shelley Sandry provided an update during Worship Service.
 - ii. Safe purchase – The safe has been ordered and should be delivered Monday (1/24) or Tuesday (1/25). The total came to a little under \$250.00.
6. Pastor's Report – Pastor Erich review his thoughts/observations from his Pastor's Report for January 2022 Council Meeting. He highlighted the following from his report:
- Recommendation of a "Count Team" for offertories, as recommended in BLC's audit.
 - Consideration of amending BLC's Constitution
- Though BLC's Constitution was updated in 2016, there have been changes to the Model Constitution which BLC should consider.
- Consideration of recruiting help for the Technology Team
7. Other Business
- Soup Suppers during the Lenten Season – Joann Manteufel will be reaching out to Sandry (member of the COVID-19 Team) regarding bringing this back.
 - Additional Wine Server – It seems the flow of the communion line is a little confusing with only one host server and one wine server. Attendance doesn't necessarily warrant having two of each server, but there would be a benefit to having two wine servers so those receiving communion can choose the wine server that corresponds with the side of the church they are sitting on. This would help with the flow of communion.
 - Snowplowing/Shoveling and Salting – Jo Ellen has been shoveling/salting the church walkways. Should this be her responsibility just because she lives across from the church?
 - Ministry Liaisons – Team liaisons should create a continuity folder/binder to keep up-to-date standard operating procedures and information so it can be passed on to the next person.

BLC Council will meet next on Sunday, February 20, 2022.

A motion was made by Ihm/Mieden to adjourn at 11:48 am. Motion carried.