

BLC Council Special Meeting Minutes

Barneveld Lutheran Church

April 24, 2022

BLC Council met on Sunday, April 24, 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.

1. The meeting was called to order by Council President Lease at 9:54 am.
2. A devotion was read by Pastor Erich.
3. A motion was made by Bowe/Ihm to approve the Meeting Minutes from March 20, 2022, as amended, and April 3, 2022. Motion carried.
4. Correspondence

A letter was received from Iowa County Emergency Management regarding use of the church during emergency situations (i.e. – as a cooling center). A response to Iowa County Emergency Management will indicate the church is available for all emergency situations.

5. Action Items

a. Financial Review – Mike Peterson

Mike provided the Council with an update on BLC's investments. BLC has a "slush" fund of about \$10,500 that has historically been kept for emergency purposes.

BLC's Endowment fund has seen recent losses, but the long-term is still looking good. Though it has experienced recent losses (due to COVID-19, inflation, and Russia's attack on Ukraine), the important thing to remember about this account is that it is a long-term investment.

b. Ministry Team Liaison Reports/Updates

i. Faith in Action (FIA) Team – *Shelly Sandry*

No update.

ii. G.I.F.T. Team – *Michelle Ihm*

No update.

iii. Health Team – *Ronda Bowe*

No update.

iv. Property & Grounds Team – *Otis Nelson*

- Clean-up day was a success.
- Sign-up for the lawn mowing is not looking good. A discussion was held regarding the minimum age someone needs to be to mow the lawn; if a parent is supervising their child and they are comfortable with them participating, it should be fine.
- Windows in the church offices are inoperable. There are capital improvement funds available for a project such as this.

v. Technology Team – *Melissa Lease*

A strategic plan needs to be developed going forward regarding the website, Facebook, etc.

vi. Worship Team – *Megan Mieden*

None.

vii. Finance Team – *Dave Baumgarten*

BLC had a deficit of \$2,700 for the month of March; overall for the year, BLC is down about \$7,000.

c. Facility Use Agreement

i. Jordan Peel and Kalan Stittleburg – September 17, 2022

A motion was made by Baumgarten/Mieden to approve the use of the facility for Peel and Stittleburg contingent upon the approval from the Synod. Motion carried.

Note: Because Peel and Stittleburg are not members of BLC (and they are not known by any members of BLC), Council wanted to verify it was acceptable for Peel and Stittleburg to use our facility and provide their own pastor for their wedding ceremony. Baumgarten verified with the Synod, and this is acceptable.

d. BLC Constitution Amendments – Chapters 11-20

Chapters 11-20 of BLC's Constitution were reviewed. The amendments suggested were mainly required changes from the Synod.

A final draft will be prepared and forwarded to the Synod for review prior to the amendments being pushed out to the entire congregation.

e. Pastor's Report

Pastor Erich provided his final report to the Council.

- Ministry Teams – there may be some work done here to improve these.
- Final compensation – a maximum of 4 weeks of vacation + any unused vacation is paid out following Pastor Erich's last day with BLC. The end of this time will be the termination date listed in Portico. The calculated amount is over \$7,000, but Pastor Erich will accept \$7,000 as his final compensation; the church office can decide how they want to pay this – one lump payment, or two equal payments.

f. Any other business as may come before the Council

None.

6. Council Member Highs/Lows for Prayer

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

7. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on Sunday, May 15, 2022, immediately following the 9:00 am Worship.

8. Council adjourned at 11:35 am.