

BLC Council Special Meeting Minutes

Barneveld Lutheran Church

May 15, 2022

BLC Council met on Sunday, May 15, 2022, in Fellowship Hall at Barneveld Lutheran Church.

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

1. The meeting was called to order by Council President Lease at 10:09 am.
2. A devotion was read by Pastor Rhia.
3. A motion was made by Mieden/Baumgarten to approve the Meeting Minutes from April 24, 2022, as amended. Motion carried.

4. Correspondence

None.

5. Action Items

a. Ministry Team Liaison Reports/Updates

There will be a refresh meeting scheduled to have these matters cleaned up and the teams re-established.

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*

Mowing is going good; people are stepping up – May and June are taken care of.

There are issues in the Pastor's office with a recently discovered air conditioner; Otis needs to do some drywall repair in there.

Otis will ask Roger Uptegraw here to look at the HVAC system.

Otis will also get some numbers together for the windows in the offices. Dave will look at getting some blinds from Springs (they tend to throw a lot of unused products away because they are cut to the wrong size, etc.).

There are cracks in the drywall in the kitchen; it is unlikely the contractor will come back to fix this. Otis will fix the drywall in the kitchen and Pastor Rhia's office.

v. Technology Team – *Melissa Lease*

1. Power Church – Power Church has a lot that can be done with it, but Pastor Rhia needs to gain access to this program.

Track communion – Communion needs to be reported to the Synod, so it needs to be tracked. It was previously tracked through signing in on the “welcome pads” in the pews.

Tracking of membership – BLC should begin tracking membership – i.e., when was someone at church last, etc.

John at Troll Bytes will be asked to figure out if this is a software program specific to a computer, or is this cloud-based?

2. Shared Network – The laptop is going to be taken to John at Troll Bytes and have him go through it and do whatever updates need to be done with it.

vi. Worship Team – *Megan Mieden*

None.

vii. Finance Team – *Dave Baumgarten*

We are ok with the funds in the bank. Reports to come from Jo Ellen for April and May at our next meeting.

We are hoping trends will go towards the positive now that the transition has been complete.

b. New Pastor Matters

i. Letter of Call

The letter from the Synod has not been received yet. Dave has our copy that still needs to be signed with some of the updates; Pastor Rhia will send a note to the Synod about getting this taken care of.

ii. Installation Plans

This normally happens soon after starting; the Synod needs to be involved so we need to check on the availability with them. Dave will reach out to the Synod to see when they are available.

iii. Time Off Process

There are some dates that Pastor Rhia needs to have off. It is suggested to let Council know as far in advance as possible; if Council is not able to find someone to fill in, Pastor Rhia will have to go through the Synod.

- June 1st – June 7th (June 5th) – Missy to check on Cindy's availability
- July 3rd – Dave to be the lay preacher

iv. Church-issued Technology

1. Laptop – This item was discussed above under the Technology Team update.
2. Cell Phone – Pastor Rhia suggested getting a phone number for the church. This number can be forwarded to the pastor's cell phone so there is a consistent phone number for the church.

c. BLC Happenings

- i. 1st Communion – There will be something coming out in the newsletter to get the kids wanting to do this signed up. A workshop will be scheduled for a Saturday to prepare the communicants. A date is yet to be determined, but it may be sometime in June.
- ii. Fellowship – We are looking at starting this back up with just coffee. Pastor Rhia will check with Jo Ellen on this. Would the group who is setting communion be interested in making coffee, too??
- iii. Rogation Sunday – This is scheduled for 5/22/2022. Parishioners will bring in "planting supplies" to have them blessed. Lois will send out an email this week regarding this.
- iv. Synod Youth Retreat (7/29/2022-7/31/2022) – The national youth gathering takes place every 3 years; the most recent one was cancelled and they are putting a retreat together this year that will be held at Bethel Horizons. It

would be nice to have some members attend since it is essentially in our backyard. Something will be put in the newsletter; but it would also be nice to reach out directly to some of the youth.

- v. VBS – We got an invitation to participate with Mount Horeb; Sugar Creek is limited on their staff this year, so it is good to have an opportunity this close.

We need to have someone working on this soon for next year, so we don't miss out on scheduling our own event.

- d. COVID-19 Team – The team meets on an as-needed basis; the last big decision made was masks are optional.

Communion is done on intinction – this may not be the best way to do this. We will go back to offering wine in individual cups beginning June 12th. Missy will alert the Altar Guild crew scheduled for June of this change.

- e. Church Directory – Someone has been contacting the church about getting a new directory. We are going to hold off on this until the transition with Pastor Rhia is complete and we feel like we are at a better place with our congregational numbers.

- f. Pastor's Report – This was completed throughout the meeting.

- g. Any other business as may come before the Council

None.

6. BLC Constitution Amendments – Next Steps

Megan will work with Brad from the Synod about the suggested changes. Pastor Rhia will get his contact information to Megan

7. Council Member Highs/Lows for Prayer

Due to the length of the meeting, this item was skipped.

8. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be on Sunday, June 26, 2022, immediately following the 9:00 am Worship.

9. Mieden/Ihm Council adjourned at 11:29 am.