

BLC Council Meeting Minutes

Barneveld Lutheran Church

June 26, 2022

BLC Council met on Sunday, June 26, 2022, in Fellowship Hall at Barneveld Lutheran Church.

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

Other attendees: Jo Ellen Uptegraw, Pastor Rhia Strohm.

1. The meeting was called to order by Council Vice President Dave Baumgarten at 10:05 am.
2. No formal devotion today.
3. A motion was made by Bowe/Sandry to approve the minutes from May 15, 2022, as amended. Motion carried.
4. Action items

a. Ministry Team Liaison Reports/updates

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

We did meet and discussed our excitement to begin gathering again. We discussed the activities that we enjoyed and should continue like the progressive dinner. We also discussed our mission/purpose statement and have worked via e-mail to edit it. We meet again on June 28th.

b. GIFT team – *Michelle Ihm*

No report.

c. Health Team – *Ronda Bowe*

Blood pressures, recipes and health tips continue. No formal team.

Pastor Rhia shared that the Wisconsin Council on Churches requested to use BLC as a vaccination site. Everyone at the meeting felt it was a positive event that we should support.

d. Property & Grounds Team – *Otis Nelson*

Melissa Lease was working with the electronic sign to get it to be able to change wirelessly. If she can't figure out a solution this week, Otis will have a wire installed from the building to the sign.

Multiple people were working on different options for the sign. Pastor Rhia will send an e-mail out to those working on it to make sure they are on the same page.

Lawn mowing is going well. There are 3 volunteers for July.

Greg Clerkin will be putting electrical in the shed with the lawn mower. The shed may also need another vent due to warm weather. Otis is considering this.

Jo Ellen mentioned that the fountain needs to be repaired. She will be contacting a plumber to see if there are leaves stuck where they shouldn't be.

e. Worship Team – *Megan Mieden*

Team met last Thursday (6/23). Pastor Rhia will be installed on July 24th.

There will be outdoor Worship on July 17, 24th and August 14th.

They are considering a Barn Dinner at Shelly Lee's Farm on August 20th or 27th. They are also suggesting Worship and Dinner @ the Moyer Barn on September 25th with a potluck to follow.

Pastor Rhia would like to look at scheduling some backyard gatherings to get to know more people within the congregation.

BLC is working on a new Logo.

Lastly, the team is beginning to incorporate more contemporary music into worship while still keeping some traditional pieces.

f. Finance Team – *Dave Baumgarten*

Jo Ellen presented financial information. For the month, we are down, but overall we are still okay. We discussed that we have lost some money to not holding a Lutefisk dinner, in addition to losing some members/COVID.

b. Installation Plan

Pastor Rhia has some ideas for her installation on July 24th.

c. Worship Changes

A few changes have started with careful attention to keeping some things the same. Contemporary music, communion with separate bread and wine in individual cups, not always 3 readings, etc.

d. Backyard Gatherings

This was mentioned under the Worship Team update.

e. Any other business

None.

f. BLC Constitution Amendments

Mieden is working with Brad and Wendy from the Synod. They will review the suggested amendments and we can start setting up a congregational meeting shortly thereafter.

5. Next Meeting Date

a. July's meeting will be held via e-mail.

b. Next in-person meeting is August 21, 2022