

BLC Council Meeting Minutes

Barneveld Lutheran Church

August 21, 2022

BLC Council met on Sunday, August 21, 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.

Other attendees: Jo Ellen Uptegraw, Pastor Rhia Strohm

1. The meeting was called to order by Council President Melissa Lease at 10:13 am.
2. Devotion was read by Pastor Rhia.

Questions:

As leaders in the church, who are the deeply marginalized people in our community?

- Kids living with divorced parents
- Recent graduates during COVID-19 – had to stop their dreams and now they don't know how to move forward
- You never know what is going on with someone, even if they have a “happy” face on; not everyone looks like they are marginalized

What does the community need? We need to meet them where they are at.

What characteristics do members of our church leadership share? What makes them different?

- Everyone has different strengths – some more strategic, some more optimistic, etc. In common, the leadership in our church are people willing to step up, relationship building

Are there any barriers in our church that prevent people from coming into leadership roles within the church? We want to be open to new people.

Other items discussed:

- Team Liaison reports should be sent out one week prior to the scheduled meeting date; this can then be removed from the agenda.

- Updates should be provided for the newsletter, including meeting minutes and team liaison updates, to help others see what we are doing and giving people a vested interest in what's happening at the church. The financials should also be a part of this update.
 - Keep the offering vessel in the back of the worship space, to encourage people to contribute.
3. A motion was made by Sandry/Mieden to approve the minutes from June 26, 2022, as amended. Motion carried.

There was no meeting held in July.

4. Action items

a. Ministry Team Liaison Reports/updates

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

Manna in the Mow was held on Saturday, August 20, 2022.

Sunday, October 2, 2022 – Ridgeway Farmers Market – possibly bringing worship there; Cindy was asking to see if we could have it on the baseball field.

October 9, 2022 – Bailey's Run

Next meeting September 6, 2022.

b. G.I.F.T. team – *Michelle Ihm*

Reaching out to a couple of people; the team will be meeting again soon to get the committee back going again.

c. Health Team – *Ronda Bowe*

Doesn't really know if there is a health team; Craig Johnson doesn't have time anymore. Judy Johnson schedules the blood pressure checks.

Lease will connect Bowe and Megan Keesey together about doing something else with the Health Team.

d. Property & Grounds Team – *Otis Nelson*

Electronic sign – moving on regarding this; Otis talked to his nephew about this; if the antenna isn't working, it's not going to talk to the computer. Ask Rick Mueller. Moving ahead with hardwiring the sign to the building.

Light on the bell is flickering all night long. Randy Moyer worked on this at one point.

Bill Jones is not doing snowplowing this year. Michelle will check with her son-in-law.

e. Technology Team – *Melissa Lease*

Talked about already in Property & Grounds Team.

Slideshow is going pretty well – it is constantly improving.

f. Worship Team – *Megan Mieden*

No update at this time.

g. Finance Team – *Dave Baumgarten*

Jo Ellen provided an update during the Meeting Minutes section.

b. Facility Use Agreement

a. Birch Lake HCE – District Meeting on Thursday, October 27, 2022, from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm

A motion was made by Bowe/Baumgarten to approve the Birch Lake HCE facility use on 10/27/2022. Motion carried.

c. Any other business as may come before the Council

A lot of issues were taken care of throughout the meeting. Otis wants to send out more invitations that are personalized to people, including those on the prayer list, etc.

5. Next Meeting Date

Sunday, September 18, 2022, immediately following 9:00 am Worship.

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Mieden/Bowe to adjourn at 11:20 am. Motion carried.