

BLC Council Meeting Minutes

Barneveld Lutheran Church

October 25, 2022

BLC Council met on Tuesday, October 25, 2022, at Barneveld Lutheran Church.

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

Other attendees: Pastor Rhia Strohm

1. The meeting was called to order by Baumgarten at 7:15 pm.
2. A devotion was sang/read by Pastor Rhia and Council Members.
3. A motion was made by Sandry/Nelson to approve the minutes from September 25, 2022, as amended. Motion carried.
4. Action items
 - a. Ministry Team Reports/Updates
 - i. Faith in Action (FIA) Team – *Shelly Sandry*

A small group enjoyed an afternoon at Bailey's Run Winery in New Glarus. There is a meeting scheduled for November 7, 2022.
 - ii. G.I.F.T. team – *Michelle Ihm*

No report.
 - iii. Health Team – *Ronda Bowe*

No report.
 - iv. Property & Grounds Team – *Otis Nelson*

The sign has been hard wired and is working. BLC has not received an invoice from Mueller Graphics for this, or from Nelson for the PVC conduit.

Nelson picked up an air conditioner cover.

Nelson will repair the cracked drywall in the kitchen,

Mowing is complete for the year. Shrubs have been trimmed back and the long eaves have been removed.

v. Technology Team – *Melissa Lease*

Pastor Rhia indicated a TV monitor is being ordered for the back of the sanctuary; funds for this were approved through the Foundation.

Sound needs to be connected to the soundboard; a friend of Pastor Rhia's will be stopping to see if they can get this connected.

vi. Worship Team – *Megan Mieden*

A meeting is scheduled for 11/1 to discuss upcoming events.

vii. Finance Team – *Dave Baumgarten*

Baumgarten indicated updates were made to the portion of the insurance regarding the number of employees.

A discussion was held regarding the removal of offering money. This should be done by 2 people as a best practice; this was recommended at the last audit.

A brief financial update was provided.

b. Snow Removal and Bid Review

We have received 2 bids for review. We are still waiting on a couple more bids before moving forward. Pastor Rhia posted something on the Barneveld Community Facebook page.

c. Wednesday Night Family Worship – Music

A motion was made by Baumgarten/Sandry to approve paying \$80 per extra service (Wednesday) to Karen Erickson AND Connie Curran through the end of 2022. Motion carried.

d. Stewardship Update

Baumgarten plans to give two financial updates to the congregation in November – one on a Sunday and one on a Wednesday. A note is also going out in the year-to-date "giving statements".

Passing of the plate has done well. Auto-donations (through Peoples Community Bank) and website donations (through Tithe.ly) should be promoted.

e. BLC's Future – Vision and Planning

This was discussed heavily under 5e – Stewardship Focus and Plan.

f. Any other business as may come before the Council

- BLC logos – three (3) new logos were presented. Pastor Rhia has been working with Shannon Wood on possible uses, including t-shirts, window clings, and BLC letterhead.
- Praise & Pie Night – will be held at BLC on Thanksgiving Eve (11/23/2022) in combination with Barneveld UCC Church.
- Fundraising Committee – the Council should come up with some ideas and appoint a leader to run a fundraising committee
- BLC Facility Usage Fees – these need to be updated; will be table for now.

5. Next Meeting Date

Sunday, November 20, 2022, immediately following 9:00 am Worship

6. Adjournment

A motion was made by Bowe/Baumgarten to adjourn. Motion carried.