

BLC Council Meeting Minutes

Barneveld Lutheran Church

BLC Council met on Sunday, April 16, 2023, at Barneveld Lutheran Church.

Council Members present: Dave Baumgarten, Ronda Bowe, Melissa Lease, Megan Mieden, Otis Nelson, and Shelly Sandry.

Council Members absent: Michelle Ihm.

Other attendees present: Pastor Rhia Strohm and Jo Ellen Uptegraw.

1. The meeting was called to order by Baumgarten at 10:09 am.
2. A devotion was read by Pastor Rhia.
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a. BLC Council Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2023

A motion was made by Lease/Nelson to approve the Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2023. Motion carried.

4. Approval of Membership Changes

- a. Baptism – 2

i. Finley Kitelinger

ii. Jett Langdon

- b. Membership Changes – 1

i. Sierra Eno – Removal

A motion was made by Lease/Bowe to approve the membership changes. Motion carried.

5. Financial Update

\$1,000 – Youth Gathering Income; each year the Endowment Fund contributes \$1,000 to the Youth Gathering Fund.

A notice was received from the IRS indicating we now need to submit payroll taxes on a monthly basis (instead of quarterly). A penalty was charged for Q4-2022; we will likely see another one for Q1-2023.

Action Item: Sandry to add Lenten Suppers to task item and to consider changing the menu to something other than just soups.

6. New Business

a. Windows

6 units to be replaced – 2 each in Storage, Pastor Rhia, Church Office

Nelson provided information on bids from:

- Waunakee Remodeling: \$22,420 (wood)
- Tri-State Windows: \$11,471 (vinyl)
- Do-It Center (Mt. Horeb): \$7,056 (sash only, 12 total); may need to replace the cranks at \$420 total; 5 months out on these

A motion was made by Lease to move forward with windows from Do-It Center. Motion carried.

Action Item: Nelson to get order placed from Do-It Center.

Action Item: Baumgarten to complete form to request funds from Foundation.

b. Soccer Practice – Church Lawn

Practice is continuing for the season on the western side of the parking lot as well as behind the pine trees.

Action Item: Bowe to remind groups to clean up after themselves.

7. Action Items

a. Foundation Meeting

Baumgarten suggested a Lunch & Learn opportunity for Council to meet with the Foundation to learn about the Foundation's operations.

Action Item: Baumgarten to reach out to Dean Oimoen to set-up a date in May. This will be held on a date different than a Council Meeting.

b. Accompanist

We are set for accompanists through April. For the months of May and June, we need coverage for the following dates:

- May 14, 2023
- May 28, 2023

- June 25, 2023

Action Item: Council should be keeping their eyes/ears open to see if there is anything open.

c. Copier Update

Current agreement was signed in June 2021 for 5 years. Nelson reached out to Gordon Flesch regarding current lease agreement. Gordon Flesch presented a new option – start a new 5-year lease which would reduce the monthly fee.

Action Item: Nelson to determine what the fee would be to break the lease.

8. Ministry Team Reports/Updates/Approval

a. Ministry Teams

i. Education: Megan Mieden/Ronda Bowe

Met on 3/19/2023 @ 4:30 pm

Discussion was had regarding Vacation Bible School (confirmed for August 14-17, with a program the evening of 8/17).

Members: Ronda Bowe, Megan Mieden, Amber DeRosier, Alycia Hathaway, Kailey Langdon, Jeff Reese

ii. Faith in Action: Missy Lease

Discussion had regarding next book reading (*Mad Honey*), flower bouquet making (May 13th), Party in the Pines (June 30th), consideration of outdoor service at Ridgeway Ball Park, progressive dinners, and an afternoon at Bailey's Run (summer 2023).

Members: Missy Lease

iii. Youth & Family: Shelly Sandry

Met on 4/3/2023 @ 5:00 pm

Discussion was had regarding wellness and resilience events for the entire family (not just mom and kids). Other ideas discussed include:

- Milestone Ministry – prayer pillows for kindergarten students, 1st Communion, 3rd Grade students receiving bibles, middle school students receiving locker mirrors, caring conversation starters for high school students, college care packages.

- National Youth Gathering – New Orleans 2024; there is a lot of work to go into this, including fundraising (\$1,700/youth, unknown if chaperone is the same price).
- Parent-focused groups – events for parents like speakers.
- Service projects – nursing home visits, writing cards, cleaning yards.

Members: Shelly Sandry, Jessica Doescher, Sateash Kittleson, Jeff Ziegler, Joyce Baumgarten

iv. Worship: Dave Baumgarten

Met on 3/21/2023 @ 5:00 pm

Discussion was had regarding Family Faith Night, which will continue throughout the summer, outdoor activities, and ideas to attract a new accompanist.

Members: Dave Baumgarten, Marcia Thompson, Julie Reese, Karen Erickson

v. Care: Michelle Ihm

Meeting: No update

Suggested Members: Earline Laudin, Terry Nelson

vi. Stewardship: Otis Nelson

Met on 3/15/2023 @ 7:00 pm

Discussion was had regarding what the Stewardship Team should be – it sets the culture for the congregation. Pastor Rhia gave the team a chapter from a book to read. The team will look at the following:

- Memorials
- Benevolence Giving
- Hosting speakers regarding legacy giving, estate planning, etc.
- Conducting a campaign once a year involving pledging

Members: Otis Nelson, Marcia Thompson, Marica Rowen-Brue, Diane Schlimgen, Ken Hummel

b. Resource Teams

- i. Finance: Jo Ellen Uptegraw/Dave Baumgarten
- ii. Property: Otis Nelson

iii. Technology: Missy Lease

- Back monitor is now working.
- Sound/speaker on one side needs to be looked at.
- The website needs to be edited.
- A team needs to be built to strategize on things – people to own parts, build a schedule to know who is streaming each week.

iv. Foundation/Endowment: TBD

v. Human Resources: TBD

Action Item: *We will be having an “all team” meeting during the summer – be thinking about dates for this to happen sometime in June.*

9. Tabled Action Items

a. Possible Kids Area in Church

- i. Previously had in front prior to COVID; through back area would be less distracting

10. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, immediately following Family Faith Night Service.

11. A motion was made by Sandry/Bowe to adjourn at 11:35 am. Motion carried.

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