

# BLC Council Meeting Minutes

## Barneveld Lutheran Church

BLC Council met on Wednesday, May 17, 2023, at Barneveld Lutheran Church.

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

Council Members absent: None.

Other attendees present: Pastor Rhia Strohm.

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Baumgarten.

2. No devotion was read.

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. BLC Council Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2023

A motion was made by Lease/Nelson to approve the Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2023.  
Motion carried.

4. Approval of Membership Changes

a. Baptisms

None.

b. Membership Changes

A motion was made by Bowe/Nelson to approve the following students that were confirmed on May 7, 2023:

- Nolan Baryenbruch
- Nora Burris
- Henry DeRosier
- Leahha Doescher
- Eliza Gordon
- Jalen Kattleson
- Chelsea Manteufel
- Levi Schmid

Motion carried.

5. Financial Update

The April 2023 report was provided by Mieden. A few questions were asked related to the liability accounts listed on the report (i.e. – Helping Hand Giving, Youth Gathering Income, Youth Giving).

The expenses are reported, but since the funds come out of their own “fund” it doesn’t seem like they should be reported on the Financial Update report.

**Action Item:** *Mieden to work with Uptegraw on this to confirm how these expenses flow through, and update the report accordingly.*

## 6. New Business

### a. Communications Manager Position

A Communications Manager position description was reviewed, with suggestions being made and updated, including a title change to **Communication Coordinator**. An updated position description will be emailed to everyone for a final review. Any suggested changes should be communicated to Council via email.

The position will be posted as part-time, 20-25 hours/week, with a starting pay range of \$15-\$20 depending on qualifications. The intention is to seek internal interest from within the congregation before potentially recruiting outside BLC.

**Action Item:** *Council to review position description and suggest any final changes.*

**Action Item:** *Pastor Rhia to place a “teaser” in the June Newsletter.*

### b. Barneveld Shopper

Baumgarten inquired if we should continue advertising in the Barneveld Shopper. All agreed.

**Action Item:** *Baumgarten to notify Barneveld Shopper of continuation of BLC advertisement.*

### c. Renewal Charge for Website

Share Faith renewal price is \$600 and should be renewed.

**Action Item:** *Baumgarten to notify Uptegraw renewal payment is ok to process.*

### d. Church Facility Usage

- 6/2/2023-6/3/2023 – Bethel Horizons; received donation for use of church facility
- 6/9/2023 – Peggy Bilse; use of chairs and tables
- 6/10/2023 – Marcia Thompson; use of facility

**Action Item:** *XXX to add all uses to the Google Calendar.*

### e. Church Funds Request for Foundation

Baumgarten submitted the request for funding to the Foundation the week of 5/7/2023; funds were requested with a need date of 7/1/2023. If no response from Foundation by end of week (5/20/2023), Baumgarten will follow-up.

**Action Item:** *Baumgarten to follow-up with Foundation regarding funds request.*

f. Other New Business

- Barneveld Police Department – request for funds for children safety

BLC has the option to sponsor child safety kits through the Barneveld Police Department at \$4.10 per child. Mieden suggested “telling our story” by sponsoring the number of kids registered for Wednesday School programming for the 2022-2023 year. There were 51 students in grades K-8 registered.

A motion was made by Sandry/Bowe to approve sponsoring 51 kids with the funds coming from the Youth Fund. Motion carried.

**Action Item:** Pastor Rhia to submit funding request to Uptegraw.

7. Action Items

a. Foundation Meeting

Baumgarten to offer two (2) dates for a Lunch & Learn session with Council and the Foundation. Available dates include 6/11/2023 or 6/25/2023. Foundation can choose which dates works best for them.

**Action Item:** Baumgarten to set Lunch & Learn date.

b. All Teams Meeting – 7/9/2023 @ 5:00-7:00 pm; potluck with families, if wanted

c. Accompanist – May 28<sup>th</sup>

This is the only date still needed through the summer. All other dates have been filled with Karen, Shekinah, and seminary student from Iowa.

**Action Item:** Ihm to follow-up with Shelley Eno to see if she is available.

d. Copier Update

Nelson provided updated numbers from Gordon Flesch. The current lease expires in June 2026. When this date approaches, other options should be looked into, including other companies and a purchase option.

**Action Item:** XXX to add to Google Calendar for reminder in March 2026.

8. Ministry Team Reports/Updates/Approval

Available reports were reviewed via email.

9. Tabled Action Items

a. Kids Area in Church

No discussion/action taken.

10. Next Meeting Date

Opposite of Lunch & Learn with Foundation – either 6/11/2023 or 6/25/2023

11. Adjournment

A motion was made by Lease/Bowe to adjourn at 8:49 pm.

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