

Minutes of the Baudette Lutheran Parish Council Meeting

April 11, 2023 at First Lutheran Church

Present: Deb Perala, Roger Erickson, Ken Horntvedt, Doris Nelson, Shelly Spears, Marla Hasbargen, Gary Hasbargen, Gary Swenson, Carrie Hasbargen, Sue Smith, Bertel Anundson, Mary Sopkowiak, Jim Frohreich, Phyllis Paulsen, Eileen Cordray, Joyce Washburn, Linda Bauers, Bishop Bill and Pastor Birgitte.

Call to Order – President Gary S. called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

The meeting was then turned over to Bishop Bill – he led us in a devotional and read from Exodus 14 and I Corinthians.

Bishop Bill then asked for questions, and he said he would address each one. He gave us a call process handbook to follow the “10 step guide through your faith community’s rostered minister transition”. We discussed the first 4 steps.

1. resignation of the minister.
2. Conclusion of ministry of outgoing rostered minister. The Parish is planning a party April 23, 2023 from 2 -4 PM with a program and a time of fellowship. Also, at this time the final documents must be signed
3. Interim ministry or provision for ministry during vacancy –
 - a. Bishop Bill did give us 2 names a Rev. Paul S. from Brainerd might be interested in full time, and Pastor Ann Meridith from Blackduck who is retired but might be interested in ½ time. He suggested we give these people a call as soon as possible. Bishop Bill said that Calista Wolf would be willing to help as much as she could, as a SAM, during this time of transition. She is willing to preach 2 or 3 Sundays a month. She will reach out to the pastor from Roseau to mentor her.
4. Formation of the call committee –
 - a. discussion was then held on communication between the 3 churches and then forming a committee.

At this time Bishop Bill left the meeting and we resumed with our meeting.

Approval of agenda – motion was made by Ken H. seconded by Roger E. MC

Approval of the Secretaries minutes from March 14 and March 22 – motion was made by Gary H. seconded by Linda B. to approve these minutes. MC

Pastors Report – she asked if anyone had questions – April 23, 2023 will be her last Sunday and a time of fellowship in the afternoon from 2 – 4 PM.

CYF Report - Calista said she is willing to help out as much as possible but with family and her mom facing surgery, she would be gone some. It was felt that some from the parish could help at the office during her time gone.

Financial report - The balance of the Wells Fargo account was discussed. Motion was made by Roger E. seconded by Gary H. to accept this report.

Individual congregation events/projects - Nothing from all 3 churches at this time.

Old Business

1. Parish Agreement - nothing done on this yet.
2. State non-profit forms – Calista reported she did the parish one and sent this in. The churches each have to do one which is due 12/31/2023

New Business

1. Technology – Pastor said she and Calista have each been using their own computers as the 2 at the church do not work with some of the things they do today at the services. Discussion was then held on looking into getting a new computer for the office, Carrie H., Mary S., and Calista will work on this and bring back to the board some prices.
2. Communication with Laurie Baade - Mary S., said that when the changes in the Parish Agreement are made they would include a Treasurer from each church rotate just like the president and secretary. It was suggested that Wabanica's treasurer finish out this year. Doris Nelson agreed and will talk to her about the Wells Fargo account also.
3. Contacting one of the interims - Bishop Bill had suggested contacting one of the people as soon as possible. A motion was made by Linda B. to call them this evening and all 3 presidents be in on the call, seconded by Phyllis P. MC

Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 9th at 6 pm at First Lutheran.

Motion was made by Mary S. seconded by Phyllis P. to adjourn this meeting. We closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully Submitted:

Susan Smith, Sec.