

Burlington Lutheran Church council meeting: December 27, 2022 (Meeting held via Zoom)

Members present: Rochelle Hill, David Svaren, Janice Burwash, Nancy Hill Hoffman, Brad Dana, Grant Burwash, Pastor Charis Weathers and guest Eva Yeoman (new 2023 council member)

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 p.m. by President Grant Burwash; Pastor Charis began the meeting with a prayer.

It was MSC (moved, seconded, and carries) to accept the minutes of the November 22 council meeting and the December 13 special council meeting as presented.

REPORTS

Pastor shared her report for the months of November and December. Included in her report was an announcement of a meeting regarding the possible use of BLC as a cold weather shelter. This meeting will be at BLC on Thursday, January 12 at 10:00 a.m., and will include several community members who can answer questions about whether our space would be appropriate and how this shelter would be managed and staffed.

In the absence of Treasurer John White, Charis presented the November financial report. Most noteworthy was the information that we are still running about \$10,000 behind the budgeted amount that was expected to be needed from the reserve fund to cover the deficit of annual offering versus annual expenses. It was MSC to accept the treasurer's report as presented.

Three finance-related decisions were made:

As per a written request from the treasurer, it was MSC to move \$30k from Account 2300.68 - Operating Savings into the Total Equity line. This is an accounting transaction and will not impact the checking amount. This will be close to what we need to balance the budget and leaves us with operating capital going into 2023.

It was MSC to give the following year-end gifts to BLC staff: \$100 each to Sean and Randy and \$50 to office admin Jacob.

It was MSC to give the following year-end gifts to local non-profits: \$200 each to the Tri-Parish Food Bank, Friendship House, and New Earth Recovery. Charis noted that a gift of \$100 has already been sent to Reconciling Works.

OLD BUSINESS

Grant reminded the council that since Millie Fosberg is taking over the position of council treasurer the council will need to appoint someone to fill Millie's at-large council position. Several names were suggested. Charis will add a notice to this week's eNewsletter letter BLC members know that there is an opening and asking them to contact 2023 Council President Rochelle Hill if they are interested in serving on the council.

The meeting closed at 7:20 p.m. with the Lord's Prayers.

Congregational Council Secretary, Janice Burwash

Council Retreat: Saturday, January 21 at 10:00 a.m.
Next council meeting: Tuesday, January 24 at 6:30pm