

Approved by Council on January 30, 2017
MINUTES
CHURCH COUNCIL
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Marlton, New Jersey
December 19, 2016

Council Members:

Pastor Ballenger	Mark Duffy (Finance)
Pauline Ahern (President)	Carol Herb (Stewardship)
Bruce Easterly (Vice president/ Property)	Sharon Elliott (Worship and Music)
Allison Shingleton (Secretary / Social Missions)	Catherine Salender (Building Community)
Lisa Schaffer (Family and Education)	Adriana Rivera (Youth Representative)
Carmen Mazzagatti (Addictions and Mental Health / Health Support)	
Lori Hartley (Addictions and Mental Health / Health Support)	

Council Members Absent: Adriana

Guests: Laura Glatz

- Meeting was held off-site at Toscana restaurant. Opening Prayers by Pastor Brett. Meeting was opened @ 7:26 pm.
- Approval of Minutes from Past Council meeting: Mark made a motion to approve the minutes from the last council meeting (Nov 2016). Sharon seconded. The motion passed and carried.
- Ministry updates: Please see submitted Ministry meeting minutes for details regarding ministry activities.
 - Property: Bruce reported that the broken HVAC unit was replaced for \$12,000 and noted that the old unit was held by POP, to be stripped of any working parts for potential repairs of remaining units.
*Property ministry will request funds to be reserved for replacement of the remaining 2 units when the cease to operate, at the 2017 congregational annual meeting.
- Report on the Financial Health of the congregation:
 - Mark reported that we are in better shape than last month, but are still in a deficit. To date, pledging is lower than this time last year.
 - Mary Scout requested council decision on the following 2016 budget line items:
IHN \$250, Clergy compensation fund \$250, ELCA disaster relief \$1,000, World Hunger \$1,000, and Lutheran Social Services \$1,000.
Mark made a motion that if we do not receive enough donations to cover our 2016 budget, that we donate the budgeted amounts to IHN and the Clergy compensation fund, and do not donate the budgeted amounts to ELCA disaster relief, World hunger, and Lutheran social services. Bruce seconded. The motion passed and carried. (Note: This action does not include any donations made by the congregation specifically earmarked for these organizations; these funds will be forwarded as requested by the donor).
- Council discussed 2017 budget items. Pastor Brett made a motion to approve the 2017 budget as proposed, to be presented to the congregation for approval at the 2017 annual meeting. Carol seconded. The motion passed and carried.
- Old Business
 - 2017 Ad hoc Council member nominating committee: Pastor Brett to contact members of the nominating committee regarding potential council nominees.

- New Business
 - Ministry chairs to submit annual report to Laura no later than January 13 so that she has time to get them added to the report.
- Correspondence
 - Thank you note was received from Urban promises for the 63 backpacks and school supplies donated by POP.
 - Thank you note was received Seaman's Church Institute for donations for their "Ditty bag" project benefiting seafarers.
- Requests for Building Use:
 - Building space request made by Carabasi Chiropractic Center for Luther Hall on 24 Jan 2017 @ 7pm. (This would require the Seeing Eye dog group to use Rainbow room). Discussion was had regarding Dr. Carabasi's potential for "profit" as he could get customers following his presentation. It was noted that Dr. Carabasi has used POP space before, and there has not been a problem reported. Pauline made a motion to approve the building space request, with Pastor Brett suggesting one of the groups can use the sanctuary that night also. Lisa seconded. The motion passed and carried.
- Reminders / Calendar review:
 - Annual Congregational meeting Jan 29, 2017 following one worship service @ 10am
 - Next Council meeting: Jan 30, 2017 Refreshments: TBD
- Passing of the Peace.
- Meeting concluded at approximately 9:05pm

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Shingleton, Council Secretary