

Approved by Council on Dec 19, 2016

**MINUTES
CHURCH COUNCIL
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Marlton, New Jersey
November 28, 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: Catherine, Carol

Guests: None

- Opening Prayers – Meeting was opened @ 7:09 pm with devotions by (Adriana) and prayers following the Faith 5 practice. Thank you was extended to Mark for providing the refreshments.
- Approval of Minutes from Past Council meeting: Bruce made a motion to approve the minutes from the last council meeting (Oct 2016). Pauline seconded. The motion passed and carried.
- Ministry updates: Each Ministry shared their Highs and Lows. Please see submitted Ministry meeting minutes for details regarding ministry activities.
- Property ministry: Bruce advised that the Memorial Garden dedication would be in Spring 2017. Bruce also advised council that one of the heaters has quit working and that the property ministry was getting estimates to replace all 3 units, as they are the same age. Bruce made a motion to revoke previous designation of funds (\$15,000 from Monear fund for the replacement of windows approved in June 2016 Council) and redirect those funds to the heater replacement cost. Sharon seconded. The motion passed and carried.
- Report on the Financial Health of the congregation: Giving is behind expected levels by \$10,000. Council discussed 2017 budget items.
- Witness from the congregation: Pastor Brett reported that his wedding was fun, and that a good time was had by the guests. 11 am service getting mixed reviews.
- Pastor's report: Pastor is excited about the response to Discipleship Practice, the new worship order for the 11 am service, Saturday Advent services, and thanked everyone for attending / supporting he and Marvin's wedding. Struggles with fighting a cold. He noted that there will be one service on Christmas @ 10am, and on Jan 1 @ 10am (Lessons and Carols).
- Old Business
 - Door lock status (Back-up people) Laura has a list of people to be trained.
 - Recognition of Outstanding Faithfulness in Ministry: Going forward, Building Community ministry will be handling the designation and will provide Laura with a write-up.

- Recognition of Outstanding Faithfulness in Ministry parking sign: The sign is up!
 - POP Yard signs; On hold until Laura can communicate a contest to the congregation.
 - Ad hoc Committee for Mortgage Elimination Campaign: Activity to kick up after annual meeting.
 - Library project: On hold/pending the return of Fall schedule so that Carol can get feedback.
 - Church management computer system: Sharon made a motion to have DCM transfer the data from our old database to new, including membership contributions. The motion passed and carried.
 - NA request for building use: Per Oct 2016 mtg, Council will re-assess at the May 2017 meeting
- New Business
 - 2017 Ad hoc Council member nominating committee: Pastor made a motion to appoint the nominating committee. Bruce seconded. The motion passed and carried.
 - Ministry budgets to Finance ministry: Please get budgets to finance, if you have not already done so.
- Correspondence
 - Thank you note was received from ELCA for donation of financial support for the World Hunger campaign.
 - Thank you note was received from Bishop Tracie Bartholomew in regards to POP hosting the “Evening Conversation with the Bishop in Oct, with special thanks to Pauline Ahern and Sharon Elliott.
 - Thank you note was received from Chris Forward for the continued support by POP for the Casa Emanuel orphanage in Romania.
 - Thank you note was received from JoAnn Cubberley as she was the recipient of the Outstanding Faithfulness recognition in Nov.
 - Thank you note was received from Theresa Hogan, recognizing the work that was done in her yard by POP confirmands.
 - Letter was received from Damien O. Del Duca, Esquire regarding the building of an Urgent Care facility on the property at Rt 70 and Cooper.
- Requests for Building Use:
 - NA has requested bldg. space for New Year’s Eve. The request was approved by Executive Council based on timing of request.
 - Building space request made by Beta Sigma Phi for Luther Hall on 01 May 2017 @ 1830. Pauline made a motion to approve. Mark seconded. The motion passed and carried.
- Transfers - Bob Geiser has requested transfer to a Lutheran church in Kentucky. Pastor Brett made a motion to approve, with regret and blessing. Lisa seconded. The motion passed and carried.
- Reminders:
 - Next Council meeting: Dec 19, 2016
 - Refreshments: Off-site
 - Upcoming Events/Calendar Review: nothing noted
- Passing of the Peace.
 - Meeting concluded at approximately 9:10 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Allison Shingleton, Council Secretary