

Approved by Council on October 24, 2016
MINUTES
CHURCH COUNCIL
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Marlton, New Jersey
September 26, 2016

Council Members:

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

Council Members Absent: Catherine, Carol, Adriana

- Meeting was opened at 7: 05. Thank you was extended to Allison for providing the refreshments.
- Approval of Minutes from Past Council meeting: Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes from the last council meeting, (August 22, 2016), with minor amendment / completed. Sharon seconded. The motion passed and carried.
- Pastor Brett was going to have Wayne and Mindy Grant from Thrivent speak to Council, but this has been postponed until a future meeting. Grant and Mindy will be presenting during Adult Forum on Oct 23. Pastor Brett would like to expand on “helping our neighbors” through Thrivent action teams.
- Ministry updates: Each Ministry shared their Highs and Lows. Please see submitted Ministry meeting minutes for details regarding ministry activities.
 - * Bruce suggested a workday to clean the property prior to Pastor’s wedding, suggested Saturday Oct 22. Bruce also brought to council for consideration, to purchase a metal awning for the Main Street entrance, however, due to cost, this was tabled by Council at this time.
 - * Worship and Music: Pastor and Sharon gave some insight on new worship ideas.
- Report on the Financial Health of the congregation: Mark reported that giving was lower in the Summer months, and we now have a deficit of \$3,297. Per Mark, the funds will need to be taken from the unrestricted memorial fund to balance spending and revenue.
- Witness from the congregation: None reported.

- Pastor's report: Joys: Agape feast, Special thanks to Sharon Elliott for all her work setting up the feast, and to those who assisted with the clean-up; Guy's celebration, Confirmation retreat, upcoming weddings, Fall Festival, New Sunday school program / videos. Struggles: We could use better ministry communication / support in regards to community activities.

- **Old Business**

- Door lock status: No updates.

- POP Yard signs: Funds have been secured, however, signs are on hold as staff is working on finalizing ideas for signs.

- Recognition of Outstanding Faithfulness in Ministry recipient: Staff requested that Council provide staff with the "write-up" for the recipients to be captured in bulletin for the entire month, and on the slide presentations. POP to also send a card to recipient. Council suggested that this would fall under the Building Community ministry going forward.

*Recipient for Oct: Tom and Suzie Rose; Tom for his master gardening and weeding/trimming of the property, as well as rejuvenation / care of the Memorial Garden. Suzie for her endless efforts with IHN, adult forum, Circle Lydia book club, and the mortgage elimination campaign.

- Recognition of Outstanding Faithfulness in Ministry (Parking lot sign): Bruce reported that the sign company suggested it would be easier to use our existing sign, updating with new design, however, the property ministry is having difficulty removing the existing sign.

- Library project: On hold until Carol can meet with those who use the space on Wednesday nights, so that they can voice feedback.

- Church management computer system: Laura is spending time each day learning the software; Hope to have congregational data entered by end of Oct.

- Ad hoc Committee for Mortgage Elimination Campaign: Planned kick-off on Oct 23. The committee has several ideas for fund raising and have secured financial support prior to the kick-off. Council extends a thank you to Bill Dennis for the Campaign sign.

- Search for treasurer: The search continues.

- Celebration for Guy Kirk's 30- year anniversary with POP. There will be one service on 10/9, with a luncheon that afternoon. Plans are being finalized.

- **New Business**

Correspondence:

A thank you note from NJ Synod for the financial gift from POP. Thank you notes from H.O.P.E and TBMP for allowing their groups to use POP for their meetings.

Requests for Building Use:

- O.A. requested building use on Thurs Nov 24, 2016 from 9am – 11 am, approx. 50-75 people in Luther Hall. Council approved; the motion passed and carried.

Transfers - Pastor had just received one transfer in, but was unable to provide details at the meeting.

- **Reminders:**

- Next Council meeting: October 24, 2016

- Refreshments: Mark

- Devotions: Lori

- Upcoming Events/Calendar Review: 10/9: Celebration of Guy's 30-year music ministry

- 10/29: Pastor Brett and Marvin's wedding

- Devotions and Closing Prayer by Sharon, followed by Passing of the Peace.

- Meeting concluded at approximately 8:30 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Allison Shingleton, Council Secretary