

Approved by Council on May 22, 2017
MINUTES
CHURCH COUNCIL
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Marlton, New Jersey
April 24, 2017

2017 Council Members:

Pastor Brett Ballenger

Sharon Elliott (Vice president / Worship and Music)

Lisa Schaffer (Council Secretary/ Family and Education)

Laura Glatz (Recording secretary/ Building Community)

Lori Hartley (Addictions & Mental Health / Health Support)

Pauline Ahern (Addictions & Mental Health / Health Support)

Bob Price (Stewardship & Building Community)

Allison Shingleton (President)

Carol Herb (Family and Education)

Pam Hann (Social Missions)

Kira Ota (Youth Representative)

Liz Dietz (Finance)

Bill Dennis (Property)

Highlighted Council Members were in attendance.

Guests: None

- **Opening:** Meeting was opened at 7:08. It was decided to eat and discuss the Ministry Minutes at the same time to save time.
- **Refreshments:** The food provided was a collaboration from several members.
(Special thank you to Brett & Marvin!)
- **Ministry Updates**
 - **Addiction and Mental Health / Health Support** -Pauline and Lori (minutes attached.)
 - **Building Community**- Bob and Laura (see minutes) There is a list of members who need rides to various worship services and church events, the list also has people who have volunteered to drive. Each list has been handed out to people in need to call directly for assistance. If anyone new needs a ride and should call the church office, they should receive the list of drivers. Ginny and Ron Fink will be recognized as the “Outstanding Faithfulness in Ministry” for May & June. New members, June 4th in service 9:30 am. The New Members from last spring will be contacted to provide food for a reception following the service.
 - **Family and Education** – Carol and Lisa - The Family and Education Ministry did not meet in April. Upcoming events: First Holy Communion scheduled for April 29, 2017 at the 5:30 pm Saturday night Service. Gail Stulb volunteered to help manage the celebration reception following the service. Lisa thanked the youth for helping to stuff the Easter Eggs and for cooking and service the Easter Pancake breakfast. Thank you to Cindy Sjostedt and Michelle Taylor for managing the food and the day.
 - **Youth** – Kira – Easter Breakfast was successful. It was noted that people did not come until after the 8;30 am service, so maybe next year we can start later in the morning? The youth stopped serving at 11:00 am. Food was well planned – food estimation was pretty good. Youth Sunday is in the works - **June 11th – 9:30 am – Saturday service is a possibility.**
 - **Property** – Bill (see minutes) **DDS Roofer** has been selected. Deposit check was requested for 50% of the contract cost (\$2,200) from the Irene Monear Memorial and be labeled Expense Category.
 - **Social Missions** – Allison and Pam – The ministry did not officially meet, but they did get together and bagged packages of socks and gift cards (64 gift cards were donated) 20 went to social worker, “Patty Biluck”. We also had several donated packages of socks which Patty was able to use for other kids in need for Easter. It was also discussed last year to offer evening hours for the pantry. Several families in

need, work and are unable to come during the day for food. Volunteers will be requested to help, maybe twice a month in the evening to help hand out food, topic is still being discussed by the Ministry. New Visions Action Team. Social Food Pantry open during the week at night. The next Social Ministry outing for New Visions is scheduled for July 29 and then again Sept 30. It was discussed to apply for an “Action Team” to help supply the necessary food for serving at the center. Pam will bring this up at the next ministry meeting. Josh Groff scheduled Martin Luther King day for POP Volunteer Day, 2018 at New Visions.

- **Stewardship** – Bob and Laura – **May 21st** – “**Stewardship Sparkler**”. Would like to get something in the letter / quarterly about the Sparkler and updates about the Mortgage Elimination total. The Sparkler will be held in the narthex between services on Sunday. There will be stations setup in the narthex for people to receive information about different services available. The list of easy donating opportunities to hear about are: Thrivent Choice Dollars® and Action Teams, TD Bank Affinity Program, Vanco “Simply Giving” Mobile App, Scrip Program / AmazonSmile. There will also have a “second chance” to look at stewardship giving.
- **Worship and Music** – Sharon – (no minutes). The Ministry met, but focused on Holy Week. Feed back was that everything went beautifully. Good words from everyone.
- **Report on the Financial Health of the Congregation:** Liz and Pauline (see print out). Liz would like to start having meetings with the other financial people. She will try to get this set up. Liz would like to have a better understanding of the finances.
- **Special Session: After the Retreat - Next steps (20 mins)**
 1. **Stage 3 – we gathered information from each group to implement our teams. Minutes coming.**
 - a. **Building Community (Pam, Bob, Lisa, Kira)**

Description: To help those with common interests meet and share fellowship.

Groups of 6 – 8 people. Find common interest or life situation. Who else do I know outside or POP? What can we do together (activity)? Do we want to do this again? Other people to invite. How do we share? How do we celebrate? Is there anyone in the group or local community that could use our help? (Action Team?)
 - b. **Steps To Make This Happen**
 - Step 1: Find common ground to get started, examples of ideas on bulletin board.
 - Step 2: Decide on activity.
 - Step 3: Who do we invite? Within POP & outside of POP.
 - Step 4: When & Where?
 - Step 5: Once we get together, who can we help or celebrate someone? Would we do this again?
- Approval of Minutes from Past Council meeting: Lisa Schaffer made a motion to approve the minutes from the last council meeting (March 27, 2017). Sharon Elliott seconded. The motion passed and carried.
- Witnesses from the Congregation - All Holy Week services, Easter Events, Easter Services – great comments!
- Pastor’s Report - no report (ministry sign- ups for various jobs descriptions available.)
- Old Business
 - **New members orientation.**
 - POP Yard signs . Working on pricing for 2 sided, color with metal stakes. Some modifications. Laura will get back to us soon.
 - Appointment of Audit Committee: Forming
 - Appointment of Personnel Committee: Forming

- Mortgage Elimination campaign: Updated schedule of events/ Council: Calling the congregation to invite to Strawberry Festival which will be held June 10 from 1 – 4 pm. Also update on giving.
- Endowment Committee:
- *Church management computer system*
- *NA request for building use: Per Oct 2016 mtg, Council would re-assess at the May 2017 mtg*
- *Activities from 2017 Congregational Meeting:*
 - *Dec2017 action needed: 1.5% bonus for all staff members, pending criteria set at Annual meeting, is met.*
- New Business
 - Vanco/ Simply giving (application approved – will be given to Liz and finance committee for review.)
 - Correspondence: Thank you to the church for prayer cards.
 - Requests for Building Use: approved – June 25th. Sharon, Lisa approved.
 - Transfers – Nancy Grover transferred from Holy Communion Lutheran Church, Berlin, NJ, to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church.- Pat & Vikki McCloud to Grace and Glory in Palmyra, VA.
 - Committee for building insurance liability etc. (forming)
 - Church Pictorial 5 years since last one. Laura has received information from two different firms. Building Community Ministry will be given the information from these two companies and will go the next step of gather information and gather volunteers to help accomplish this task.
 - Council approved sponsoring a sign to the Bishop Cup Gulf Outing for Cross Roads.
 - We received a dividend check from Franklin Mutual Insurance Company for \$167.00. This check will go towards the Bishop Cup Sign.
 - We will also receive a \$200 credit from Canon for copier malfunction in October of 2016. This will go into the fund for the Bishop Cup Sign.
 - Building request approved. Allison Shingleton requested Luther Hall for Anniversary Party on Sunday, June 25 from 11:00 am to about 5:00 pm. She would also like to come in Saturday night to set up for the party. Council approved her request.
- Reminders: **Next council meeting – May 22, 2017**
 - Refreshments: Sharon
 - Devotional leader: Bill
 - Upcoming Events/Calendar Review: May 21st: New Members class, Council to provide potluck dinner
- Closing and Lord's Prayer led by Pres. Allison Shingleton
- Passing of the Peace was done verbally.

Respectfully submitted,
 Laura Glatz, 2017 Recording Secretary