

Approved by Council on April 24, 2017
MINUTES
CHURCH COUNCIL
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Marlton, New Jersey
March 27, 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 Prayers** – Meeting was opened 7:00 pm following the Faith 5 practice. Thank you was extended to Bob for providing the refreshments.
- **Approval of Minutes from Past Council meeting:** Lisa Shaffer made a motion to approve the minutes from the last council meeting (Feb. 27, 2017). 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.
 - **Pauline Ahern** (Addictions & Mental Health / Health Support): Ministry did not meet last month. However, they have put some plans into motion.
 - a. **“Faces of Change”** in Camden NJ (A ministry which provides Christ Centered Intervention Services) – making information available and creating an awareness of the ministry.
 - b. Plans for the larger community – plans are forming to help the community of POP and local community with **transitioning into elder care.**
 - **Bob Price** (Stewardship & Building Community) – Ministry did not meet last month. However, the ministry was given the updated ‘roles’ under their umbrella, which was discussed at the Council Retreat in Feb. 2017.
 - **Lisa Schaffer** (Family and Education) – Ministry did not meet last month. Ministry Highs – Good attendance and energy at ‘Discipleship Training’ classes on Sunday. The Seder meal was well attended. Kids seem to be really enjoying the activities.
 - a. The dates for **Vacation Bible School have been selected: June 24 – 28.** Guy has decided not to volunteer to run the music program for VBS, but has volunteered to help transition Katy Akinkas (who will be taking over for Guy).
 - b. Jenna Burke organizing the **Mary Magdalene Easter Egg Hunt.** The youth will help stuff and hide.

- **Kira Ota** (Youth Representative) – F.I.S.H. bowl has been well attended (about 5) they hope to plan some activities for April (offsite). The Sr. High kids have volunteered to help with the **Easter Pancake Breakfast**. Confirmation kids have also been invited to help with pancake breakfast. **Youth Sunday is being held June 11**. Freshman class is excited to do the service.
- **Bill Dennis** (Property) – Ministry did meet, minutes available upon request. Application for electronic lawn sign still in process. Marshall and Brenda Fisher donated the new gas kitchen stove. Bill has received additional quotes for roof repair. The verbal number in the middle of other quotes. Bill toured the roof and saw the water damage. He feels there will be more / additional work needed to fully repair all aspects of the roof.
- **Pam Hann** (Social Missions) – Ministry did not meet last month. Updates: The Easter Shoes money collection is going very well. The canned food for Bridge of Peace – Camden, NJ has been delivered and we had a great response from the congregation. The representative from the Red Cross Blood Drive called because they didn't know we were not doing the **April Blood Drive**. She wanted to know why and if she could talk to the ministry. Pastor Brett suggested we allow the Red Cross to hold the Blood Drive in April, but without the additional support from Social Ministry (phone calls). **The Blood Drive will be held on Wed., April 26 at POP.**
- **Bob Price** (Stewardship & Building Community) Ministry Highs: Soup suppers going great! Youth Drama Gospels well received! We would like to get more people for the ministry. Plan for future music groups? The Stewardship Ministry is looking ahead and planning to do a '**simply giving**' Sunday in the Spring and Fall. During the two services – having tables with hosts to explain the ways to give to POP without it costing you anything, ie: **TDBank Affinity Program, Scrip, AmazonSmile and Thrivent Giving**. Explaining to everyone how simple the processes are to sign up and give back to POP without it costing.
 - a. Money counters needed and looking for IT People.
 - b. Usher training available in Bulletin.
- **Liz Dietz** (Finance) No report given. Liz met with Mark Duffy, getting familiarized with council role. The ministry would like to make it easier for all to understand what POP is receiving financially now and in the future.
 - a. **Treasurer Training** is going smoothly between with Pauline & Mary Scout.
 - b. **Treasurers' report:** no discrepancies.
- **Pastor Brett Ballenger** - Pastor's report available upon request.

Witness from congregation: Many people have mentioned how much they are enjoying the Gospel Dramas by the Youth. The street sign was mentioned several times as a welcome sign to the community, "Shalom." We were told that there is a welcoming feeling when people walking into the narthex. The collection boxes and tables in the narthex show how energized and active our church is in the community. The Rabbis and temples were touched by the letter we sent and signed. They appreciated our support. Soup suppers are being enjoyed by all.

Dates are being discussed for the POP Church Community Picnic in the Fall – **Sept 17 or Oct. 1.**

SPECIAL SESSION: After the Retreat: Next Steps.

Pastor Brett worked on an 'overview' of National Holidays, Church Holidays and some of the POP Ministry's 'annual' events; the theme of the church calendar throughout the year, and the blending of all of these dates to overlap our plan of action.

The three most important items of action for 2017:

1. Be intentional about building community.
2. Empower People to tell their story.
3. Unpack / Education the congregation help unpack and education the congregation about **POP's Purpose Statement** and **Guiding Principles**.

Building Community Being Intentional

Greeters:

Jan – Health Support & Addiction & Mental Health
Feb – Worship & Music
March – New Council Members
April – Property
May – Youth
June & July – Nothing
Aug – Family & Education
Sept – Stewardship & Finance
Oct. – Social Missions
Nov. – Confirmation Kids
Dec. – Building Community

Welcome & Educating about Communicating

- We discussed names to help lead and inform others on how to approach visitors and returning members.
- We discussed visiting current members and new members with “**Welcoming Baskets**”.
- All Ministries should be reminded to include the POP Youth in upcoming events – make sure we outreach to all.
- We will send Care Packages to college Students 2 x per year.
- We discussed having a **June Homebound Member's Dinner** (possibly Pot Luck) – before or after the Saturday night service. – “**Thrivent Action Team**” was mentioned to help support the dinner. Transportation for homebound members was suggested. Names for 'chefs' were given.

Story Telling

- We will need to create a form for permission to post videos of stories on Facebook or on POP Website? Paper form and electronic form will be available in narthex.
- What media type, written story, video (story request) monthly. Forms will be created by Allison.

Unpacking & Educating Purpose Statement & Guiding Principles

All aspect of the church family following the 'topic'. All aspects of service based on topic – music, sermon, children, youth – stories. Art show, poems, creative writing, video taping, temple talk. DVDs of learning AF – videos on particular, book group.
Temple Talk – Last Sunday of the month, various ways to share stories.

- New Business
 - New member's orientation: What would you like to see covered at a new member's orientation.
 - Correspondence: Office of the Bishop – Mission Support intent for 2017 (same as 2016).
 - Request for Building Use: CASA – Court Appointed Special Advocates – Council did not approve because lack of room space for daily meetings held every day from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm.
 - Transfers: none
- Reminders:
 - **Next Council Meeting: April 24, 2017**
Lori Hartley will bring refreshments and devotions.
 - **Upcoming Events / Calendar Review: May 21st:** New Members Class, Council to provide potluck dinner.
- Closing Prayer / Devotions: Bob
- Passing of the Peace.
- Meeting concluded at approximately 10:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Glatz, 2017 Recording Secretary