

Approved by Council on Sept. 25, 2017
MINUTES
CHURCH COUNCIL
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Marlton, New Jersey
August 28, 2017

Pastor Brett Ballenger	Allison Shingleton (President)
Sharon Elliott (Vice president / Worship and Music)	
Lisa Schaffer (Council Secretary/ Family and Education)	Pam Hann (Social Missions)
Laura Glatz (Recording secretary/ Building Community)	Kira Ota (Youth Representative)
Lori Hartley (Addictions & Mental Health / Health Support)	Liz Dietz (Finance)
Pauline Ahern (Addictions & Mental Health / Health Support)	Bill Dennis (Property)
Bob Price (Stewardship & Building Community)	

Highlighted Council Members were in attendance.

Guests: Wayne and Mindy Grant – Thrivent Financial

- **Opening: Meeting was opened at 7:02**
- **Refreshments: The food was provided by Lisa Schaffer. Thank you!!**
- **Ministry Updates**
 - **Addiction and Mental Health / Health Support** –No Report
 - **Building Community**

Building Community Meeting - Sunday, August 13, 2017 - Minutes

Attending: Catherine Salender, Robert Price, Link Hansen, Pam Hann, Rebecca Keen, Liz Dietz, Pastor Brett

Picnic Planning:

Advertisement-Bob Price and Pam Hann to work on getting the info out (Pine Barrens Tribune, Local Faith Groups, etc.)

Sign-ups for side dishes and desserts-Catherine Salender

Mr.Softee- arrangements have been made by Rebecca Keen

Special Foods- ie: Pulled Pork to be arranged. Hot Dogs, Burgers, as well as beverages and condiments to be provided by POP

Grills-Allison & Brandon Shingleton & George Tencza

Canopies-POP

Children's Activities-suggested Melinda Ota. Rebecca Keen to check into Bounce House.

Adult Activities-Liz Dietz

Music-Pastor Brett to speak to Dave Ahern about music

Funding: Liz Dietz and Pastor Brett to check financing issues.

Those not attending but interested in helping out:

Allison Shingleton, Sharon Elliott, William Dennis, Lori Hartley, Suzie & Tom Rose, Irene Borchert, Steve Smith, Anna Mack, Joe Chiarulli, The Groff Family

Evesham Fall Fest:

Link & Irene to get sign-up for helpers.

Pet Recipes on board already

Pocket calendars and slap bracelets received. Calendars have been labeled with POP info.

Chip Clips- Catherine to order. Anonymous donor will be providing funding for these.

All other items are tabled until next meeting.

Discussed at Council Meeting: Building Communities: getting ready for Picnic and Harvest Fest. Sign up in narthex. Brandon has agreed to smoke the meat for the community Picnic. Bob Price is putting advertisements in the local papers.

- **Stewardship Ministry** – Minutes Attached. Discussed event held on August 23 with Rev. Scott Schantzenbach.
- **Family and Education** –Lisa – (No Meeting Held). VBS was great and well attended! Still searching for a Sunday School Superintendent. Sunday School begins Sept. 24. Sept 10 is the ELCA Day of Service. Marlton police department – police car wash and food. Kick off on the 17th Rally Day for Sunday school. Two worship services will start Sept. 24th.
- **Youth** – Kira – ELCA Gathering on Informational Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday at 7:00 at POP. About 24 kids are eligible for the ELCA Gathering in Houston.
- **Property** – Bill (Minutes Attached.) Lots of big projects that need to be attended to. Getting estimates for pavement, roof, windows, sanctuary window needs ‘re-caulked’, air-conditioner needs replaced . . .
- **Social Missions** – Allison and Pam – (no minutes) The ministry was packing backpacks the night of council, there were over 115 backpacks. Burlington County will be receiving the overage of backpacks and Family Services. Local family as well. Breakfast was served at New Visions, went really well.
- **Worship and Music** – Sharon – (no minutes). Healing service went really well. Good feedback. Pastor Brett asked the music leaders of the church to discuss and plan future music groups. In response to this request, Jo Ann Cubberley organized a ‘Summer Choir’ and they rehearsed Advent and Christmas Music. There was a large turnout and it was greatly received. Lots of fun. In response to the lack of volunteers for worship service sign-ups, a job board will be put up for both services to help with volunteer jobs. Description and name tags so we know what needs to be done and how to do it.
- **SPECIAL GUESTS:** Wayne and Mindy Grant from Thrivent Financial

Wayne reminded us to encourage our members to designate their Thrivent Choice Dollars. One of the options for Thrivent Choice is Prince of Peace. We have been using all Choice Donations for the Mortgage Elimination Campaign. The selection of Choice Dollars needs to be resubmitted – once selected, it is not forever selected. Wayne also discussed the Action Teams and encouraged all the ministries to take advantage of this wonderful tool for our missions work. Wayne would like to suggest a ‘power meeting of the ministries’ to come up with ideas on how to use the Action Teams for each ministry. He said this is a wonderful way to get people to think about the Action Teams and how they can promote and use the tools provided by Thrivent. He would also like to follow up on our Senior Care Workshop with a more focused meeting on the Financial Side of Senior / Elder Care. Perhaps in October with POP. Wayne and Mindy are excited to participate in the Evesham Harvest Festivities and have signed up to help with the Parking Lot Brigade at POP. Wayne talked about using an action team to

help cover some of the cost of the brochures and then also setting up a water station on the grounds. He will follow up with the Building Community Ministry.

- **Report on the Financial Health of the Congregation:** Liz and Pauline (minutes attached). Liz requested Councils Approval to post the quarterly numbers. The Council suggested a simpler form and check variances before posting.. Liz will continue to work on this form. Pauline Ahern told us that POP is in the black for July about \$2000.
 - We received a large donation (\$10,000) for the Mortgage Elimination. We need an additional \$15,000 to meet our goal. The Mortgage group is planning several ideas to increase giving in the upcoming month. Suzie Rose is organizing a group of people to count the coins from the jar in the narthex.

SPECIAL SESSION: After the Retreat - Next steps (20 mins)

- Bulletin boards on display in narthex. Pastor Brett asked for people to stand up and explain the boards and ask for stories.
- Empowering people to tell their stories.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of Minutes from Past Council meeting: Sharon Elliott motion to approve the minutes from the last council meeting (May 22, 2017). Pauline seconded the motion. The minutes were approved and passed by all.

WITNESSES FROM CONGREGATION: Healing Service was well attended and Pastor Brett has heard positive feedback about the service. Lisa heard great comments about our VBS.

PASTOR REPORT: (No Written Report)

- Pastor talked about a several of his Chaplain calls this summer.
 - He reminded the Council to ask their ministries for greeters, according to the scheduled calendar.
 - He discussed an LEM event in October.
 - We discussed confirmation retreat, Sunday School Rally day, Sept. 10 “God Work. Our Hands” event. We will be having a car wash for the Evesham Police and treats. He would like families and youth to be involved in this day. P. Brett will be asking Steve Smith to help out on Sept. 10 with the car wash.
 - P. Brett is also working on a new brochure for POP. (Graphic / Photo).
 - Pastor Brett will be scheduling a day and evening learning event for October. The topic is the Reformation. More details to come.
- Old Business
 - Council vacancy: Carol Herb resigned her seat on Council. We are not going to replace the position. Council approved this decision.
 - Insurance policy review: Rebecca Keen has a business colleague that has agreed to look at policy in Oct.
 - Youth protection policy review: Contact Carol Herb, Liz Dietz, Bob Price. Liz agreed to set up a meeting.
 - Audit Committee: Liz Dietz, Rafael Orta, Greg DiPenta (?), Bob Kibler, Robert Herb.
 - Personnel Committee: Schedule meeting on Aug. 30.
 - Mortgage Elimination campaign: Really good news! Received a \$10,000 donation - \$15,000 needed by Oct. 31. Single Service on Reformation day with sheet cakes. Luncheon?
 - Endowment Committee: No Update
 - Church management computer system. Laura said this is going well.
 - *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
 - New Members Dinner scheduled for October 8th – Council will need to provide food for the dinner.
 - Worship schedule for 10/29 (Reformation Celebration), one service at 10am?
 - Correspondence: Attached thank you
 - Requests for Building Use: None
 - Transfers: Jeffrey Brimmer
- Reminders: **Next council meeting – Sep 25, 2017**
 - Refreshments: Pauline
 - Devotional leader: Pam
 - Upcoming Events/Calendar Review: IHN host (9/10-17), ELCA Servant Day, 9/10, Community Picnic, Sept. 17, Fall Worship Services begin Sept. 24, New members class/potluck dinner (10/8)
 - **Task to be completed:** Every ministry to look at tasks; Do they have a leader?
- Devotions were led by Liz.
- Passing of the Peace

Closing: Meeting was ended at 9:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Glatz, 2017 Recording Secretary