

Approved by Council on August, 28, 2017
MINUTES
CHURCH COUNCIL
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Marlton, New Jersey
May 22, 2017

2017 Council Members:

Pastor Brett Ballenger	Allison Shingleton (President)
Sharon Elliott (Vice president / Worship and Music)	Carol Herb (Family and Education)
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: None

- **Opening:** Meeting was opened at 7:01.
- **Refreshments:** The food was provided by Sharon Elliott. Lisa Schaffer brought a dessert. Thank you!!
- **Ministry Updates**
 - **Addiction and Mental Health / Health Support** -Pauline and Lori (minutes attached.)
 - **Building Community**- Bob (no meeting was held).
 - **Stewardship Ministry** - The “Stewardship Sparkler” was held on Sunday, May 21st. Mary Drumheller, Shelley DiPenta, Bob Price, Wayne and Mindy Grant, Laura Glatz and Liz Dietz hosted various tables with hand out information for a variety of ways-to-give to POP through different organizations. We also had pledge cards handy, we received at least 7 new pledges for the year. The Stewardship Ministry will continue to put information in the weekly informational material to help spread the word and knowledge.
 - **Family and Education** –Lisa – (minutes attached). Sunday School held the “Bible Baseball” day for the last Sunday of the year. Lisa is stepping down from the Sunday School Superintendent position. We are currently looking for someone to fill the position. Vacation Bible School has selected a them “**Passport to Peru**”. The VBS week is scheduled for July 24 – 28. The VBS Superintendents is Cindy Sjostedt. We are looking for more teachers and helpers.
 - **Youth** – Kira – The Youth Lock-in had about 11 kids attending (3 friends). They discussed and are preparing for the Youth Sunday on June 11th. Pastor Brett was excited about how much material was written and prepared for the service over the weekend.
 - **Property** – Bill (no minutes) **DDS Roofer** has been working on the roof, a few more patches will be needed and they are scheduling time shortly.
 - **Social Missions** – Allison and Pam – (no minutes) The ministry folks spend their time restocking and organizing the food pantry. The first evening hours for the pantry was held in May, no one came for food. The next evening hour is June 17th. They ministry discussed making tags for the backpack collection in August which would have the Pantry Hours. This would help reach more people in need in the community. Laura volunteered to use one of her “Action Teams” to help provide food and supplies for the July 29th New Visions Breakfast. She will give the gift card to the ministry so they can get what they need for their event.

- **Worship and Music** – Sharon – (minutes attached). The Ministry met and discussed plans for Pentecost Sunday. The flags and banners will be schedule to be put up. **Marlton Choir Festival** will be Sunday, June 11 at 6:00 pm at Christ Presbyterian Church, 515 E. Main St, Marlton. Bosnia Brunch will be held on June 4th after the 9:30 am Sunday Service.
 - **Addiction** – Lori – (minutes attached) Ann Orcutt is using her Thrivent ‘Action Team’ for the Senior Senior Seminar on June 13th. Information about the Senior Seminar will be sent by Len for advertisements. Faces of Change is rescheduling their Sunday to sometime in the fall.
 - **Report on the Financial Health of the Congregation:** Liz and Pauline (minutes attached). Stewardship letter and statements are planned to go out 2nd week of June. Surplus this month. Mortgage elimination update: \$28,000 approximately to go. Looking good!
 - **Synod Assembly Report** Sharon and Pauline both said they appreciated being given the chance to experience the assembly. They thought it was informative and spiritual.
- **Special Session: After the Retreat - Next steps (20 mins)**
 - 1. **Stage 4 – we worked on actions for each group to implement.**
 - Approval of Minutes from Past Council meeting: Lisa Schaffer pointed out an error in the minutes. With this correction, Lisa made a motion to approve the minutes from the last council meeting (April 24, 2017). Sharon seconded the motion. The minutes were approved and passed by all.
 - Witnesses from the Congregation – The Ukulele Group made their debut and were well received! The group had fun. There was a concern raised about the Strawberry Festival and the \$10 per person price. Pastor Brett will discuss this with the Mortgage Elimination Team. We will suggest a FREEWILL offering but a ticket prices suggesting the \$10. Another concern was raised about people not fully understanding what will happen once the mortgage is paid off in October. What are the plan to encourage continual giving? Reiterate the cause.
 - Pastor’s Report - (no paper report). Discussed what the future of the church will look like. It’s about relationships – between each other and God. Planning and support and people. Plan is to make June and July visitation months. Two nights a week – two different homes w/children. Homebound dinner (LEM people) in July. Lots of future ideas – ready to move forward.
 - Old Business
 - **New members orientation.** We had 4 new members join us for the Class. We had 2 that responded, but did not make it. We had one family who gave birth on Saturday, so they also could not make it. Dinner went well.
 - POP Yard signs . Signs were ordered and will be delivered this week.
 - 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: Bob Price volunteered for this committee.
 - NA request for building use: Per Oct 2016 mtg, Council would re-assess at the May 2017 mtg. Council reported no problems with NA on Wednesday evenings and approved the continuation of them using the building on Wednesday nights.
 - *Church management computer system*
 - *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
 - We regretfully accepted Carol Herb's resignation from Council. She has graciously offered to continue the projects she was currently working on. Council will decide if we need to look for a Representative to sit on Council to complete Carol's term. We were told to think about people and come up with a few possible names for the next meeting. Motion was made by Pastor Brett to accept Carol's resignation, the motion was seconded by Allison and passed by council.
 - We will be purchasing a new 'drop' safe for the office. This safe will be located in the same place the old one is currently. It will have a drop area so that cash and checks can be safely deposited during the week. Only a few people will have the combination to the safe. The Pastor and Office Administrator will NOT have the combination.
 - The council discussed a "DECLUTTER" day to be scheduled. There are many 'pockets' of stuff in the church. This clutter needs to be sorted and discard what is no longer necessary. Allison will look at the POP Calendar for possible days to schedule this event. Many hands make light work!
 - A new building request for a cancer benefit meal. **Saturday, June 15th** in Luther Hall, from 9 – 4. We had no conflict on our POP calendar. An email will be sent with our 'standard' guidelines. Pauline motioned we approve the request, Bob seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and passed through Council. Laura will follow through with the organizers.
 - Devotions were led by Sharon.
- Reminders: **Next council meeting – June 19, 2017 we will meet in Triple Classroom.**
 - Refreshments: Kira
 - Devotional leader: Lori
 - Upcoming Events/Calendar Review: New Members Service, BosniaIST Brunch, Strawberry Festival, Music Festival, Health Senior Care Seminar
- Passing of the Peace

Respectfully submitted,
 Laura Glatz, 2017 Recording Secretary