

Approved Minutes

**MINUTES
CHURCH COUNCIL
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Marlton, New Jersey**

Monday, October 23, 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 Representative)	Kira Ota (Youth)
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.

- **Opening:** Meeting was opened at 7:01 pm
- **Refreshments:** The food was provided by Pam Hann. Thank you!!
- **Ministry Updates**
 - **Building Community** – minutes attached
 - **Addiction and Mental Health / Health Support** – Workshop long-term living (Wayne Grant) Replenishing first aid kits, purchasing ‘fluid cleanup kits’. Trying to find a speaker for ‘cutting’ behavior.
 - **Family and Education** – No meeting. Pastor Brett reported that both Discipleship Training (Sunday School) and Confirmation are on the smaller size, but lots of activity and flexible schedule – going with the flow. Discipleship Training is exciting. Parent’s continue to come with their children, working with the activities. Meeting schedules with individual families, trying to the families into worship.
 - **Youth** – September Lock-in eight kids attended and had a photo scavenger hunt. Six kids stayed overnight. Scott Rush helped with the lock-in. Car wash raised for the Gathering, Steve Smith assisted in the car wash. Raised about \$350 for Gathering.
 - **Property** – Minutes attached. Property work day Nov. 18. Budget overview was completed. List of capital improvements was provided and is posted in the hallway by the church office. Finance is working on finding the money for the list.
 - **Social missions** – Budge was reviewed.
 - **Stewardship** – Meeting is scheduled for Bob Price and Pastor Brett to meet and discuss Stewardship Sunday.
 - **Worship and Music** – did not meet. Agape was well received. Reformation service coming up. Decorating sanctuary.

- **Financial Health** – Liz Dietz is working on collecting budgets from all ministries. Liz is working with Mary Drumheller to organize ministry categories.
- **Audit Committee meeting** Minutes attached.
- **Treasurer's Report.** Down \$20,000 from giving.

MORTGAGE PAID OFF Now that we have paid off the mortgage we are able to save over thousands of dollars in interest which is a good thing but this does not mean that our expenses will be less. We need our giving income to continue so we may attend to some important endeavors. Over the next two years (the time remaining on the mortgage) the POP Council is suggesting that we spend what would have been spent on the mortgage \$40,000 a year on the following projects:

- 1/3 to savings (\$13,200)
- 1/3 to desperately needed capital improvements to the building (\$13,200)
- 1/3 to active ministry - Which means: increase synod mission support by 1%, give significant Support to Bridge of Peace Lutheran Church in Camden, and to help move other ministry efforts here at POP forward. (\$13,200)

COUNCIL MADE PHONE CALLS TO CONGREGATION TO INFORM THEM OF THE REFORMATION SUNDAY.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were approved by Lisa Shaffer and Sharon Elliott.

WITNESSES FROM CONGREGATION: Witnesses: Agape feast – Really awesome. Good response.

PASTOR REPORT: (No Written Report) Pastor Report: Busy Sundays, rather intense, but really great. Goal: Little things 'Discipleship Training'. Story Bible was given to everyone – very well received. Very exciting. **Next Goal:** From now to Lent – to visit in families homes. ½ visit and gift. Getting them to worship. Our mission – support us financially. Better explanation to all about "Discipleship Training" – Sunday School program. Reach more people.

Old Business

- Insurance Policy Review: still in review
- Youth Protection: still in review
- Endowment Committee: PB new signatures on account. Disaster relief.
- Council size for next year: No larger than 15, but the bylaws deem the council can have as many as necessary. Present size is sufficient. 9 people and 1 youth.
- **Nominating Committee 2018:** Names were discussed for the committee.
- **Events**
 - **Nov. 4** "*Hospitality Workshop*" 2 hours – encouraged. Action Team continental breakfast.
 - **Nov. 12** "*IHN Baby Shower*" – Nov. 12th – after second service.
 - **Nov. 17** – Temple Pennsauken 7:30 pm. Congregations in the city – increase partnership between churches. "Ministry Partners"
 - **Thanksgiving Dinner** Evesham Police Department for Thanksgiving (Lisa Grant)

Building Request – Brownies Troop request Motion Approved: Sharon Elliott made a motion to approve the request & Pauline Ahern seconded the approval.

- **Reminders: Next council meeting – Nov. 27, 2017**
 - Refreshments: Bill Dennis
 - Devotional leader: Kira Ota
 - Upcoming Events/Calendar Review: Music Schedule with more daytime musical activities. Pastor Brett's events (classes) will begin. New Members Class and service is scheduled. Youth Lock-in and scavenger hunt. Men's Group meeting is being discussed.

Closing: Meeting was ended at 9:30 pm.

- Closing Prayer / Devotions: Pauline Ahern
- Passing of the Peace

Respectfully submitted, by Laura Glatz, 2017 Recording Secretary