

Approved Minutes
MINUTES
CHURCH COUNCIL
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Marlton, New Jersey

Monday, September 25, 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 7:04 pm
- **Refreshments:** The food was provided by Pauline Ahern. Thank you!!
- **Ministry Updates**
 - **Addiction and Mental Health / Health Support** - Minutes attached.
 - **Building Community** - Minutes attached. Planning a dinner for our homebound members on April 29th.
 - **Family and Education** – First Day of Sunday school went well, no director. Confirmation kick-off (not many 7th graders).
 - **Youth** – A meeting was held to schedule events – youths are going to personally call individual youths for better attendance at their activities.
 - **Property Minutes** – Minutes attached. Property Work Day will be held Nov. 18th for clearing shrubs and fall debris.
 - **Social Missions** – Minutes attached. There was an overwhelming reply for the backpacks, Augsburg / Wittenberg to store supplies for next year – more help needs to be delegated throughout the Social Missions team of people.
 - **Stewardship** – Oct. 22nd Ask for Thrivent Members to announce themselves – who is willing to donate for Action Teams?
 - **Worship and Music** – Minutes attached. Agape Service Oct 14 & 15th.
 - **Report on the Financial Health of the Congregation:** Mortgage Elimination is going very well – we will meet our goal! Ministry Budgets were sent to Council members for review for 2018 budgets.

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes were approved by Pauline Ahern and Lisa Schaffer after name spelling corrections.

WITNESSES FROM CONGREGATION:

- Picnic was well received. It was suggested we have a hymn sing at the picnic next year or some music entertainment.
- It was also suggested we should reach out to homebound members or people who aren't on emails or electronic news about church family information. Harvest Festival had good reviews with people that came to our booth. Rocks painted were a hit!
- **PASTOR REPORT:** (No Written Report) Sunday School - More confident that the larger church (worldwide) personal stories with God. Class will begin soon for "Reforming our Hearts". Pastor Brett is excited about the response to these classes and is looking forward to them. Mr. Kirk is working on a music program which parent's and children can practice at home. Quality time with child – Faith components.

Old Business

- Youth Protection Policy group met to 'rewrite' the POP Policy. Liz Dietz, Carol Herb, (Bob Price was absent).
- Insurance policy review: Rebecca Keen has a business colleague that has agreed to look at policy in Oct.
- Audit Committee – 6 people were asked. Rafael and Kristina (Orta), Rob Herb, Liz Dietz, Missy Rossner, Catherine Salender. Hopefully first meeting will be in Oct. 2017
- Liz Deitz will be working with Mary Drumheller to be trained for Finance Secretary.
- The committee for the POP Endowment fund has voted and will be contributing its initial 4% gift from the fund to the National Lutheran Disaster fund for flood and hurricane needs. 2018 – Stewardship report campaign in works.
- Retreat stuff: Gathering information – Beth Kerr will be speaking at the 8:15 am service 10/1. Possible other stories begin.
- Personnel Committee: Reviewing written reports and will be scheduling review meetings.
- Reformation Celebration is in the works for Sunday, Oct. 29 – one service 10:00 am.
- New Members Program and Dinner is scheduled for Oct. 8th – at least 12 new members have signed up for the day and dinner.
- **New Business**
 - Church Directory – look into and getting a committee together. Submit your own photos was suggested. Invite different companies to present to council after meeting with the new directory committee.
 - Correspondence: Attached Thank you cards.
 - Request for Building Use: None
 - Transfers: None
- **Reminders: Next council meeting – Oct. 23, 2017**
 - Refreshments: Bill Dennis
 - Devotional leader: Sharon Elliott
 - 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 at – Devotionals by Pam Hann.

Closing: Meeting was ended at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Laura Glatz, 2017 Recording Secretary