

*APPROVED Minutes until 12/18/2017*

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

Monday, November 27, 2017

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

Highlighted Council Members were in attendance.

- **Opening:** Meeting was opened at 7:02 pm
- **Refreshments:** The food was provided by Bill Dennis. Thank you!!
- **Ministry Updates**
  - **Addiction and Mental Health / Health Support** – No Meeting. Still looking for someone to speak at a ‘Cutting’ health program.
  - **Building Community** – No Report. Lisa Grant is overseeing the Thanksgiving Dinner for the Evesham Police Department.
  - **Family and Education** – No Meeting. Selected VBS date for 2018. July 23 – 27. Confirmation Service went well. Thank you to Gail Stulb for organizing the reception following the service.
  - **Youth** – No lock-in. But the youth showed up to sort the food for the Thanksgiving Baskets. They are scheduling a Cookie and Caroling event for Dec. 10. On Dec. 17 – FISH will have a Christmas Party, perhaps bowling.
  - **Property Minutes** – Minutes attached. Work on parking lot will begin on Wed. Nov. 29. Lines will be put in during the Spring. The property ‘wish list’ is posted in the hallway by the church office. It will also be posted in the ‘church’ in the narthex.
  - **Social Missions** – No Minutes. Ministry sorted and prepared food for Thanksgiving Baskets. They will be putting the tree up with Christmas Tags for gifts. Announcing Christmas Baskets needs. Especially Turkeys and Hams are needed. IHN Baby Shower was a huge success. Besides many gifts that were asked for on the ‘Wish List’ almost \$600 was raised in cash or gift card donations!
  - **Stewardship** – Stewardship booklet was updated and reprinted for distribution. Partnership with Bridge of Peace in Camden has been discussed. Pastor Brett hopes to address Stewardship each week in his sermons and or Temple Talks. He also plans to spend individual time with Sunday School families and discuss Estimate of Giving. We will have an update on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of Dec.
  - **Worship and Music** – Minutes attached. Positive feedback on Reformation Celebration, and All Saints Day Service. Sharon also stated that she thought the “Community Thanksgiving Service” was incredible. Everything was beautifully done and the reception was well attended by the community. There was so much positive feedback by so many people who attended.
  - **Report on the Financial Health of the Congregation:** Treasurers \$17,600 deficit, but subtracting 2 months mortgage – we should make it up in Dec. Things are looking good so far.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes were approved by Sharon Elliott and seconded by Lisa Schaffer.

**WITNESSES FROM CONGREGATION:**

- Pastor Brett was very happy with the energy from the Thanksgiving Service – worship leaders will be getting together to discuss future plans.
- Witnesses – Love and peace was everywhere – great experience. How wonderful it was – all the faiths.
- Music Program during Discipleship Training (Sunday School) was well received.

- **PASTOR REPORT:** (No Written Report)

**Old Business**

- Youth Protection Policy group met to ‘rewrite’ the POP Policy. Liz Dietz, Carol Herb, (Bob Price was absent). No new information.
- Insurance policy review: Rebecca Keen and Allison are still discussing options.
- Audit Committee – have met twice so far. Will begin working in the new year (2018).
- Liz Deitz is continuing her work with Mary Drumheller to be trained for Finance Secretary.

- **New Business**

- Welcoming package (tabled) Allison will send packet.
- Red Cross is approved for April 26, 2018.
- Beta Sigma Phi/Tri County Council (Triple Classroom) 6:30pm May 1st, 2018.
- Cost of printing postcards for Christmas Eve Services as well as Easter Services was discussed. The cost and mailing was very expensive and we decided it was not in our budget to take this on at this time. Allison made a motion to decline postcards, Pam seconded the motion. The council voted in favor of the motion.
- Men’s Group met for the second time on Nov. 20, 2017 – had a pretty good turnout, about 10 people showed up. Next meeting will be held on Jan. 15. They decided not to meet in Dec.
- Cross Roads Retreat and Camp asked for us to partner with them by fronting a members monetary gift. Allison made a motion to decline partnership at this time, Sharon seconded the motion. The council voted in favor of the motion.
- It was decided that Council would not meet at a Restaurant this Dec. We would instead bring food and have a meeting at the church. We will discuss the budget and end-of-year items.
- It was proposed to give Bridge of Peace in Camden, \$6,000. In POP Budget.
- Lisa Shaffer took minutes while Pastor Brett and Laura left the meeting so the Council could discuss the budget of personnel.

- **Reminders: Next council meeting – Dec. 18, 2017**

- Refreshments: Everyone
- Devotional leader: Lisa Shaffer
- Upcoming Events/Calendar Review: Annual Meeting and Ministry Reports are due to Laura no later than Dec. 31.

Closing meeting at – Devotionals by Kira Ota.

Sharon made a motion to extend the meeting by 10 minutes. Pauline seconded the motion. Council voted in favor.

**Closing:** Meeting was ended at 10:04 pm.