

*APPROVED Minutes 01/29/2018*

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

**Monday, Dec 18, 2017**

**Pastor Brett Ballenger**

**Sharon Elliott** (Vice president / Worship and Music)

**Lisa Schaffer** (Council Secretary/ Family and Education)

**Laura Glatz** (Recording secretary/ Building Community)

**Lori Hartley** (Addictions & Mental Health / Health Support)

**Pauline Ahern** (Addictions & Mental Health / Health Support)

**Bob Price** (Stewardship & Building Community)

**Allison Shingleton** (President)

**Pam Hann** (Social Missions)

**Kira Ota** (Youth Representative)

**Liz Dietz** (Finance)

**Bill Dennis** (Property)

**Highlighted Members were absent.**

- **Opening:** Meeting was opened at 7:03 pm
- **Refreshments:** The food was provided by Zoes Restaurant.
- **Ministry Updates**
  - 1) **Addiction and Mental Health / Health Support** – The ministry replenished the first aid kits in the kitchen and in the office. They also researched and purchased Bio Hazard Kits. The ministry is planning on scheduling a CPR Worship for the month of Feb. Rob Keltos is on board with presenting a workshop on “Elder Law”. The ministry would like to reach out to young families who may be managing their elder parent’s care and thinking of the future of Living Wills and other necessity forms. They are hoping to have this presentation in the Spring 2018.
  - 2) **Building Community** – No Meeting.
  - 3) **Family and Education** – No Meeting.
  - 4) **Youth** – Christmas Caroling was canceled, lack of interest and bad weather. The POP Youth who are planning on attending the ELCA Youth Gathering in Houston, are planning a fundraiser lunch during the Annual Meeting. The Youth Lock-in has been changed for Jan. 5 to Jan. 6. The Fire Department will be notified for the permit change.
  - 5) **Property Minutes** – Attached.
  - 6) **Social Missions** – MLK day is scheduled and the sign up has been posted in the narthex. There was not enough time to schedule a Thrivent Action Team. They were very busy wrapping and organizing the Christmas Tag gifts and food. They did not meet. There were 34 families for the Thanksgiving Baskets and about 41 for Christmas with gifts and food.

- 7) **Stewardship** – No Meeting. Giving Cards are placed in the narthex.
  - 8) **Worship and Music** – Poinsettias arrived and were placed in the sanctuary.
  - 9) **Report on the Financial Health of the Congregation**: Extra mortgage and elimination money still coming in. Council will decide where the money will go.
- Capital Improvements – reserved for contingencies – will stay until next year. Operating disappears. Whatever remains, will stay designated for whatever it is labeled.
  - Bill Dennis made a motion to use the money for any deficit at the end of the year – Pauline seconded. Pastor Brett stated if the money is not needed, it will be designated for the reserves for contingencies. If we are in a deficit we will not be able to honor the 1.5% even if the mortgage money is used to help the deficit. Motion on the floor – council approved the motion.

Approval of the last minutes – Motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting Lisa Shaffer and Pam Hann. Council voted and the motion was passed.

### **BUDGET**

- Changes from the last meeting have been made to the budget. Pauline, Mary Scout and Liz met last week. See attached minutes and chart.
- Pauline made the motion to hire the part-time bookkeeper as an independent contractor. Allison seconded – motion was voted on and passed.
- Council will meet after the Annual mtg. with new members.
- Pauline will present the budget information at the annual meeting.
- Pastors Compensation fund is in question. Should check be written? Pastor Brett moved to send the money if we have it, Pauline seconded that motion.
- Sugar bowls? We will carry the sugar bowls to the next year for each ministry that has left overs.

### **WITNESSES FROM THE CONGREGATION**

- Many people discussed how moving and memorable the Community Thanksgiving Service was and how special it was for the community and churches involved.
- IHN went smoothly and had very little issues come up. Thanks to Scott Rush and his management.
- The Christmas Cantata, held on Dec. 3, was well received and enjoyed by all.

**PASTORS REPORT** – Pastor Brett discussed his retreat which is scheduled for the week after Christmas. Pastor Michael will be here for the Saturday Service. Pastor Brett will return for the Epiphany Family Festival

## **Old Business**

- Youth Protection Policy is currently being reviewed and edited.
- Insurance policy review: Rebecca Keen and Allison are still discussing options.
- Audit Committee – is scheduled to meet in January 2018.
- Liz Deitz is continuing her work with Mary Drumheller to be trained for Finance Secretary.
- Nominating Committee is meeting in early January to discuss candidates for council
- No new Building Requests.

## **Reminders: Next council meeting – Jan. 29 – Potluck and Welcome new Council Members.**

### **Sharon Elliott offered to oversee the potluck dinner.**

- Annual Meeting will be held Jan. 28 – Ministry Reports due by Friday, Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>.
- Refreshments: Potluck
- Devotional leader: Allison Shingleton
- Upcoming Events/Calendar Review: Annual Meeting and Ministry Reports are due to Laura no later than Dec. 31.

Meeting closed at 9:42 pm.