

Approved by Council April 23, 2018

MINUTES  
CHURCH COUNCIL  
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Marlton, New Jersey  
March 26, 2018

Council Members Present:

Pastor Ballenger

Allison Shingleton-President

Sharon Elliott- Vice President/Worship and Music

Pam Hann-Secretary/Social Missions

Lori Hartley-Addiction and Mental Health/Health Support

Bryan Ressler- Family and Education

Bob Price-Stewardship and Building Community

Emma Oettl-Youth

Joe Chiarulli-Property

Guests: Laura Glatz

Absent: Liz Dietz, Pauline Ahern

- Opening- Meeting was opened at 7:00 pm. Bob made a motion to approve the minutes from the last council meeting (February 26,2018). Sharon seconded. Motion passed.
- Witnesses from the congregation-  
Laura stated that everyone loved the Women's Retreat.  
Township had road blocked off. Pastor called the township police and we now have an exit.  
Bryan stated children handing out palms was awesome.  
Sharon stated we ran out of coffee for the first time.  
Pam stated that Bryan's presentation for Adult Forum was very good.  
Sharon heard that a lot of people loved the Palm Sunday service and going back outside to the cross.
- Ministry Updates:  
**Addiction and Mental Health/Health Support-** Elder law workshop possibly in June. Alzheimer's workshop will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7-9 in the sanctuary.

**Building Community-** Picnic will be June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Youth-** Lock In was cancelled. Youth will prepare and serve Easter breakfast. Two houses are symbolically filled with monetary donations for the youth going to Houston. Cost breakdown for Youth convention in Houston – The congregation pays 1/3, the youth pays 1/3 and the youth raise a 1/3.

**Property-** We now have a new dumpster. We must go to the township meeting to receive permit for our new LED sign. We have a leak in the roof over the work room. Joe is contacting the person who previously fixed it. We also have leaks in the sanctuary windows. We are currently looking for some more estimates for this project. We continue to have plumbing issues with the toilets, but the current problem is now fixed. Lights above Choir area have been replaced, thanks to our new ladder. Property Day was cancelled due to snow. We will schedule a new day before the church picnic on June 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Social Missions-** Easter bags with shoe certificates and socks were packed, along with bags of food for the Social Worker.

**Family and Education-** Anile Martinez has graciously volunteered to organize and run our Library. Pastor and Bryan met and have some new ideas to start next year for Discipleship training.

**Finance-** Treasurer's report was handed out. We have 18,000 in excess but that will be distributed over many months. This is due to some parishioners giving their pledges in the beginning of the year.

**Worship and Music-** Our music and services have been great. We will be setting up flowers at 1:00 on Saturday for the Easter service. Pastor Brett has found a new substitute Pastor to fill in on Saturday nights when he is off once a month. We welcome Lorraine Harris. She will begin on May 26<sup>th</sup>.

- Special Session- council broke up into small groups

**Storytelling-** sharing stories will be scheduled for next three months during worship services. Sharon will coordinate.

**Building Community-** Greeters- will be given an activity to do at least once a month, i.e. prayer chain, Did you know? Information sheet, sign cards for college students. Youth- will send care packages to college students. POP activity Board will be started to initiate small groups.

- **Special Session- Stewardship-** council broke into groups

Mission Budget Team- How to get information to congregation and from the congregation. Do a survey and ushers will hand out or tuck into bulletin. Greeter can also hand out. Did you know?

Marketing- Did you Know? Information, short skits during the worship service, Instagram for youth, Reaching out to Community Groups- signs in the rooms.

Theology- share stories about giving. Book- Ask, Thank -Tell. Ideas about stewardship and theology.

Finance Bulletin Board- instead use the media screens periodically.

- **Pastor's Report-**

Holy Week-Isaiah 42. My Chosen One will not grow faint or be crushed until he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his teaching.

We are doing these things to do God's work not to gain parishioners but to do what we are called to do.

- Old Business

**Youth Protection Policy-** Revamped and Updated. We are selecting people to review.

**Audit Committee-** see attached minutes. In May or June this will be presented.

**Endowment Committee-** meets once a year.

**2018 – Church directory-** we have volunteers.

- New Business

**Blood Drive-** they will be using our space in April. In September Bob will help coordinate this and meet with American Red Cross representative.

**Correspondence-** Thank You from LSM

**Requests for Building Use-** Baby Shower. Bryan motioned to wave fee and approve use. Bob seconded.

**LEGO CLUB-** Joe motions to decline and Lori seconds.

**Transfers-**none

- Reminders- Next Council Meeting is April 23rd

**Refreshments:** Pam

**Devotional Leader:** Lori

**Upcoming Events/ Calendar Review:** May 6<sup>th</sup> New Members Potluck hosted by Council. 4:30-6:30

- Closing Prayer/Devotions: Joe
- Meeting was adjourned at 9:40.
- Passing of the Peace