

Approved by Council, March 25, 2019

**MINUTES
CHURCH COUNCIL
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Marlton, New Jersey
February 25, 2019**

Council Members Present:

Pastor Brett Ballenger

Robert Price-President

Pam Hann-Vice President/Building Community

Sharon Elliott- Secretary/Worship and Music

Pauline Ahern-Treasurer/Stewardship

Liz Dietz-Assistant Financial Secretary/Finance

Lori Hartley-Addiction and Mental Health/Health Support

Kim Syvertsen- Family and Education

Scott Rush-Social Missions

Aimee Morin-Youth

Joe Chiarulli-Property

Guests: Laura Glatz

- **Opening-** Meeting was opened at 7:00pm.
- Pauline made a motion to approve the minutes from the December council meeting (December 17, 2018). Lori seconded. Motion passed.
- Scott made a motion to approve the minutes from the January council meeting (January 28, 2019). Pam seconded. Motion passed.
- **Refreshments:** The food was provided by Scott Rush. Thank You!
- **Ministry Updates:**
Addiction and Mental Health/Health Support- Did not meet.

Building Community-The church picnic is June 2, 2019 after the service. Ash Wednesday luncheon is March 6. They are inviting ministry chairs to the welcome dinner for new members. They are looking for Easter Egg Hunt Coordinator and candy donations.

Family and Education-Kim met with Pastor Brett. Discipleship Practice curriculum will be updated. Date will be set for curriculum development.

Several people agreed to help Pastor Brett with this. A VBS coordinator is needed. Kim sent an introductory email to ministry members.

Youth- Aimee received the group email list from Emma Oettl and will contact the youth and Melinda Ota. Pizza party was a hit: 7 attended. Top Golf is coming up.

Property-Property day is April 13, 2019. The outside sanctuary door facing Route 70 was broken and will be replaced, at a cost of \$320-\$365, depending on glass. Laura provided property with a schematic of high energy usage areas. Two A/Cs and lighting will be about \$19,000. Lori brought a about concern that walkers are getting caught up on the weather mats at the front entrance. Joe will bring this up to Property.

Social Missions- IHN schedule has been fixed. POP will host IHN families for seven weeks in 2019. Scott and Kim met with St. Joan of Arc to invite them to help with IHN and the Summer Meal Program (SMP). Food ministry at POP continues to obtain food from WAWA, will move forward with Bridge of Peace Ministry (training on 3/10 for Food Pantry), have applied for a grant through the state of NJ and will meet with Jewish Communities to invite them to participate in IHN and SMP.

Stewardship-Pauline met with Pastor Brett to establish a meeting schedule and outline. There is no formal committee yet. Recruiting is underway. Looking to rename the committee and will do education. We discussed that there is a larger percentage of monetary giving compared to percentage of people pledging.

Worship and Music-Committee met this afternoon. Highs: New Busy Box Cubbies are being built by Dave Kerr. The committee devised visuals for God's Global Barnyard for Worship services.

- **Opening Prayers:** Faith Five
- **Report on the Financial Health of the Congregation-** Because some people gave stock distributions or total contributions in January, there is a surplus. See treasurer's report.
- **Witnesses from the Congregation-** Pauline gave thanks to Sharon for stepping in as assisting minister and providing the Children's sermon when

Pastor Brett had to leave for an emergency. Pastor Brett expressed thanks to all who stepped up in his absence, including the parents during Discipleship Practice. Women from a recovery group have been attending worship services and have shared that they love Pastor Brett and want to participate more. Bob commended the scouts for doing a nice job on Scout Sunday. Discipleship Breakfast went well this month. Pastor Bruce Davidson was well received at Adult Forum.

- **Pastor's Report-**

Pastor Brett shared personal goals:

1. Visitation Plan; to reach out.
2. Create plan to nurture six people for leadership roles.
3. Carve out time for uninterrupted "deep work."

Pastor Brett referred to his report to the Congregation as a challenge to:

1. Work of ministries and resources
2. Plan to understand how gifted we are and how God wants us to use our gifts.
3. Implement ministry project schedule and invite people to invest.

- **Old Business:**

- Council Retreat is March 2nd, at the Moorestown Crossings Lutheran Home, 8:30-3:30. Bob will provide the ice-breaker, Laura has arranged breakfast and lunch from ShopRite. Sharon and Pam will bring supplies for hot drinks.
- Safety Team: Previously known as "Active Shooter Training Team." Brian Ressler has agreed to help with this.
- *Insurance policy review*: tabled
- *Endowment Committee*: tabled

- **New Business:**

- **Audit Committee:** Liz made a motion to reappoint the following to the Audit committee: Liz Dietz, Missy Rossner, Catherine Salender, Rob Herb (Chair). Melinda Ota and Carol Repetto will be asked to join. Joe seconded. The motion passed.
- **Personnel Committee:** Joe made a motion to appoint the following to the Personnel Committee: Steve Smith, Pat Holman, George King,

Bob Price as council president, Scott Rush as council rep. Kim seconded. The motion was approved. Pauline nominated Allison Shingleton to be on the committee pending acceptance. Sharon seconded. The motion passed.

- **Continuing Resolutions:** Bob made a motion to table this. Pauline seconded. The motion passed.

- **Correspondence:**

There were several Thank you notes:

- From the NJ Synod for Mission Support for 2018.
- From Carol Rineman to Joseph's Blanket Ministry
- From Pemberton Township Schools for Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets and gifts.
- From ELCA World Hunger for our support.
- From Beth Tikvah for use of space and included a \$180 donation.
- From Joseph Stackhouse School for Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets and gifts.
- Transfers: We received a request for a transfer of Carol Ann Kieny to a congregation in South Carolina. Pastor Brett made a motion to approve the request with regret and sends blessings. Pam seconded and the motion passed.

- **Requests for Building Use:** Building requests were approved for the following:

- Crochet and Knitting Group on Wednesdays at 12:30 in the conference room.
- InstaPot cooking group one Tuesday night/month in the kitchen.
- Piano Recital on Sunday, April 28 in the Sanctuary and Rainbow room from 1:15-5:00pm.
- Sorority Beta Sigma Phi for a dinner on Monday, May 6th.
- Friday morning OA has left.

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- **Reminders:**
 - **Refreshments:** Pauline
 - **Devotional leader:** Pauline
 - **Upcoming Events/Calendar Review:**

District Meeting-Sunday, March 31, 3:30pm at Temple Lutheran Church, Route 130, Pennsauken: Pam and Pauline will attend.

Synod Assembly- June 6-8 in New Brunswick. We nominated Scott Rush and Pam Hann to attend as voting members. Sharon will attend as a nonvoting member.
 - **Greeters (monthly ministry assignments):** March- Church Council

- **Closing Prayer/Devotions:** Scott
- **Passing of the Peace**
- **Meeting adjourned:** 9:26PM
- **Next council meeting:** March 25, 2019 @ 7:30