

Approved by Council

**MINUTES
CHURCH COUNCIL
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Marlton, New Jersey
MAY 20, 2019**

Council Members Present:

Pastor Brett Ballenger

Robert Price-President

Pam Hann-Vice President/Building Community

Sharon Elliott- Secretary/Worship and Music

Kim Syvertsen- Family and Education

Liz Dietz- Assistant Financial Secretary/Finance

Scott Rush-Social Missions

Pauline Ahern- Stewardship

Aimee Morin- Youth

Joe Chiarulli- Property

- **Opening-** Meeting was opened at 7:09pm.
- Pauline made a motion to approve the minutes from the April council meeting (April 29, 2019). Pam seconded. Motion passed.
- **Refreshments:** The food was provided by Pauline. Thank You!
- **Ministry Updates:**
Addiction and Mental Health/Health Support- High: CPR training to be done by Cooper Health. Low: Help is needed.

Building Community- Did not meet.

Picnic planning is still underway. Pam will make a poster of the current ministries of POP.

Family and Education- Kim met with Pastor Brett. Discipleship Practice finished up on May 19. Emphasis in encountering God in everyday life and how God shows himself.

VBS- Focus on Environmental Stewardship.

Youth- Did not meet. Aimee added the Confirmation girls into the group text. The youth will help with the children's activities for the picnic. Pastor Brett is working with the youth on the worship service for Youth Sunday.

Property- High: Dishwasher is being installed and old one will be sold.
Low: Need a counter top for the new dishwasher. See Property Minutes.

Social Missions- Feeding Ministry: Summer meal program is gearing up. The consolidation of the food pantry is underway. Murphy's will be bringing bread and produce for the pantry and other feeding ministries.

Stewardship- Brian Lestini from St. Matthews give a presentation on Environmental Stewardship at the June Council meeting.
Organizing for the Capital Campaign for 2019 for Property projects is underway.
They are actively recruiting people for Stewardship Ministry.

Worship and Music- See minutes. High: Over \$5000 was collected for the Bishop's Challenge for Global Barnyard. Also, preparations for Pentacost are being made.

- **Report on the Financial Health of the Congregation-** Liz: Audit Committee has documents ready and are moving along. Audit team report is due in June. Liz is actively recruiting offering counters.
Pauline: Reduced deficit \$23,243; 2019, +28,000 See the report.
- **Witnesses from the Congregation-**
The new members are grateful to POP and feel welcome. Positive comments were received for the YAH's Ringers and Children's music program. The Capital Campaign is creating enthusiasm and people are looking forward to it. Concern was voiced about how we reach out to LGBTQ+ people.
- **Pastor's Report-** Pastor Brett talked about affects of grief and the importance of self-care. Prayers of the people grace, and God are working through him and others. Staff retreat is June 10-11. He will take a vacation from June 25- July 5, 2019.

- **Old Business:**

- LGBTQ Welcoming Actions- Scott moved that a gender neutral sign be placed outside of the single bathroom. Kim seconded. There was discussion. Motion passed.
Scott moved to put together a cross sectional audit team to assess the congregation using the RIC questionnaire. Sharon seconded. The motion passed.
- Stewardship Building Plan- Pauline reported that estimates are being gathered for resurfacing the parking lot as well as for laying a new floor in Luther Hall.
Statements should be going out at the end of May/beginning of June. They are working on the flyer for the Capital Campaign.
- Fishing Projects- See minutes provided by Scott. Three things to focus on: Social Media (Kim); Reach-out (Scott); Mid-week Adult forums (P.B. and Sharon).
- Audit Committee- Liz reported on this earlier.
- *Continuing Resolutions*: Tabled
- *Safety Team*: Pastor Brett will meet with Brian Ressler.
- *Insurance policy review*: Tabled
- *Endowment Committee*: Tabled

- **New Business:**

- **Personnel Committee**: Pastor Brett is talking to people.
- **Correspondence**: None
- **Requests for Building Use**: None
- **Transfers**: None
- **Reminders**:
 - **Next council meeting**: Monday, June 24, 2019
 - **Refreshments**: Joe
 - **Devotional leader**: Joe
 - **Upcoming Events/Calendar Review**: 9:30am Worship services begin **June 2nd**.

June 2nd- Short informational meeting to introduce the capital campaign to the congregation after the service followed by the POP Community Picnic.

June 8th- 5:30 pm: Joint service for Pentecost and Shavuot with Temple Nafshanu. Dairy/vegetarian potluck dinner and study will follow.

June 9th- Pentecost and Youth Sunday with the Senior send-off/blanket ceremony and Congregation Meeting.

- **Greeters (monthly ministry assignments):** None assigned for June or July.

- **Closing Prayer/Devotions:** Pauline
- **Passing of the Peace**
- **Meeting adjourned:** 9:29PM

Submitted by Sharon Elliott