

Approved by Council August 19, 2019

**MINUTES
CHURCH COUNCIL
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Marlton, New Jersey
June 24, 2019**

Council Members Present:

Pastor Brett Ballenger

Robert Price-President

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

Lori Hartley-Addiction and Mental Health/Health Support

Guests: Laura Glatz

Brian Lestini

- **Opening-** Meeting was opened at 7:05PM.
- Joe made a motion to approve the minutes from the May council meeting (May 20, 2019). Pauline seconded. Motion passed.
- **Refreshments:** The food was provided by Joe. Thank You!
- **Ministry Updates:**
Addiction and Mental Health/Health Support- Lori
High: CPR training to be done by Cooper Health. Ann Orcott will represent POP for the Health Network quarterly meetings at St. Joan of Arc.

Building Community- Pam (Not present)

Feedback: The picnic was a great success! YAH's calendar is planned. There will be a chili cook-off in the fall.

Family and Education- Kim

Highs: VBS planning is underway. The theme is "Who is my Neighbor?"- A free ELCA curriculum.

Discipleship planning will be during the summer.

Youth-Aimee: They did not meet.

Feedback: Youth Sunday was a huge success!

Property-Joe: They did not meet.

High: Sustain Campaign is underway.

Actions: Remove old dishwasher. Remove wall partitions from Augsburg/Wittenberg rooms. Post directions for the new dishwasher.

Social Missions- Scott: They did not meet.

High: All metal shelves arrived and were assembled.

IHN: There was a flux of families. St Joan of Arc fell right into step for the 2nd week.

SMP(Summer Meal Program): 38 children were served for the first week.

Stewardship- Pauline: A committee is now in place.

Finance is a small part of stewardship; reorient towards the earth.

Worship and Music- Sharon: They did not meet.

Actions: Mobile and flags were installed for Pentacost.

Highs: Positive feedback for the Healing service, the joint service with Nafshanu and the Gospel Cantata.

- **Guest, Brian Lestini from St. Matthews, Moorestown: Environmental Stewardship Presentation-**

"Green Team" presentation highlights:

What we do locally has impact globally.

Discussed briefly the ELCA Statement on Environment (1993)

Brian talked about events and actions held at St. Matthews: Children's pollinator garden and celebration on Earth Day, Meatless Mondays in October.

Brian will share their sustainability plan.

We discussed recycling of plastic Communion cups using Terra Cycle.

Green Faith is a values-based environmental stewardship. We expressed our gratitude to Brian for sharing with us. We will follow-up in the near future.

- **Faith 5 Practice**
- **Report on the Financial Health of the Congregation- Liz and Pauline:**
See Financial Secretary's report.
- **Witnesses from the Congregation-**
Someone changed their vacation to be at the Healing service. There were many positive comments from St. Joan of Arc about our ministries and Ecumenical work. People commented positively on: the mosaics, Senior send-off, Gospel Cantata and Nafshanu joint service.
- **Pastor's Report- Vacation: 6/25-7/6**
Pastor Brett moved to add the following sentence to POP's welcome statement:
"We welcome all without regard to where you are on your personal faith journey, whether you are a life-long Lutheran, you come from another faith tradition, you are doubting, or whether you have no faith practice at all."
Scott seconded. Motion passed.
Pastor Brett reported on his attendance in Washington DC at the Poor People's Campaign gathering. Moral positions were presented on how to treat the poor.
- **Old Business:**
 - **LGBTQ Welcoming Actions-** Scott is working on designing a Congregational Assessment about youth and LGBTQ+. Many questions from a pre-existing document may be used. An assessment team of 5 people will be formed.
 - **Stewardship and the Sustain Campaign-** Pauline moved that Thrivent, PayPal, Amazon Smile and T.Rowe Price funds go to the Sustain Campaign. Scott seconded. Motion passed.
 - **Fishing Projects-** No activity.
 - **Audit Committee-** Liz submitted the report; 2017 report with a cover letter. It was signed by Pastor Brett and Robert Price and will be sent to the Synod office.

- *Insurance policy review*: Tabled
- *Endowment Committee*: Tabled

- **New Business:**
 - **Correspondence**: None

 - **Requests for Building Use**: None

 - **Transfers**: None

 - **Reminders:**
 - **Next council meeting**: Monday, August 26, 2019. There is no meeting in July. Scott invited the council to a BBQ at his home on July 22 @ 7pm.
 - **Refreshments for August**: Bob
 - **Devotional leader for August**: Bob
 - **Upcoming Events/Calendar Review**:

 - **Greeters (monthly ministry assignments)**: None assigned for July. August is Family and Education.

 - **Closing Prayer/Devotions**: Joe
 - **Passing of the Peace**
 - **Meeting adjourned**: 10:03PM

Submitted by Sharon Elliott