

Approved by Council Sept. 28, 2019

**MINUTES
CHURCH COUNCIL
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Marlton, New Jersey
August 26, 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
Pam Hann-Building Community

Guests: Laura Glatz

- **Opening-** Meeting was opened at 7:01PM.
- Pauline made a motion to approve the minutes from the June council meeting (June 24, 2019). Pam seconded. Motion passed.
- **Refreshments:** The food was provided by Bob. Thank You!
- **Ministry Updates:**
Addiction and Mental Health/Health Support- Lori was not present.
High: Things are in the works.
Low: More people needed for the ministry.

Building Community- Pam

Highs- Picnic was a hit. Chili Cook-off and Family game night is 10/26 @6:30pm. Evesham Harvest Fest is 9/28. *See minutes.

Family and Education- Kim

Highs: Discipleship Practice begins 9/8. Looking forward to learning about God's love in the world. Waffles and ice cream Sunday is 9/15. *See minutes.

No lows!

Youth-Aimee: Chalk the Walk is 9/14.

Property-Joe:

High: Sustain Campaign is going well. The sign will be fixed and running again soon. Dishwasher surround and top will be custom-made. Cabinets will be down the road. *See minutes.

Social Missions- Scott:

Highs:

SMP(Summer Meal Program): Packing parties were very productive with 100+ bags packed in less than an hour. Social Missions is Ecumenical; involving St Joan of Arc, Congregation Beth Tikvah and Nafshenu. Mary Jane and Jim Michalowicz of St. Joan's have become regular volunteers for SMP + IHN. Catherine and John donated 90 backpacks. *See minutes.

Stewardship- Pauline: A committee is now in place and up and running. A campaign will be planned in the next couple of months. *See minutes.

Worship and Music- Sharon: *See minutes.

Pastor Brett shared his joy: Worship has been joyful and alive. Smaller in numbers, but our heart is getting bigger.

- **Report on the Financial Health of the Congregation- Liz and Pauline:**
See Financial Secretary's report.
- **Faith Five**
- **Witnesses from the Congregation-** Joe received an email from James Trainer.

Pastor Brett- People have been commenting on how wonderful the church grounds look.

- **Pastor's Report-** Excited about the joyful feel of worship and looking forward to the upcoming Fall programs. Also commented that the relationship with other congregations is wonderful.

- **Old Business:**
 - **LGBTQ Welcoming Actions-**No activity.
 - **The Sustain Campaign-** The financial goal for Project #1 has been reached. HVAC is ready to go.
 - **Fishing Projects-** College care packages will be given in June with blankets. Teens will be paired up with shut-ins.
 - **Audit Committee-** Council Actions needed: Page 6. #s 3 and 5 are not feasible; Finance committee will write up reasons they are not feasible.
 - **Environmental Stewardship-** What's next?
Each ministry to report on how they have/can go green.
POP's own Green team?
Role of Stewardship ministry with Green Team.
Create best practices.
Headstart team: Scott Rush, Sharon Elliott, Jill Porter and Lorraine Hoilien
Ask Tom Rose about compost pile.

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

- **New Business:**
 - **ELCA-AMMPARO:** See the enclosed handout.
Scott moved to accept The Welcoming Congregations Commitment.
Pauline seconded. Motion passed.

 - **Correspondence:** Thank you letters from Purple Heart, Cross Roads and ELCA for donations.

- **Requests for Building Use:** Requests from Brownies Troop #28711 for meetings on first and third Tuesdays of the month; and from SJOA for their conference. Both approved by Laura.
Request for a new AA group to meet Mondays @6:30am. Joe made motion to approve. Bob seconded. Motion passed.
There was an emergency grounds request made by Pastor Brett on behalf of Lenape School District gathering. It was approved by email. See notes.
- **Transfers:** None
- **Reminders:**
 - **Next council meeting:** Monday, September 30, 2019.
 - **Refreshments for September:** Liz
 - **Devotional leader for September:** Liz
 - **Upcoming Events/Calendar Review:** Saturday, Aug. 31 and Sunday, Sept. 1- Agape Feast Services; Sunday, Sept. 8-ELCA Day of Service (9:30 service followed by light luncheon and bag decoration); Sept.15-Return to normal Sunday worship schedule; Saturday, Sept. 28-Evesham Harvest Festival.
 - **Greeters (monthly ministry assignments):** September is Stewardship and Finance.
- **Closing Prayer/Devotions:** Bob
- **Meeting adjourned:** 9:28PM
- **Passing of the Peace**

Submitted by Sharon Elliott