

Approved by Council

**MINUTES
CHURCH COUNCIL
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Marlton, New Jersey
October 28, 2019**

Council Members Present:

Pastor Brett Ballenger
Robert Price-President
Sharon Elliott- Secretary/Worship and Music
Kim Syvertsen- Family and Education
Scott Rush-Social Missions
Pauline Ahern- Stewardship
Aimee Morin- Youth
Pam Hann-Building Community

Guests: Laura Glatz, Bruce Easterly

- **Opening-** Meeting was opened at 7:01pm.
- Pauline made a motion to approve the minutes from the September council meeting (September 30, 2019). Pam seconded. Motion passed.
- **Refreshments:** The food was provided by Sharon. Thank You!
- **Ministry Updates:**

Addiction and Mental Health/Health Support- Lori was absent.
Pauline shared Highs: They had a good meeting. A program will be held 11/19/19 on falling, presented by Bacharach Physical Therapy.
Low: More people needed for the ministry.

Building Community- Pam- Did not meet.

Highs- Chili Cook-off was a success with 11 entries. Thank you to the committee: Catherine, Lisa, Scott, Pam and Walter for making this event great fun and a huge success.

No Lows!

Family and Education- Kim

Highs: Discipleship Practice is going very well. Pastor Brett is building strategies for home prayer practice, among other things.

*See minutes.

No lows!

Youth-Aimee: The lock-in was cancelled due to low response. It will be rescheduled. This committee needs adult support. Laura suggested that each ministry signs up to help the youth each month. Family caroling is scheduled for 12/15/19. A coordinator is needed to help organize.

Property-Bruce:

High: Parking lot is completed. The side walk from Luther Hall is completed. HVAC will be installed next week, early November.

Low: The handicapped spaces in the front parking lot were accidental and will be modified to follow correct guidelines.

*See minutes.

Social Missions- Scott:

Highs: The Bridge of Peace Trunk or Treat is scheduled for 10/29. IHN is scheduled for two weeks beginning 10/27/19. The food pantry is in full swing. A \$10,000 grant from the NJ Synod for 2020 was granted to the Summer Meals Program. Daily Bread approved a \$500 matching funds program. If POP raises \$500 or more through World Hunger, \$500 will be matched. All proceeds will go to POP for the feeding ministries.

Lows: IHN volunteers are needed, especially drivers.

*See minutes.

Stewardship- Pauline: Did not meet. Next mtg. is 10/30/19 @7pm.

Highs: The "Estimate of Investment" cards are being prepared.

Green Team will meet in November.

Green Faith Circle will meet @ St. Matthews in Moorestown on 11/13/19.

*See minutes.

Worship and Music- Sharon:

Highs: We are excited for Reformation. Pastor Brett will be training younger (third graders and up) for acolytes. We are looking forward to All Saints Day and preparations, this year's Stewardship campaign and Confirmation.

Lows: The sound system needs work.

*See minutes.

- **Faith Five**

- **Report on the Financial Health of the Congregation- Liz and Pauline:**

Highs: We are in the black ytd, 2019. The Sustain Campaign is exceeding goals.

Bruce reported that The Freon leak repair cost \$2,365.38. It was not budgeted.

Kim moved to use the money from the reserve for contingency fund to pay for the Freon leak repair. (\$2365.38) Scott seconded. Motion passed.

*See Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's reports.

- **Witnesses from the Congregation-**

Sharon: Merle, from Congregation Beth Tikvah was excited about our food ministry and took a shopping bag to decorate.

Chili Cook-off got rave reviews!

Pastor Brett- The Confirmation kids and Pastor Brett are excited about the retreat and look forward to next year.

Laura-There is a "resident" squirrel in the bell tower. It has made a lovely nest.

Nafshenu- Praised POP and showed appreciation. Pastor Brett shared that the Rabbi's wife feels like POP is "home."

- **Pastor's Report-**

An email went out about Ernie Bareuther's memorial service. It will be in December.

Pastor Brett will reach out to parishioners to make connections. He shared the Zacchaeus story.

- **Reaching Out: Calls to parishioners**

Due to time constraints during the council meeting, council members will make calls at home by Saturday, Nov. 2. Pastor Brett will create a "script"

and Laura will divide the directory up for each council member to call a group of people.

- **Old Business:**
 - **Personnel-** Bob: Steve Smith is Chairperson. A meeting is scheduled.
 - **Stewardship and The Sustain Campaign-** Pauline: Exceeding goals!
 - **Fishing Projects-** Scott: Nothing new.
 - **Environmental Stewardship-** Scott: Now under “Stewardship”
 - *Insurance policy review:* Tabled
 - *Endowment Committee:* Tabled

- **New Business:**
 - **Council Members for 2020:** Council suggested names for the Nominating Committee. Pastor Brett will make calls.

 - **Correspondence:**
Office of Bishop: A Thank you, budget reminder and plea for more support. A request was made to bump our giving up from 33,016 to 35,000.

 - **Requests for Building Use:** None

 - **Transfers:** None

 - **Reminders:**
 - **Next council meeting: Monday, November 25, 2019.**
 - **Refreshments:** Pam
 - **Devotional leader:** Pam
 - **Upcoming Events/Calendar Review:**

 - **Greeters (monthly ministry assignments):** November is assigned to Confirmation students.

- **Closing Prayer/Devotions:** Sharon
- **Meeting adjourned:** 9:35PM
- **Passing of the Peace**

Submitted by Sharon Elliott