

Approved by Council

**MINUTES  
CHURCH COUNCIL  
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH  
Marlton, New Jersey  
September 30, 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  
Pam Hann-Building Community

Guests: Laura Glatz, Bruce Easterly

- **Opening-** Meeting was opened at 7:03pm.
- Pauline made a motion to approve the minutes from the August council meeting (August 26, 2019). Pam seconded. Motion passed.
- **Executive Session:**  
**Started:** 7:20 pm  
**Ended:** 7:33pm
- **Refreshments:** The food was provided by Liz. Thank You!
- **Ministry Updates:**  
**Addiction and Mental Health/Health Support-** Lori was absent- at college with her son.  
High: Grants- program Re: families and finances  
Rob Keltos- program Re: Elder law  
Low: More people needed for the ministry.

**Building Community- Pam**

Highs- Harvest Festival was a success; Chili Cook-off and family game night will be 10/26; Chair yoga classes have had great attendance (10-14 attendees each week)

No Lows!

**Family and Education- Kim**

Highs: Discipleship Practice began 9/8 with generous donations for the Food Pantry. First Waffles and Ice Cream Sunday was a success! Adult Forum kicked off; Book group met last Friday. Confirmation kicked off.

\*See minutes.

No lows!

**Youth-Aimee:** Planning: 10/19-20 Lock-in. Chalk the Walk went well and received rave reviews.

**Property-Bruce:**

High: Sustain Campaign is going well. Hutchinson and Tri State met with Property. HVAC will be replaced before cold weather sets in. Paving the parking lot will begin shortly. The digital sign is up and running. \*See minutes.

**Social Missions- Scott:**

Highs:

The food pantry will open 10/14. Training for Feeding ministry will be 10/6 @10am.

25 percent more meals were distributed for the Summer Meals Program. Record Back Pack drive (150). Synod day of Service provided a bounty of food donation. Grants have been received from NJ Synod. Green Team and Reaching Out ministries are under way.

\*See minutes.

**Stewardship- Pauline:**

Highs: The budget is ready; the estimate of giving cards are being prepared.

\*See minutes.

**Worship and Music- Sharon:** Did not meet.

- **Faith Five**

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

Highs: \$9,276 in the black for 2019 (Jan.-Aug.) The Sustain Campaign is exceeding goals. Linda Lathrop has joined the Offering Counters.

\*See Financial Secretary's report.

- **Witnesses from the Congregation-**

Sharon: A person from AA praised the chalk messages on the sidewalk of the church saying they were, "amazing and beautiful."

Pam: Evesham Harvest Festival: A person praised AA meetings in church and took a message rock.

Kim: During Adult Forum SMP presentation, Mary Jane from St. Joan of Arc praised POP as being "small but mighty!" Micky from Congregation Beth Tikvah is looking forward to volunteering more at POP during her retirement.

Scott: "Braggs" about all that POP does.

Liz: A Muslim visited our booth at the Harvest Fest. and made positive comments. She took a slap-bracelet.

Laura: It's great how busy we are and how we reach out to the community.

Pastor Brett: Someone from the community asked on the Mount Laurel page about Lutheran churches. About a half dozen of our people responded and reached out to this person giving glowing reviews of Prince of Peace.

Pam: Her friend commented on how Pam's husband, Brett talks about all the good things happening at Prince of Peace.

- **Pastor's Report-** Because attendance has been light, he proposes we have a council call night to reach out to parishioners before All Saints Day. Pastor Brett is excited about Discipleship Practice. We are reminded in the Road to Emmaus story to: Walk with others, hear the story, eat bread, and share with others.

- **Old Business:**

- **LGBTQ Welcoming Actions-**Scott spoke with LGBTQ+ ally group to do training. He received a request from RIC for donations. Scott made a personal donation, but would like to ask POP to donate next year.

- **Stewardship and The Sustain Campaign-** Pauline: Included earlier.
- **Fishing Projects-** Scott:
  1. Reaching Out: Shut-in visitation being discussed. Care packages for college students will be packed during Lock-in on 10/20 and will be mailed out.
  2. An evening adult forum is being discussed.
  3. Social media is in discussion mode.
- **Environmental Stewardship-** Scott:
  1. Green Team: Related to this faith community: Education and action
  2. With Saint Matthews and other faith communities: Developing stages.
  3. Green Faith Circle
    - \*See Social Missions minutes.
- *Insurance policy review:* Tabled
- *Endowment Committee:* Tabled
- **New Business:**
  - **Personnel Committee:** Committee is formed and ready to go.
  - **Correspondence:**

Thank-you from Urban Promise for donations of school and office supplies.

IHN: Update and Thank-you. Scott is the newest board member of IHN.
  - **Requests for Building Use:** None
  - **Transfers:** None
  - **Reminders:**
    - **Next council meeting:** Monday, October 28, 2019.
    - **Refreshments:** Sharon
    - **Devotional leader:** Sharon

- **Upcoming Events/Calendar Review:** Saturday, October 26 is the Chili Cook-Off & Family Game Night.
- **Greeters (monthly ministry assignments):** October is Social Missions.
  
- **Closing Prayer/Devotions:** Liz
- **Meeting adjourned:** 9:18PM
- **Passing of the Peace**

Submitted by Sharon Elliott