

Approved by Council

**MINUTES
CHURCH COUNCIL
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
Marlton, New Jersey
November 25, 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

Lori Hartley-Addiction and Mental Health/Health Support

Guests: Laura Glatz, Bruce Easterly

- **Opening-** Meeting was opened at 7:03pm.
- 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 Pam. Thank You!
- **Ministry Updates:**
 - Addiction and Mental Health/Health Support-**
Highs: Great turn-out for the Fall Prevention workshop. (24 people)
Low: More help would be welcomed.

Building Community- Pam- Did not meet.

Family and Education- Kim

Highs: Great things are happening in Discipleship Practice. Lots of parents are involved with the children. Members of the congregation were very appreciative of the thank you cookies and cards presented by the children.

*See minutes

Youth-Aimee: Did not meet.

Christmas Caroling is December 15 at Spring Hills at 2:30PM. Meet to carpool at POP at 2PM. Ukuleles and Refreshments will be in Rainbow Rm.

Property-Bruce:

High: A new door with a window is being installed in Luther Hall. There was a good turnout for property workday. HVAC and the parking lot are complete. Thermostats are being replaced. The money for the windows have been received and windows will be installed in the spring.

Low: There has been no response from the digital sign co. about the green stripe on the sign.

*See minutes.

Social Missions- Scott:

Highs: Fifty Thanksgiving baskets were handed out. There was a great response for donations! IHN weeks went smoothly. Bridge of Peace had more than 150 participants for Trunk or Treat. There has been a great response for the food pantry with 55 clients, about 12 families in the last four weeks.

*See minutes.

Stewardship- Pauline:

Highs: Reviewed Estimate of Investment card and stewardship booklet. They were distributed on Sunday, 11/24.

*See minutes.

Environmental Stewardship-Scott:

The last Green Team meeting was cancelled. Green Faith Circle was 11/17 with 5 or 6 congregations in attendance. They are working on their mission statement.

Worship and Music- Sharon:

Highs: All Saints Day and Children's music on 11/10 went well and were well received. The issues with the sound system were resolved.

Lows: The banners got wet. The poles leaned due to the ground being saturated.

*See minutes.

- **Faith Five**

- **Report on the Financial Health of the Congregation- Liz and Pauline:**
 Deficit for year as of October is \$5,729.
 *See Financial Secretary's and Treasurer's reports.
- Budget: Council discussed the 2020 budget.
 Executive Session: 8:55-9:20

- **Witnesses from the Congregation-**
 Pastor Brett heard great things about the Fall Prevention workshop. The Children's music brought in higher attendance. It was joyful, full of energy and created community.
 Scott reported that Dr. Lou is greatly impressed with our feeding ministry and is soliciting donations on our behalf.
 Kim commented on the outpouring of help for Amanda. We received a heartfelt thank you from Amanda.

- **Pastor's Report-**
 Pastor Brett reflected on self-care, his schedule, prioritizing, and needing support for completion of certain tasks.

- **Old Business:**
 - **Personnel-** Bob: Staff reviews were outstanding. We, as a congregation are blessed to have Pastor Brett, Laura and Guy as our staff.
 - **Stewardship and The Sustain Campaign-** Pauline: Exceeding goals!
 - **Fishing Projects-** Scott: Nothing new.
 - *Insurance policy review:* Tabled
 - *Endowment Committee:* Tabled

- **New Business:**
 - **Council Members for 2020:** Council needs 1 youth for a one year term, 1 person for a one year term and 4 people for two year terms.
 - **Correspondence:** Amanda Tagliavia wrote a heartfelt thank you to POP for all of the support she has received due to her accident

- **Requests for Building Use:** Beta Sigma Phi requested use for space for May 4, 2020 at 6:30PM. It was approved.

- **Transfers:** None
We have several new congregants interested in the spring orientation.

- **Reminders:**
 - **Next council meeting: Tuesday, December 17, 2019**

 - **Greeters (monthly ministry assignments):** December is Building Community.

- **Closing Prayer/Devotions:** Pam
- **Meeting adjourned:** 9:45PM
- **Passing of the Peace**

Submitted by Sharon Elliott