

Council Meeting January 12, 2016 at 7 PM

1. Pastor Rick opening prayer
2. Approval of minutes of December 8, 2015
3. Personnel report
4. Treasurer's report
5. Pastor Rick's report
6. Stewardship report
7. Packathon donation
8. New or old business
9. Closing prayer

Prince Of Peace Church Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)
November 10, 2015 7:00 p.m.

Present: Pastor Rick Sherrill, Craig Myrmel, Teri Traaen, Gail Andrews, Greg Welch-Rowland, Joy Johnson, Les Holland, Brad Beebe, Carrie Goodman, Anita Thorne, Steve Edgar.

1. Craig opened the meeting at 7:10 p.m. Pastor Rick asked for prayer requests and said the opening prayer.
2. Craig made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes from October 6, 2015. Greg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
3. Craig went over the agenda. He would like to welcome Audrey Cox as our new Family and Youth Minister. We are ready to move forward. Pastor Rick spoke about Audrey coming. December 6th will be our Welcoming Sunday for Audrey.
4. Treasurer's Report: Greg said the Dashboard is all Green Lights. We have healthy growth in tithing, Attendance is down but tithing is up.
5. Pastor Rick's Report:
 - a. Pastor gave an update on Ollie Thorne- There has been no communication from the Judicial System. He is in Jail at Durango. His hearing is on December 3, 2015. It will be up to the Judge to rule. The Preschool is calmer now, but still concerned.
OLLIE CAN NOT CONTACT ANYONE ON THE CAMPUS.
 - b. Pastor is looking at ways to bring in Audrey and give her support.
 - c. Preparing for the Holiday Season.
 - d. Sunday worship schedule. Discussion ensued about Traditional and Contemporary music. in Services.
 - e. Vision: Who are we? Our greatest identity: Radically diverse and centered in Christ.
 - f. Musical Preference: We are better at traditional. Idea: try an eclectic approach to music. No set schedule, vary the styles each Sunday. We will start one Service on December 6, 2015. Discussion ensued: lots of great ideas were given.
Greg made a motion: Prince Of Peace joyfully experiments with a combined one service schedule at 9:30 a.m. from December 6, 2015 through March 27, 2016. (Easter Sunday). Sunday School will also occur at 9:30 a.m. with adult education opportunities at 10:45 a.m. Craig seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
6. Stewardship Report: Les said the campaign is finished; now we are waiting for promise cards to be returned.
7. Craig discussed the next congregational Meeting. Craig made a motion to hold the next Congregational Meeting on January 31, 2016. Terri and Les seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
8. The next Church Council Meeting will be held on December 8, 2015.
9. New Business: The new Advent Devotionals will be passed out on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The level of faith jumps out at you.
No Old Business.
Anita made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Gail seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Craig and Gail said the closing prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joy Johnson, Secretary

Prince Of Peace Church Council Meeting Minutes (unapproved)
December 8, 2015 7:00p.m.

Present: Pastor Rick Sherrill, Craig Myrmel, Steve Edgar, Brad Beebe, Greg Welch-Rowland, Carrie Goodman, Teri Traaen, Les Holland, Anita Thorne, Gail Andrews, Joy Johnson, Nicole Hilden.

Craig called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Pastor Rick went over prayer requests and said the opening prayer.

Preschool update: Gail spoke about the Preschool Director, Sara Rushlow's letter of resignation.

Then she introduced the candidate for her replacement, Nicole Hilden. The Council members all made introductions around the table and Nicole told us about herself and answered any questions we had. (Please see attached resume and letter from Preschool Board Chair, Kay McCartney.) The Preschool Board voted for Nicole to take over as Preschool Director. The assistant position will open up tomorrow. There will be a two part process to notify everyone.. 1) Staff then 2) Parents. * the Church Council was notified Tuesday night at this meeting. An email will be sent to employees on Wednesday and one to parents on Friday.

Craig made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes of November 10, 2015. Corrections to be made: 1) add Steve Edgar to the Present list. 2) Correct the spelling of Teri Traaen's name. The minutes were unanimously approved including corrections.

Personnel Report: Gail spoke about all the new Positions that have been filled recently. Gail asked for a motion to accept Nicole Hilden as the new Preschool Director. Greg made the motion and Brad seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.

Pastor Rick's Report: Pastor has been busy dealing with the Preschool issue and consolidation to one service. We are using all styles of music. Discussion ensued including great ideas to enhance our worship time. One suggestion was to have a coffee/music pre-service time (20 minutes) to shine a light on all of our different talents.

Treasurer's Report: Greg: No red flags. November attendance and giving were low. December will pick up. It is traditionally a large giving month. Greg is working on the budget now. Expenses will be higher due to new personnel this coming year.

Stewardship Report: Please see report: Les went over the pledges so far.

The next meeting will be held January 12, 2016.

The budget has to be out that following Sunday. We will have the Congregational Meeting on Sunday January 31, 2016.

New Business: The Pack-A-Thon event will be held on February 27, 2016. Steve Crofton is in charge. There will be a Rally Brunch in January for anyone interested to donate funds for the supplies.

Old Business: Carpet Project: Still waiting for another bid for the Sanctuary runners and Office carpeting. The Foundation has agreed to pay half.

Pastor Rick said the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Joy Johnson, Secretary

Youth and Family Ministry

Council Report – January 2016

Ministry Moment

One of our new confirmation students attended her first class on Sunday January 10th. Her mother and I were visiting and she was in joyful spirits about finding Prince of Peace and having her daughter involved with the Youth and Family Ministry here. I was telling her that one thing I love about Prince of Peace is how organic our worship is. She almost stopped in her tracks as we were walking to say “Yes! That’s what I felt the first time we came. And, this morning, Pastor Rick spilled water all over himself before the baptism and I just thought...this is my life! I just feel like this is where we should be.” This is it right? What being a church community is all about...being organic and feeling God’s love and grace in the midst of just being who and where we are!

Confirmation

Our confirmation group met for the first time in 2016 on January 10. We focused on an overview of the New Testament which is what we will be covering for the next couple months. Each class will focus on the bible story and how it relates to our own story as well as how we can take God’s story into the world. We made cards for those in our community being visited by Pastor Paul and Pastor Rick to share the Good News of God’s love with them. We had 12 attendees and Pastor Rick and I as adult mentors.

High School

Our first high school youth group is on January 31. We will be planning the activities for the year. In April, these students will be participating in a Peer Ministry Retreat. We are hoping to have a leader to come and facilitate a training for our youth and leaders and will be inviting churches in the Grand Canyon Synod to be a part of this as well.

This summer, our high school students will be taking a trip to the Navajo Lutheran Mission for a cultural immersion trip! I have met with the director, Kate Adelman, and we are excited about this partnership.

Youth and Family Team

One of my goals to start the year is to put together a Youth and Family ministry team. This team would be a team I would work closely with to help support to vision and mission of Youth and Family Ministry at Prince of Peace. I have several lunches and coffees being scheduled to have conversation with potential team members.

Faith at Home

You have probably heard about our new resource we are providing to families called Taking Faith Home. I am passionate about equipping families to make faith a part of their day-to-day lives. Resources like this provide easy quick quality ideas for how to incorporate faith at home. We will be providing these on our website and posting on social media.

Other

List of families – I have been working diligently to try to compile a solid list of all of the 6th-12 grade families information (names, phone numbers, emails) so I can be in regular contact with everyone and providing good communication.

Instagram – the majority of 6th-12th grade youth prefer Instagram over any other social media avenue, so PoP now has an Instagram! Pop_Youth is our name, so be sure to follow us!

Street Fair – Plans are in the works for this year’s Annual Street Fair. We are going to need help with volunteers, items for the silent auction, and other various projects. More information forthcoming.