

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran  
Church Council Committee Meeting  
April 25 and May 1, 2024  
Minutes

<b>Call to order via ZOOM 5:00 pm</b>	by Council President Ann Davison
<b>Members in Attendance</b>	Ann Davison Pastor Sherrie Hofmann (in route at start of meeting; joined later) Kate Isom Winnie McDermott Guests Dave Franz and Farley Peechatka
<b>Devotions/Opening Material</b>	Pastor Sherri offered devotions drawn from Acts 8:26.
<b>Approval of Minutes</b>	It was moved and seconded that the previously distributed minutes from the March 21, 2024 Council meeting be approved. The motion carried.
<b>Nominating Committee</b>	Kate reported that Debbie Helsley had agreed to join Council. She made a motion nominating Debbie for a place on Council and the motion carried.
<b>Cemetery Committee Report</b>	Farley presented background information on the financial state of the cemetery. He reported there are 140 families represented in the cemetery, 100 of which have a Prince of Peace connection.  He then stated that the committee believes \$50,000 needs to be raised in order to provide for the perpetual care of the cemetery.  Discussion followed focused on the Committee’s plan to go out and ask for donations to increase the long-term maintenance fund. The drive would only reach out to families with a cemetery connection. Several council members expressed concern that this fund-raising effort could detract from the stewardship effort.
<b>Finance/Property</b>	Dave Franz reported on the 2023-2024 Finance/Property Committee report. He utilized a PowerPoint presentation as-well-as a written report to support his presentation.  Specific discussion focused on the following report elements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Apple Butter</li> <li>- Propane</li> <li>- Lions</li> <li>- Pledges</li> <li>- Insurance</li> </ul>

<p><b>NOTE: Due to the late hour and the length of the presentations, the meeting was adjourned and scheduled to continue on May 1 at 6pm</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Perpetual Candle</li> <li>- Mission Support (Synod)</li> <li>- Wine Tasting Event</li> </ul>
<p><b>May 1 - April 25 meeting continued</b></p> <p><b>Finance/Property (annual report discussion continues)</b></p>	<p>In attendance – Ann, Elaine, Debbie, Winnie, Pastor, Kate</p> <p>There was discussion regarding “learning expenses” vs. “advertising expenses”. It was also noted that “pastor expenses” are not part of the pastor compensation package.</p> <p>Council asked Dave to remove the comment about reducing live organist expenses from the new budget.</p> <p>Ann moved the Finance Committee’s proposed budget as edited by Council be presented to the congregation on May 19. The motion carried.</p>
<p><b>Cemetery Committee (discussion continued)</b></p>	<p>The Council revisited the Cemetery Committee’s plan to reach out to all families with an investment into the cemetery to ask for a donation toward a perpetual care fund. The Council would like to see the letter before it is sent.</p>
<p><b>Congregational Meeting Preparation</b></p>	<p>There was discussion regarding the best approach for presenting both the proposed constitution changes as-well-as the proposed budget for 2024/2025. to the congregation during the May 19 annual meeting.</p>
<p><b>New Business</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Friday, July 5 was put forth as a date for a Communication Workshop to be led by Pastor Radtke. The focus will be on “story telling.”</li> <li>• It was decided that PoP would not participate BryceFest, but would look toward the November craft fair.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Closing/Adjourn</b></p>	<p>Following the Lord’s Prayer, the meeting was adjourned at 7pm.</p>