

Prince of Peace Evangelical Lutheran
Church Council Committee Meeting
August 22, 2024
Minutes

Present: Pastor Sherrie Hofmann, Ann Davison, Kate Isom, Winnie Mc Dermott, Elaine Bennett

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm and the minutes from the July 2024 meeting were approved with minor typographical corrections.

Pastor Sherri offered a reading from Joshua 22:9 for Council devotions.

Pastor Hofmann shared that there are increasing questions from families about policies for using the church for weddings and funerals. Because the church funeral policy had been reviewed and revised two years ago, this policy was used as a reference guide to consider what should be addressed in a wedding policy along with the example of a policy provided by another. Additionally, during this process the Council found sections in the funeral policy members felt needed to be changed or clarified. This process then provided guidance for a companion wedding policy. Kate took careful notes during the discussion and provided them to Ann, who will prepare a draft for final review and to post on the website.

A discussion was held on the August meeting with Rev. John Wertz of the VA Synod regarding ministry partnerships. Council members shared their thoughts on the information provided by the Synod. It was decided that, given what appears to be congregational interest in continuing to explore the possibility of a ministry partnership, we would like to set up a follow-up meeting with Pastor Wertz to map out the way forward.

Ann will invite him to meet again with us, perhaps at our September meeting and include an invitation to the congregation to participate. The Council felt it would be good to establish a committee to focus on options and plans and will invite interested members of the congregation to participate.

Winnie shared date and time information for a training program set up through the Lions for CPR, AED and other emergency measures such as choking protocols. The blended class will involve 2 hours of self-paced on-line training and 2 hours of classroom time. The classroom training will be conducted in Stidley Hall on September 26 from 3-5 pm. There will be an \$88 fee per participant. The resulting certification will be good for 24 months.

Following the Lord's Prayer, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.