

Minutes
Prince of Peace Foundation
October 13, 2016

Present: Scott Becker, Candis Fancher, Paul Gilje, Aaron Griga, Nate Lindermann, Jane Victorey, Camilla Fischer

July 21 minutes: Motion by Aaron, seconded by Nate, and carried that minutes of the July 21 meeting be approved.

Granting capacity--Scott reported that our authorized capacity for the current fiscal year would be \$57,031, based on the 4 percent requirement. Deducting gifts made this fiscal year, we have \$42,531 remaining in grant capacity.

Quarterly financial report--Aaron distributed the quarterly report from Thrivent covering April 1 to June 30. We discussed the fact that perhaps Thrivent could be in a position to give us information that is current to the end of the immediate preceding quarter, in this case, the quarter ending September 30. We'll check on how that might be possible so that, for example, at our January 2017 meeting we might have performance data current to the end of the calendar year. As necessary we could even adjust the date of the meeting to make it more likely for us to receive reports that are more current.

Tree lighting project--Scott suggested a way to increase visibility of the Prince of Peace Foundation while giving members of the congregation an opportunity to give special recognition to loved ones. He recommended we take a cue from the Love Lights program at Roseville Lutheran Church, which places a light on a Christmas tree for each person honored by someone else. with a modest gift. Persons so honored may be living or deceased.

Scott recommended that the Prince of Peace Foundation provide a Love Lights approach during the Christmas season this year. After each service during the four weeks of Advent we would ask people to make a small donation, say, \$2, and in return one light would be added to the tree. We would ask each of us on the Foundation Board to help out on a given weekend. We'd have a place in a well-visited location in the vicinity of the worship center where many worshipers will walk past. We'd have information available, too, about the Foundation itself.

We agreed to proceed with Scott's recommendation. We were invited to select which weekends during Advent we'd agree to be helpers.

Presentations during January on estate planning--Scott reported that Curt Galenti has agreed to make 20-minute presentations at key times during January 2017 to explain to attendees the importance of individuals developing their own estate plans. We hope these sessions can occur just after the regular Engage Bible study meetings on Monday night, Tuesday morning and Wednesday noon, and possibly after worship services. We need to stress the importance of people preparing their asset plans because so many people neglect that important task, which means the laws of the state, not the intent of the individual, will determine how an individual's assets are distributed after live.

Monthly newsletter--Scott said that beginning in November we intend to include information about the foundation's activities in the monthly Prince of Peace newsletters. It will help, too, if we can include compelling stories of the difference in people's lives as a result of the foundation's work.

Campus Faith Clubs annual dinner--Scott urged good attendance by foundation members for the Campus Faith Clubs' annual dinner set for Sunday, November 6, at the Buck Hill banquet room. This will help us get a better idea of how the foundation contribution to Campus Faith Clubs is being carried out and will help lend overall support to the organization, Scott said. Campus Faith Clubs are operating in several high schools and middle schools in northern Dakota County, with hundreds of youth participating.

Campus Faith Clubs fund request--It was moved by Aaron, seconded by Paul, and carried that the foundation make a grant of \$5,000 to Campus Faith Clubs.

In-service trianing--Jane agreed to check with Prince of Peace staff and report back in January about the need for foundation support for in-service education and training.

Volunteer management--Jane said the staff is working on ways to do a better job of organizing its volunteer management so that people can more easily find the areas where they can make contributions consistent with their interests and abilities.

Upcoming congregational vote--Jane briefed us on the vote that will be taken in the congregation on December 17-18 on the proposed capital campaign.

Next meeting of the Foundation--We agreed on the following dates for meetings of the Foundation during 2017: Thursday, February 2; Thursday, May 4; Thursday, August 3, and Thursday, November 2.

Paul Gilje
Secretary