

# Prince of Peace Lutheran Church of Roseville

## Generosity Committee

### Meeting Minutes

#### Meeting Information:

Date: February 25, 2019

Time: 7:00 PM

Location: Church Library

#### Members Present:

Barry Brahier

Linda Wagner

Kent Olson

Andrea Clepper

Diane Syverson

#### Members Absent:

Pastor Peter Christ

#### Minutes:

- 1) Meeting opened with prayer at 7:10 PM
- 2) Correction to the minutes of Feb 4:
  - a) Under Exceptions to the re-use/sale/donate recommendations, the Feb 4 minutes stated incorrectly "Coins. A small number of coins with potential collectible value were found in the home. These were removed from the home by Deb Cordes on Jan 12 2019..."
    - i) Correction is: ...These were removed by Kent from the safe deposit box and Deb took possession on Jan 12 2019...
- 3) Communication from Ruth Circle:
  - a) Diane Syverson conveyed the guidance and requests from Ruth Circle. Rose was a long-time member of this circle and the members desired the committee to hear their input.
    - i) Gardening. Rose was active in the Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota in addition to the Rose Society and was more active recently in the FGCM than in the Rose Society. So when donations of items/money are considered, the FGCM should be given priority.
    - ii) Bells of Peace. Rose was a long-time member of the Bells of Peace and that ministry should be considered for a monetary donation.
    - iii) The rose garden at church by the sign at the north entrance. The circle feels refurbishing this rose garden is a fitting tribute to Rose and most likely should be done with new roses instead of or with roses from the garden at Rose's home. Jim Stillings should be consulted.

- iv) Theater ministry at church. As Rose was an active in the theater arts and produced several Lenten plays among other performances at Prince of Peace, the circle feels funding of a guest performer(s) to bring theater arts into ministry would be a great way to honor Rose's contributions to the life of our congregation and keep the legacy of her contributions alive into the future.
  - v) Scholarship in the theater arts at a college. This would be another way to honor Rose's commitment to the theater arts. Rose's alma mater was mentioned as a possible program to support. Kent stated Rose's will provided a bequest to her alma mater.
  - vi) Twin Cities Public Television (TPT). As Rose was a strong supporter of TPT, the circle feels funding TPT is also another appropriate way to honor Rose.
  - vii) Prince of Peace. Given Rose was a strong steward and believed in sharing her monetary gifts with Prince of Peace while she was alive, the circle feels it would be appropriate to use a portion of Rose's bequest to sustain Prince of Peace in an amount equal to Rose's annual gift each year for the next five years. This would also help the church plan for the time when Rose's giving would no longer be available.
  - viii) Give away the reminder. The circle feels that once the above items are funded the church should give away the remainder of Rose's bequest to non-profit organizations in the field of education. In particular in Tanzania and those programs supporting STEM education.
  - ix) Clothes in the home. The circles feels none of Rose's clothing is saleable and donating it to Goodwill is probably the best option.
- 4) Discussion of use of Kim Wetteland as selling agent if home is to be sold
- a) At this time the committee feels it is premature to produce a recommendation on this matter until congregation chooses to sell the home.
- 5) Survey results on "What to do with a house" were examined
- a) 95 responses were received
  - b) Overwhelming recommendation from survey responses is to sell the home
  - c) Several members requested a phone call from the committee
    - i) Christer & Laurel Cederberg - Kent will call
    - ii) Steve Sveom - Andrea will call
    - iii) Kyle Zwack - Kent will call
    - iv) Esther Tatley - Diane will call
    - v) Jim & Kay Johnson - Linda will call
    - vi) Gus Haugan - Barry will call
- 6) Providing a way to have members contact us throughout our work
- i) This was discussed and Barry will request a new email address be setup by the church: "generosity@poproserve.org" with routing to Barry and Peter
- 7) Finalize process on sale of car

- a) As the committee has been charged by the Congregation Council at their February meeting to sell Rose's car, the committee will:
    - i) Advertise the car to the Prince of Peace community with the following information
      - (1) Non-negotiable price
        - (a) Barry and Dave Syverson will follow-up with committee on price setting
      - (2) Description
      - (3) Pictures
      - (4) Terms: Cash, bank check, or personal check
    - ii) Accept names of interested parties
    - iii) Randomly select names of interested parties to determine order in which each party will be given the option to purchase
    - iv) Contact each party in turn to arrange test drives
  - b) Kent and Linda are determining where the title is and the steps needed to transfer title when the car is sold.
- 8) Finalize recommendations to Congregation Council on the disposition of Rose's personal possessions
- a) See pages 4-6 which states the committee's recommendation in the form of a motion for Council consideration.
  - b) Andrea will present the motion at the March 5 meeting of the Council.
- 9) Next meeting:
- a) Next meeting will be on Monday, March 25 at 7:00 PM in the church library
  - b) Pastor Peter will confirm the room
  - c) Significant time on the agenda will be devoted to a discussion of *Love Let Go* led by Pastor Peter
- 10) Meeting closed with prayer at 8:55 PM

# Prince of Peace of Roseville

## Congregation Council

### **Motion for the disposition of personal items in the home of Rose Diestler as recommended by the Generosity Committee.**

Per their charge from the Congregation Council, the Generosity Committee hereby recommends the Council arrange for the disposition of personal items in Rose's home as follows:

The committee recommends items be taken care of in this order by the dates listed:

1. Clothing: By March 15.
  - a. The clothing is most likely not suitable for re-use in ministry or sale. It is recommended a group of women (Ruth Circle) sort the clothing in the home and make the decision on disposition with a donation to Goodwill being the first choice.
  - b. Kent Olson shall attend the sorting as he is the personal representative for Rose's estate in the event that cash, gift cards or other financial instruments/records that are the property of the estate are found.
2. Food: By March 15.
  - a. While only non-perishable food (ex., spices) is still in the home, it is recommended that the same group who handles the clothing also dispose of any food still in the home.
3. Re-use of items in ministry: By March 31
  - a. Examples of re-use:
    - i. Tools should be looked at by the Monday Morning Crew to see if they can be used in church upkeep.
    - ii. If a ministry at the church is in need of a desk for the ministry's office and the desk in Rose's home meets the need, the desk should be brought to church and placed in that office.
  - b. Ministry representatives should be identified by Council and given the opportunity to go through the home with a member of the Generosity Committee.
    - i. Possessions identified as suitable for re-use in ministry will be marked with tape with the name of the ministry.
    - ii. Once all representatives have gone through the home, the marked items will be removed from the home and delivered to the church.
4. Sale: By date described in item 4e.
  - a. Once items marked for re-use in ministry have been removed, it is recommended the remaining items be sold.

- b. It is recommended ministry staff be given the opportunity to take on the sale as a project with proceeds going to those church ministries who contributed labor to the project.
- c. If no ministry staff takes up the opportunity, a professional estate sale agent can be engaged and any proceeds will be combined with the cash gift from Rose's estate.
- d. The committee does not recommend engaging an expert to express an opinion on collectible nature of items and possible valuation unless the estate sale option is selected.
- e. Date
  - i. Recommended project start is no later than April 1
  - ii. Recommended sale completes or all items are removed from the home for later sale by a date set by Pastor Peter in consultation with ministry staff participating in the project.
    - 1. This recommendation is made to provide ministry staff with the time needed to complete the sale, which they know best.
    - 2. Generosity Committee recognizes ministry staff have numerous activities already scheduled and does not desire to require a particular date that precludes ministry staff from taking on the project.
- 5. Donation or disposal: By two weeks after sale is complete or items being sold have been removed from the home.
  - a. Items remaining will be donated to the appropriate non-profit organization or disposed of.
  - b. Determination to be made by the Generosity Committee.

Exceptions to the re-use/sale/donate recommendations above are:

- 1. Mattresses.
  - a. These should be disposed of per health department guidelines.
- 2. Medical equipment.
  - a. Committee recommends the Generosity Committee be charged with selling these items or donating them for reuse.
- 3. Materials used by Rose for her hobby of floral arranging.
  - i. It recommended these items be offered as a donation to the Federated Garden Clubs of Minnesota – the Roseville chapter and then Rose Society of Minnesota.
- 4. The portrait of Rose's son.
  - a. Given the potential historical importance of this item, it may be appropriate to donate it to the MN Historical Society or another organization.
  - b. The recommendation is the portrait be removed from the home and stored at church until this can be investigated.
- 5. Paintings painted by Rose.

- a. The committee understands these paintings may hold sentimental value to some of Rose's friends.
  - b. The recommendation is they be removed from the home and stored at church until the committee contacts interested parties.
- 6. Rose bushes.
  - a. The rose bushes in the garden should be evaluated for possible transplantation into the garden at Prince of Peace.
- 7. Collectible coins.
  - a. A small number of coins with potential collectible value were found in the home. These are in the possession of Deb Cordes and Deb will report the results of an estimate of value by a numismatist to the Generosity Committee which will produce a recommendation at a later date.
- 8. Financial instruments (cash, gift cards, checks, etc) or financial records.
  - a. These are the property of Rose's estate and not Prince of Peace.
  - b. If found these items shall be turned over to the Kent Olson who is the personal representative for Rose's estate.