

**Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Epiphany
Winston-Salem, North Carolina**

Mission Statement

Epiphany is a welcoming community, empowered by the Holy Spirit, to share the GRACE of God, the LOVE of Christ, and the HOPE of new life with all!

Congregation Council Meeting Minutes

February 17, 2014 – 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Pastor Mohrmann, Pastor Wind, Scott Armstrong, Jordan Baker, Zach Baker, Karl Florian, Paul Halvorson, Dave Hinshaw, Kathy Knecht, Melissa Maltzahn, Jim Pierson, Marc Shideler, Deni Thrasher, Carolyn Wiley

Absent: Jeanie Saphar

Devotions and Opening Prayer

Kathy Knecht called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and each person present was asked to share their celebrations or concerns. Paul Halvorson led our devotions and opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda:

Moved: Scott Armstrong

Second: Jordan Baker

Motion was carried

Reception of Minutes

Motion to approve January 20, 2014 minutes:

Moved: Scott Armstrong

Second: Zach Baker

Motion was carried

Committee Updates/Reports for Information/Action/Discussion

- Reconciliation/Renewal Task Force – There have been 4-5 Meetings. 2 mailings have been sent out to those members of Epiphany who have not been attending worship regularly. The committee has planned a reconciliation worship service, scheduled for 3/9 @ 3:00pm. How to market: put together a list for anyone who feels a personal need. Pastoral care could possibly be offered through Mutual Ministry or Stephen Ministry. Martha Oldland may facilitate. There may be a need to either re-vamp or re-configure Stephen Ministry or to develop Mutual Ministry as an appropriate committee for input.

Motion: to approve the nomination of Reconciliation/Renewal Task Force (list attached)

Motion: Scott Armstrong

Second: Dave Hinshaw

Motion: Carried (2014-03)

- New Ministry Structure – 3 Committees have been established with at least 4 members committing (Worship, Outreach, Discipleship.) The remaining 2 still have many “maybes.” There is another meeting scheduled for 3/2 @ 3:00pm.
- Council Liaisons – During the meeting the Council created a list of each member to be attached to a different area of ministry within the church.
- Music Survey Results – Pastor Laura distributed the outcome of the survey, (attached.) While the results were as expected, they will need to be interpreted so that we can go forward in our music director search. Pastor Laura will create an article for the March, 2014 Star.

Correspondence

- The Executive Committee has decided not to request a Synod companion for the Forward Together Initiative.
- The Executive Committee will be sending Thank You notes to the following for their service in the congregation: Kathy Baker, Kathleen Tucker, Ann Mohrmann.
- Bill Chandler submitted his letter of resignation as the administrator of the Columbarium. Paul Halvorson has agreed to serve as interim administrator.

Motion: to accept the resignation of Bill Chandler as administrator of the Columbarium. (Paul Halvorson will serve as interim.)

**Moved: Scott Armstrong
Motion: Carried (2014-04)**

Second: Dave Hinshaw

Pastors' Reports

Attached.

Treasurer's Report/Financial Secretary's Report

See attached Treasurer's Report.

Motion: by Finance Committee for replacement costs of the compressor (\$5,164) to be paid out of Capital Replacements fund account, #84001.

**Second: Jordan Baker
Motion: Carried (2014-05)**

Motion: to approve Treasurer's Report as submitted.

**Moved: Scott Armstrong
Motion: Carried (2014-06)**

Second: Melissa Maltzahn

Business in Process

- LCE Retreat Goals – Kathy asked the question, "After reviewing the goals discussed at the Council retreat, does the list still reflect the intention and goals?" (Council agreed)
- Sabbatical Policy – Jim Pierson has researched and is continuing. Hoping to bring a suggestion to next council meeting, as many aspects need to be clarified and compiled.

New and Upcoming Business

- Parking Lot Lights – Duke Power has provided a contract for the updating of parking lot lights. The cost will be an additional \$93.12 monthly for the next 3 years.

Motion: to approve Duke Energy contract for parking lot lighting updates. Cost to be approximately \$93.12 additional monthly for the next 3 years.

**Moved: Jordan Baker
Motion Carried (2014-07)**

Second: Dave Hinshaw

- Wednesday Eve Lenten supper will be hosted by the Council on **4/9/2014**.
- April Council Meeting was rescheduled to April 28, 2014.

Adjournment and Closing Prayer

Motion to Adjourn:

**Moved: Scott Armstrong
Motion: Carried**

Second: Paul Halvorson

Pastor Laura offered the closing prayer and the meeting adjourned at approx. 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Hood
Recording Secretary

Attachments:

Pastors' Reports
Reconciliation/Renewal Task Force Committee List
Treasurer's Report
Summary of Motions, 2014