

**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

March 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, Jeanie Saphar, Marc Shideler, Carolyn Wiley

Absent: Deni Thrasher

Guest: Kathy Baker

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. Jordan Baker led our devotions and opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda:

Moved: Scott Armstrong

Second: Jordan Baker

Motion was carried, with an addition of item from Jeanie Saphar

Reception of Minutes

Motion to approve February 17, 2014 minutes:

Moved: Zach Baker

Second: Paul Halvorson

Motion was carried

Life and Work of the Church or Invited Guest Topics

- Special Letter from the Bakers – Jordan and Kathy shared their letter to Council, Staff and the Congregation. Jordan has accepted a teaching position in Rock Hill, SC and they will be leaving Epiphany. Both will resign their positions and responsibilities.

Motion: to accept the resignation of Jordan Baker, with regrets and appreciation, from his Epiphany Council seat as of April 30, 2014.

Moved: Paul Halvorson

Second: Dave Hinshaw

Motion was carried (2014-08)

Motion: to accept the resignation of Kathy Baker, with regrets and appreciation, as Director of Epiphany Youth Faith Formation as of May 31, 2014.

Moved: Scott Armstrong

Second: Paul Halvorson

Motion was carried (2014-09)

- Reconciliation/Renewal Task Force – The March 9 service went well and was appreciated by those in attendance. With Council approval, Kathy will write a thank you for the April Star to the Task Force members who have worked over the months with efforts toward reconciliation and renewal..
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- New Ministry Structure – Some folks have been added to the existing list of committee members. The first meeting on March 23 at 3:00pm involves talking with committee members about setting goals and defining an organizational structure, including a committee chair and someone to record meeting minutes.

Correspondence

- The Council is sending thank you notes to: Paul Oldland, Penny Mothershed, Sally Ann Morris, and to Lisa Nichols as listed on the meeting agenda.
- A letter was received from Synod requesting any rostered staff to complete an optional Health Assessment.

Pastors' Reports

Attached.

Treasurer's Report/Financial Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report attached

Motion: to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Moved: Scott Armstrong Second: Jordan Baker
Motion was carried (2014-10)

Business in Process

- Parking Lot Lighting – all details have been determined and set. The estimated cost has now been determined to be an additional \$59.33/month for the next 3 years. The lowered cost is from a misunderstanding in what items were already available and/or included.
- Mission Goals – The Status of Annual Goals defined by Council have become our Mission Goals listed on the meeting agenda, along with the name of the Council liaison who is championing that goal.

New and Upcoming Business

- Make a Wish fundraiser – Jeanie Saphar would like to set up a Make-A-Wish donation and information table in connection with the May 31, 2014 hike in Franklin, NC. She and Kathy Pressley will be participants in this hike as they have in the past.

Motion: permission for Jeanie Saphar to set up an information and donation table to benefit the Make-A-Wish Foundation in connection with the 5/31/14 hike in Franklin, NC, in which she will participate.

Moved: Zach Baker Second: Paul Halvorson
Motion was carried (2014-11)

- Wednesday Eve Lenten Meals & Worship – the sponsors for the meals are as follows:
April 2 – Reconciliation and Renewal Task Force Committee
April 9 – Epiphany Church Council
April 16 - WELCA

Devotions and Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved: Scott Armstrong Second: Jeanie Saphar
Motion: Carried

Pastor Ray said the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned at approx. 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Shelley Hood
Recording Secretary

Attachments:

Pastors' Reports
Treasurer's Report
Summary of Motions, 2014