

**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 23, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Zach Baker, Karl Florian, Dave Hinshaw, Kathy Knecht, Gretchen Pfitzner, Cory Phillips, Jim Pierson, Santiago Saldana, Jeanie Saphar, Marc Shideler, Charlene Wellborn, Carolyn Wiley

Absent: Melissa Maltzahn, Pastor Wind

Guests: Pastor Phil Stringer, Joel Nicholson

Devotions and Opening Prayer

Kathy Knecht called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and members were given the opportunity to share their celebrations or concerns. Jeanie Saphar led our devotions and opening prayer.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda:

Moved: Dave Hinshaw

Second: Jim Pierson

Motion was carried

Reception of Minutes

Motion to approve January 19, 2015 minutes:

Moved: Jim Pierson

Second: Karl Florian

Motion was carried

Ministry Updates/Reports

- EECC – Charlene updated the council regarding an upcoming proposed fundraiser for EECC. (Handout) The proposal is for a yard sale (as opposed to previous Mrs. Pumpkin food sales, etc.) and the discussion was around purposes for the fundraiser, as well as the “perceived” appearance to the community. Charlene will get more detailed information, and the question was is the fund raising for un-budgeted programs.

Motion: to move forward with the EECC yard sale fundraising plan, as there is limited time for planning.

Moved: Santiago Saldana

Second: Karl Florian

Motion was carried (vote of 7 for, 3 against, 1 abstention) **(2015-03)**

- Endowment – Carolyn notified council that Scott Armstrong will be the committee president. So far there have been no grant requests.
- Discipleship – Jeanie Saphar reported that the Discipleship Committee has arranged for K. Monet Rice-Jalloh to guest preach on March 15. They are also sponsoring a potluck following worship as a fellowship event.

Correspondence

- The following thank you notes were signed during the meeting.
 - o Bill Phipps for his continued maintenance around the outside of our building.
 - o Schuyler Darstein for his continued help with coffee hour.
 - o Epiphany Youth for their leadership and participation in Youth/Souper Bowl Sunday.
 - o Josh Golden for his preaching on Youth Sunday.
 - o Pastor Doug Kearney for his guidance at the Council retreat.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Laura was absent due to illness. No report.

Treasurer's Report/Financial Secretary's Report

Treasurer's Report attached.

Business in Process

- Property Committee – Joel Nicholson explained the proposed updates and costs for the Sanctuary Lighting. We have a possible electrical current leak that must be remedied as circuit breakers are being tripped, as well as needing an overhaul of our lighting. He provided a handout with very detailed information and the committee has made a provider recommendation. Questions were raised regarding the costs and how to pay for this costly expenditure. Because of the amount of the estimate being over \$25,000 the proposed expenditure must be brought to the congregation for a vote as well as an explanation of the plan for paying this cost.

New and Upcoming Business

- Each congregation in our synod has been asked to provide a church picture page for a memory book for the outgoing bishop. Kathy will ask a member to help with this.
- 2015 Council Mission Goals – Kathy passed out a page of proposed mission goals for 2015. Council members should bring back input/suggestions at the next meeting. Kathy also passed out a summary of the outcome of the spending priorities survey at the beginning of 2015. Discussion will continue at the next meeting.
- Call Committee Recommendations – There were 37 members recommended for the Call Committee. The Executive Committee looked at the recommendations and the categories that would represent the congregation. A potential list of call committee members were identified. Over the next two weeks Kathy & Zach will be contacting them for their response and willingness to serve.
- Doors being left open – One of the council members noticed that the doors are being left open while the Chinese school is in session, possibly compromising our energy use and security. This is an ongoing issue which will need to be addressed. (Action item.)

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting March 16, 2015.

Devotions and Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved: Gretchen Pfitzner

Second: Karl Florian

Motion: Carried

Pastor Stringer offered the closing prayer, the Lord's Prayer was recited, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Hood, Recording Secretary

Attachments:
Treasurer's Report
Summary of Motions, 2015