

**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

September 21, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Jeanie Saphar

Guests: Pastor Phil Stringer, Ashley Woodard, Patryck Nuss, Scott Lichtenhan

Devotions and Opening Prayer

Kathy Knecht called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and a call to prayer was spoken in unison. Melissa Maltzahn led our devotions.

GATHERING

All present were invited to offer their celebrations and/or concerns.

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda

Moved: Zach Baker

Second: Jim Pierson

Motion was carried

Reception of Minutes

Motion to approve August 17, 2015 minutes

Moved: Karl Florian

Second: Carolyn Wiley

Motion was carried

Kathy Knecht took a few minutes to introduce Patryck Nuss to Council. Patryck has been hired as our new organist, choir and handbell director. He lives in Kernersville, and comes to us from a church in Greensboro. He will begin his ministry with us October 1.

OFFERING

Sharing our ministries

EECC – has backsplashes cut and installed.

Stewardship – Kathleen Tucker no longer has storage space for the Nora, VA donations that she accepts and delivers regularly. Does anyone know, or can keep an eye out for, a storage place so that her project could continue?

Correspondence

The following thank you notes were signed and sent:

- To Jim and Lucy Lippard for a gift to LSC in honor of Epiphany Congregation
- A welcome note to Patryck Nuss as he begins his responsibilities here at Epiphany
- Kathy provided an ELCA e-mail for a "Save the Date" event for April, 2016

Business in Process

Pensby Property – All windows and appliances have been installed and we are at the point of final clean up, with a goal of October 1 to be ready for a new occupant.

Emergency Preparedness – Scott Lichtenhan has reviewed the original outline and says it is a very good beginning. Church violence is currently in the forefront of our thoughts, as well as our concerns about access to children, custodial issues, and domestic violence. While this outline focuses on the day to day, which is very important especially for the childcare center, we will really

need to concentrate on procedures for Sundays, as that is when we have our highest concentration of people at church. We should designate members to take the lead should an event occur. Even though there is a plan, there will probably always be some deviation as it applies to a situation. Members have been identified that could address medical and fire issues. Ushers should be the go-to's on Sunday mornings. Cory Phillips will call a first meeting as a beginning. Charlene W, Karl F, Gretchen P, and Jeanie S will attend.

New/Upcoming Business:

- Kathy provided a list that summarizes actions/tasks that have been completed by Council in 2015, as well as a few remaining.
- Council Nominations – we have 43 persons nominated. The Nominating Committee will compile a slate of candidates. We will have a short, called congregational meeting on October 4, 2015 to accept nominations from the floor.
- Kathy posed the question of whether we have funds available in budget to match members' donations that have been made in the aftermath of the recent violence in churches. No action was taken.
- We've recently found out that the business (Sam's Club) that members frequent to purchase some of our hospitality and event items no longer accept VISA. Can we get a Mastercard?

Treasurer's Report/Financial Secretary's Report

Marc highlighted a correction in Paragraph #1 of his report. Percentage should be 100% of budget. Epiphany has a \$50,741 surplus for 2015, and EECC has a \$16,000. Budget input is needed for October. The budget summit is scheduled for November 15.

Motion: That the National Youth Gathering expenses in the amount of \$930.70 be charged to the LYFE Restricted Fund, #86007, via Journal Entry, instead of the Youth General Operating Account, #56803.

Moved: Dave Hinshaw
Motion Carried (2015-19)

Seconded: Santiago Saldana

Pastor's Report

Attached. Pastor Laura also distributed a handout regarding Audio-Visual needs for the Sanctuary, suggested by David Pillsbury. Gretchen Pfitzner was asked to take this information to Worship Committee for a recommendation and to obtain a cost estimate before the Council can take action.

Reflections on Meeting

No comments.

Review Action Items for Next Meeting

Devotions and Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved: Jim Pierson

Second: Zach Baker

Motion: Carried

The Lord's Prayer was recited, Pastor Stringer offered the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Hood, Recording Secretary

Attachments: Summary of Motions, 2015
Pastor's Report
Treasurer's Report