

**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

October 19, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Melissa Maltzahn, Cory Phillips, Pastor Wind

Guests: Pastor Phil Stringer, Ashley Woodard, Joel Nicholson

Devotions and Opening Prayer

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

GATHERING

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda *with addition of Roof Repairs to Property; Worship Cmte issue*

Moved: Jeanie Saphar

Second: Zach Baker

Motion was carried

Reception of Minutes

Motion to approve September 21, 2015 minutes

Moved: Jim Pierson

Second: Karl Florian

Motion was carried

Motion to approve Special Congregational Meeting Minutes of October 4, 2015:

Moved: Jeanie Saphar

Second: Charlene Wellborn

Motion was carried

OFFERING

Sharing our ministries

Worship Committee: Funds were approved by the Worship Committee to work on the "Having It All" music/organ upgrades suggested by David Pillsbury (\$1,500.) The funds were designated for sound upgrades which involved some construction and wiring in the sanctuary. It was asked that specifics including identifying the vendors as well as getting estimates from them would be needed before Council took action. Ashley volunteered to email David Pillsbury informing him of the need for this information.

Donation Storage for Nora, VA – Ashley Woodard stated that there should be a few spaces around the church building that could accommodate storage for items that will be taken to Nora, VA. She specifically suggested the closet in the Senior High room where the food bags are kept.

Correspondence

The following thank you notes were signed and sent:

- To the 2016 Council Candidates for their willingness to serve. New members are: Julianne Golden, Bruce Lande, Leann Pace, Marc Shideler. Dave Matthews is the alternate.

Business in Process

Pensby Property – Rental commitment effective 10/23/15.

Emergency Preparedness – #1) Need Communication between ushers and nursery. Rebekah preferred walkie-talkie. Someone from Property will look at the panic button, and possibly how to connect to the AV Room. #2) Exit maps will be placed in each room in the building; #3) Looking

into getting CPR training updated. Also, updated lighted exit signs would cost \$1,475 if installed with new emergency lighting.

Motion to approve additional funds of \$1,475 to complete installation of 4 exit signs and emergency lights for Sanctuary

Moved: Santiago Saldana Second: Jeanie Saphar
Motion was carried (2015-20)

Property – Sanctuary lighting update will begin 10/20 around noon.

New/Upcoming Business:

- Parking Lot – 2010 was the last time that our parking lot was resealed and repaired. Some areas of the lot are breaking up. Some ruts near the front door, cracks in other areas. Options: 1) \$1,100 patchwork, 2) \$1,050 to seal cracks, or 3) \$5,125 for options #1 & #2, and seal with 4" of asphalt.

Motion: to approve \$5,125 for repairing, patching, re-lining, and resealing of the parking lot (Seal-Rite Asphalt.)

Moved: Zach Baker Second: Charlene Wellborn
Motion was carried (2015-21)

- Roof needs: the roof is in pretty good condition; for future the FH flashing and knee wall, vents can wait for another year, but should be revisited next year.
- Insurance Quotes: We have received 2 identical quotes; workmen's compensation cost has been reduced.
- Special Offering Designations – Kathy presented the list of recommended special offering designations for 2016.

Motion: to approve Special Designation offerings for 2016 as presented with possibility of minor changes. Advent mid-week services will be donated to Lutheran Disaster Relief for flooding in South Carolina.

Moved: Gretchen Pfitzner Second: Jim Pierson
Motion was carried (2015-22)

Treasurer's Report/Financial Secretary's Report

Included. The budget summit is scheduled for November 15. Marc thanks all committees who have so far submitted their proposals for 2016. The following is a proposal from the Finance Cmte.

Motion: to transfer the balance of funds in the Pennington Property restricted fund (#84201,) in the amount of \$1,669.74 into the Major Capital Reserve Fund restricted fund (#84301.) This is for better utilization of funds for both rental properties.

Motion was carried by Council vote (2015-23)

Pastor's Report

None at this time (Pastor Laura not present)

Reflections on Meeting

No comments.

Review Action Items for Next Meeting

Devotions and Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved: Santiago Saldana **Second:** Jeanie Saphar
Motion: Carried

The Lord's Prayer was recited, Pastor Stringer offered the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Hood, Recording Secretary

Attachments: Summary of Motions, 2015
Treasurer's Report