

**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

November 16, 2015 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: Dave Hinshaw, Melissa Maltzahn, Jim Pierson

Guests: Pastor Phil Stringer, Pastor Beth Kearney, Julianne Golden, Leann Pace

Devotions and Opening Prayer

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

GATHERING

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda: It was noted that an Executive session was needed to address personnel action and resignations.

Moved: Jeanie Saphar

Second: Charlene Wellborn

Motion was carried

Reception of Minutes

Motion to approve October 19, 2015 minutes:

Moved: Zach Baker

Second: Karl Florian

Motion was carried

OFFERING

Sharing our ministries

EECC – Charlene reported that there were 4 parents attending the last meeting, very unusual, but a very positive step.

Property – Karl reported that the parking lot repairs and resealing is in process and is proceeding very smoothly.

Emergency Preparedness – Cory stated that there are still items that are in process. The committee will meet again in a couple of weeks. The Fire Department has stated that they will come and inspect, adding their insight and input.

Correspondence

The following thank you notes were signed and sent:

- To the Meckleys for their generous hosting of the Stewardship luncheon.
- Kay Conrad & Stewardship team for organizing the 2016 Stewardship Campaign.
- Congratulations to the Lippards for their LSC Philanthropist of the Year award.
- Connie Queen for organizing the reception for the Confirmands.

At this time, Council moved into Executive Session. After some time for discussion, Pastor Beth Kearney led a prayer and Council continued with business as reflected/approved on the Agenda.

Motion: Council has received and accepted the resignation of Ashley Woodard from the employment of Epiphany Lutheran Church.

Motion was recorded (2015-24)

Council has received and accepted the **resignation of Melissa Maltzahn** from her council position, effective November 2, 2015. Melissa has requested no further communication from Council or Pastor Wind.

Motion: that David Mathews complete the term vacated by Melissa Maltzahn for the remainder of 2015, and throughout 2016.

Moved: Carolyn Wiley

Second: Santiago Saldana

Motion Carried (2015-25)

Council has accepted **the resignation of Marc Shideler** as Treasurer effective 12/21/15.

New/Upcoming Business:

- Advent Wednesday Suppers – Choir will host for 12/2; Council will host 12/9; 12/16 will be a catered dinner.
- Facilities Use – We have had a couple of requests for use of the church building. All applications for room use have been completed.
 - 1) **Lutheran Services Carolina** has requested November 20 from 9:00-3:00 in the Fellowship Hall, and December 10 from 11:00-4:00.
 - 2) **Girl Scouts** (the troop that we sponsor) have requested use of the Fellowship Hall, Kitchen, and LYFE room in February or March on a Friday night and Saturday morning.

Motion: to accept the room use requests for Lutheran Services Carolina for November 20 and December 10; and Girl Scouts, dates TBD in February or March, 2016.

Moved: Gretchen Pfitzner

Second: Zach Baker

Motion Carried (2015-26)

- Building Security – we still seem to be having a problem with the building being left unlocked. This is not attributed to any one group, as it has happened at various times. We need to convey the importance of securing the building when people leave. Kathy is having further discussions with our insurance company regarding building security, as well as coverage of personal property.

Treasurer's Report/Financial Secretary's Report

Included. Draft budgets from the November 15 budget summit have been submitted to council liaisons, and all spending requests have been included in the draft.

Pastor's Report

Attached

Reflections on Meeting

No comments.

Devotions and Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved: Charlene Wellborn

Second: Carolyn Wiley

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
Pastor's Report
Treasurer's Report