

**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

January 18, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Karl Florian, Julianne Golden, Dave Hinshaw, David Matthew, Leann Pace, Gretchen Pfitzner, Cory Phillips, Jim Pierson, Santiago Saldana, Marc Shideler, Charlene Wellborn

Guests: Pastor Phil Stringer

Devotions and Opening Prayer

Cory Phillips 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: *(with addition of Room Use)*

Moved: Karl Florian

Second: Dave Hinshaw

Motion was carried

Reception of Minutes

Motion to approve December 21, 2015 minutes: *(with correction of "2016 Budget" wording to Treasurer's Report)*

Moved: Jim Pierson

Second: Gretchen Pfitzner

Motion was carried

OFFERING

Correspondence

Cory and Jim Pierson will put together thank you notes, and council will sign at Council Retreat of January 23, 2016.

Sharing our ministries

- EECC – has requested an updated Time/Talent List for needed transportation and time availability. The annual Yard Sale is scheduled for either 4/23 or 4/30. The staff is now set up with e-mail, and their handbook is being updated. Lisa Nichols stated she'd like to forego an increase in pay. Charlene will try to find out more.
- Worship Ministry – Citing the minutes of the 1/13/16 meeting, Gretchen reported some of the needs we will now experience because of a lack of an ordained minister. Ash Wednesday is the most urgent to plan. Should/Could there still be a Shrove Tuesday worship or dinner? Pastor Stringer offered his perspective and opinion about how to move forward in worship, with the intention of little interruption or change for congregation.
- Emergency Preparedness – The committee has not made any further progress. Charlene looking to update first aid kit supplies.
- Council Installation – Pastor Stringer installed Cory Phillips and Leann Pace, as they were not in attendance at the installation on Sunday, January 3, 2016.

New/Upcoming Business:

- Resignation – Council was notified by Bruce Lande that he would not be able to fulfill his obligations as Council member, and submitted his resignation.

Motion: To accept the resignation of Bruce Lande from his council position.

Moved: Charlene Wellborn

Second: Santiago Saldana

Motion Carried (2016-01)

Chris Schultz is next in line to replace a council position vacancy (according to the last council election vote.) Cory will contact Chris to determine willingness to accept this position.

Motion: for Council to authorize Cory Phillips to contact Chris Schultz to complete the vacancy of Bruce Lande until next annual meeting (1/31/2016.) There will be a vote taken at the annual meeting to affirm council action.

Moved: Dave Hinshaw

Second: Charlene Wellborn

Motion Carried (2016-02)

- Seminary Candidate – Denise White is a seminary candidate that Pastor Laura had already begun processing for Epiphany to sponsor. We need to look at the possibility of financial aid from the endowment fund. Cory will invite her to the February council meeting.
- Interim Pastor Status – Phil Tonnesen informed Cory of Dwight Shellaway from Greensboro. He may be interested in an interim position. Timing isn't advantageous currently, and he will consult with his wife/family. Pastor John Beeg (Welcome, NC) is very excited about an opportunity at Epiphany. His background seems to fit our needs at this time and he is willing to go forward in this process. Cory will contact Phil Tonnesen and Beth Kennett, and Council will discuss more at the retreat on 1/23/16.
- Call Committee Status – The Call Committee remains engaged in their process. Sandy Hunter and Sarah Lischer would like to step down from Call Committee.
- Campus Ministry – We need to understand our role and who could be available to fill that void for interaction and responsibilities.
- Youth Programs – We've had a very positive meeting with Parkway Presbyterian. We currently do not have any confirmands or 3rd graders that need support. Charlene will call Michele Toborg about her understanding of the current situation.
- Weekly Sunday announcements – Council agreed that short weekly updates should be supplied to the congregation, and have some council members available after worship for questions/comments. Council will set up a schedule at the 1/23/16 retreat.
- Council Retreat Agenda – Cory gave an example/summary of items on agenda for meeting. He proposed moving up the start time to 9:30am. All present were in agreement.
- Special Offering Designations – Cory had the updated list of Special Offering Designations for the 2015-2016 church year.

Motion: to accept the Special Offering Designation list for the 2015-2016 church year.

Moved: Marc Shideler

Second: Julianne Golden

Motion Carried (2016-03)

- Room Use – Deni Thrasher has requested use of the Fellowship Hall for a wedding shower on March 12, 2016, from 2:00-5:00pm.

Motion: to allow Deni Thrasher to use the Fellowship Hall for a wedding shower on 3/12/2016, from 2:00-5:00pm.

Moved: Jim Pierson

Second: Santiago Saldana

Motion Carried (2016-04)

Treasurer's Report/Financial Secretary's Report

Included. Both Epiphany and the EECC finished with surplus balances. See Finance Committee recommendations for placement of surplus funds.

Pastor's Report

Pastor Laura did not submit a final report.

Reflections on Meeting

Devotions and Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved: Leann Pace

Second: Gretchen Pfitzner

Motion: Carried

The Lord's Prayer was recited, Pastor Stringer offered the closing prayer, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Hood, Recording Secretary

Attachments: Summary of Motions, 2015
Treasurer's Report