

**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**

May 16, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:** Karl Florian, Julianne Golden, Dave Hinshaw, David Matthews, Leann Pace, Gretchen Pfitzner, Cory Phillips, Jim Pierson, Santiago Saldana, Chris Schultz, Marc Shideler, Charlene Wellborn, Pastor Beeg

**Guests:** David Wellborn

**Devotions and Opening Prayer**

Cory Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and a call to prayer was spoken in unison. Dave Hinshaw 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 Finance Team Update; Youth discussion)*

Moved: Jim Pierson

Second: Marc Shideler

Motion was carried

**Reception of Minutes**

**Motion to approve March 18, 2016 minutes:**

Moved: Leann Pace

Second: Karl Florian

Motion was carried

**OFFERING**

**Correspondence** – none at this meeting

**Sharing our ministries**

- Finance Team – (handout) Epiphany is experiencing a downward trend in giving, and cannot forecast if/how this will continue. Finance Team, represented by David Wellborn, wanted to bring to the attention of Council. Finance Team is asking if it's feasible to run a Capital Campaign before the end of the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter. This is more forward planning, as we have so many potentially large maintenance expenditures (already paid or coming up.) Council will notify Stewardship, as well as seek out members with experience in Capital Campaign as a first step.
- Youth – Parkway Presbyterian has asked David Thrasher for assistance through the remainder of the summer to continue in building their youth group. Is Epiphany willing to continue to participate with Parkway in securing David through August? Many Epiphany families are still concerned about the status of our own youth program.

**Motion: Continue to employ David Thrasher, in partnership with Parkway Presbyterian, for youth activities through end of August, 2016**

Moved: Santiago Saldana

Second: David Hinshaw

Motion was carried **(2016-09)**

- EECC – Yard Sale raised \$1,375. Lisa Nichols is trying to get the EECC section of Epiphany website updated.
- Worship Team – Gretchen said there was a long discussion regarding length of worship. Council decided to begin announcements 5 minutes before 10:00, and Patryck to begin short prelude promptly at 10:00. A member mentioned that our information banner needs to be more visible on Silas Creek in front of the church. There was also discussion around

the Epiphany cross and its position in the sanctuary. It was suggested that the cross could be suspended further out from the altar. Council will refer back to Worship Team.

- Outreach – we need reminders to chairpersons to complete their reimbursement forms.
- Management Team – making sure that they are “auditing” procedures, etc.

### **Business in Process**

- Ministry Team informational displays – Suggestion of poster board for each ministry team for display. Highlight a team each week. Try to take our current handout (2013,) update the information then generate posters. To be hung in Narthex behind choir seating. Goal for completion: end of May.
- Mission Goals Discussion – POSTPONED until next meeting.
- Money Counting – Policies and Procedures updated May, 2016, was not approved by Council.

### **Motion: approve updated Counting Policies and Procedures, dated May 2016.**

Motion: Leann Pace                      Second: Santiago Saldana

Motion was carried (2016-10)

- EECC/Office door change – it was suggested that we update security of the entry door(s). It is cost prohibitive to change to an electronic card reader. After discussion, we propose to change the current entry code only.

### **Motion: to approve addition/update of Combination Lock entry policy (attached.)**

**Moved:** Charlene Wellborn                      Second: Leann Pace

Motion was carried (2016-11)

- CCH Listening Groups Update – Next available time for CCH presentation to congregation is June 12, 2016 after worship. Beth Kennett will compile the results, and share her observations and recommendations. Presentation to Council will be before worship on the same day. We should notify the congregation of the meeting early and in every way possible.
- Member Outreach – We continue to need to find ways to reach out to those who are not attending and why. Congregational Care could be a primary contact.

### **Treasurer’s Report/Financial Secretary’s Report**

Included. (More information provided above from Finance Team.)

### **Pastor’s Report**

No formal report. Pastor Beeg stated he does not count his hours consistently, although he says he has made 21 home visits, and believes that 3 persons are at the end of their earthly life. Next Sunday is the final SS class for Pr. Beeg. May 22 is the commissioning of Eucharistic Ministers. We may have new members joining Epiphany on June 19.

### **Action Items/Upcoming Business:**

Mission Goals Discussion

### **Reflections on Meeting**

### **Devotions and Adjournment**

#### **Motion to Adjourn:**

**Moved:** Charlene Wellborn

**Second:** Dave Hinshaw

**Motion:** Carried

Pastor Beeg offered a prayer, the Lord’s Prayer was recited by all, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Shelley Hood, Recording Secretary

Attachments: Summary of Motions, 2016  
Treasurer’s Report