

**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

August 15, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Karl Florian, Julianne Golden, David Hinshaw, Leann Pace, Cory Phillips, Jim Pierson, Santiago Saldana, Chris Schultz, Marc Shideler, Charlene Wellborn

Members Absent: David Matthews, Gretchen Pfitzner, Pastor Beeg

Guests: David Thrasher, Kathleen Tucker, Sarah Lischer, Mitzi McLean, Pastor Doug Kearney

Devotions and Opening Prayer

Cory Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and a call to prayer was spoken in unison. Santiago Saldana 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 Share Our Ministries to Offering)*

Moved: Jim Pierson

Second: Julianne Golden

Motion was carried

Reception of Minutes

Motion to approve July 18, 2016 minutes:

Moved: Jim Pierson

Second: Karl Florian

Motion was carried

OFFERING

Correspondence: Thank you cards were sent to the following:

- 1) To Patryck Nuss for covering and being available at church while Mickey vacationed.
- 2) To Emily Phillips for coordinating VBS this year.
- 3) To all of this year's VBS Teachers and volunteers.

- Social Ministry - Congregational Activities: We have received positive feedback and interest in events already. David Thrasher is coordinating an event attending a Winston-Salem Dash baseball game in later August. We will use the phone tree and weekly e-mail alerts to notify members. Cory emphasized that we, as Council, should try to lead by example for congregational events by attending when/if possible.
- Pastoral Transition – it is proposed that 8/28 will be Pastor Beeg's final Sunday officiating worship with Epiphany. A thank you and reception with light refreshments will follow worship. Council will steer this event.

There will be a Welcome reception for Pastor Kearney on September 11, also following worship, with cookies and beverages. (This is also **Rally Day**.)

On September 25, Pastor Kearney will have an introduction session to Intentional Interim Ministry. At that time, he will share information about the process. We will plan a potluck lunch that day, and will need to make sure the nursery is attended.

Council will publicize in all ways possible to make sure as many members as possible are informed and encouraged to attend.

- Council Workshop Activities – Planning for October 1 for a Council gathering to review and learn about the interim process, and how council will be engaged. The time will be from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Jim Pierson will arrange lunch.
- Call Committee Recognition – Cory took a few minutes to acknowledge the efforts of the current Call Committee. He notified them they are being de-commissioned, and we will begin anew when appropriate. The Call Committee will be recognized at worship on 8/21.
- Fiscal Agent Update – All required documents have been signed. Karl and Marc will be meeting with Shantal McKinney from **Comunidad Amada de Cristo (Christ's Beloved Community)** for financial document signatures. She will be introduced to Epiphany at some point and Epiphany would like to partner with them in the future. Our agreement is in effect 9/1/16.

Share Our Ministries:

- Youth Ministry – VBS went very well this year and was fun for all involved.
- Discipleship – Discipleship/Encounter Faith is hoping someone would steer a study in conjunction with Reformation Sunday and the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Possibly a celebration on October (29th?) with Oktoberfest. Pastor Kearney is willing to lead a session or two.

We would also like to begin Ministry Moments in mid- to late-September highlighting various ministries, starting with EECC, since school will have just started. (They have a work day on 8/27.)

- Property Committee – the plexiglass on the steeple is leaking directly over, and onto, the altar. We have a quote of \$12,500 to repair. Insurance will not cover this cost, as it is a maintenance issue. Karl will update as he gathers more information.

There will be a **new door entry code (#2062)** effective 9/1/16, and it is planned to change annually.

During a recent event at Epiphany, the **fire alarm** was set off. Our security issue is that there was no one available who knew how to shut off. We need to have documentation in a critical area, and communicate that location to anyone who uses the building.

Treasurer's Report/Financial Secretary's Report

Finance Committee will be meeting 8/18, and the end of month (July) figures will be reviewed. Marc stated that preliminary figures show ELC has a surplus in July, and EECC ended July with a deficit. EECC currently has a \$22,000 YTD deficit. Marc will send updated figures to Council after the Finance meeting.

Pastor's Report

N/A

Devotions and Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved: Charlene Wellborn

Second: Santiago Saldana

Motion: Carried

Pastor Kearney closed with a short prayer, the Lord's Prayer was recited by all, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Hood, Recording Secretary

Attachments: Summary of Motions, 2016
Treasurer's Report