

**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

September 19, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Karl Florian, Julianne Golden, Leann Pace, Gretchen Pfitzner, Cory Phillips, Jim Pierson, Santiago Saldana, Chris Schultz, Charlene Wellborn, Pastor Kearney

Members Absent: David Hinshaw, David Matthews, Marc Shideler

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. Chris Schultz led our devotions.

GATHERING

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda:

Moved: Jim Pierson

Second: Charlene Wellborn

Motion was carried

Reception of Minutes

Motion to approve August 15, 2016 minutes: *(with spelling correction: Chantal McKinney; clarification: need a point person for coordination of Reformation celebration.)*

Moved: Leann Pace

Second: Santiago Saldana

Motion was carried

OFFERING

Correspondence: Thank you cards were sent to the following:

- 1) To Lippards for their donation to LSNL in celebration of Epiphany congregation, staff and council.
- 2) To Kathleen Tucker for worship music assistance in Patryck's absence.
- 3) To David Thrasher for arranging the congregational Dash baseball outing.
- 4) To Emily Phillips, Lauren Saldana, and Beth Craft for coordinating the Rally Day reception.

Share Our Ministries:

- EECC – Charlene stated that there is an ongoing list of projects that need completion. She was questioning where funds come from and/or who is responsible for decisions in this process. Many of the quotes for fixes are in connection with the Health Dept. criteria/exceptions. (Approx. \$1,000 for materials, and possibly Epiphany Builders doing some of the labor.) Lisa Nichols health benefits have not been covered (as yet) by Epiphany, which is an existing agreement. We need to ask Marc and Mickey for more specifics.
- Stewardship – We have an upcoming Pledge Drive. Speakers for Temple Talks for 3 Sundays in October. October 23 is Consecration Sunday with luncheon. We would like the Pledge Commitments given during worship, and compute the results to announce at the luncheon. October 17 is the Stewardship Dinner for Council members at 6:00pm, and the Council meeting directly following.
- 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.
- Discipleship – would like the Oktoberfest celebration moved to 2017. We are still trying to find a point person for the 500th Anniversary of Reformation recognition. Pastor Kearney

will be leading 4 of the adult Sunday school classes. Rally Day was a success with many in attendance.

- Youth Ministry – Jane Lyerly will lead the 7th grade confirmation classes on 10/17 & 10/23, from 4:00-6:00pm. The Executive Committee extended David Thrasher’s tenure to work with our youth through the end of October.

Motion: to ratify the Executive Committee decision to continue with David Thrasher’s assistance with Youth Ministry through October 31, 2016.

Moved: Chris Schultz

Second: Santiago Saldana

Motion was **Carried (2016-17)**

- Worship – mainly worked on budget.
- Campus Ministry – Laurie Kenyon will be here on Sunday (9/25) to introduce herself and talk about Campus Ministry activities with Epiphany.
- Maintenance – Still trying to determine how to fund the numerous projects, both emergency and planned.

Review of Upcoming Events

- Intentional Interim Forum – September 25, following worship with potluck luncheon. Chris Schultz will coordinate drinks.
- Council Retreat – 9:00am-2:00pm October 1, 2016. Jim Pierson coordinating lunch.
- Stewardship Dinner – Monday October 17, 2016 at 6:00pm. This is for Council members, with the Council meeting immediately following.
- Nominating Committee and Council Elections – Jim Pierson will get the ball rolling for meetings, ballots, etc. An outline of deadlines for nominations, elections, the congregational meeting was distributed to Council members.

Treasurer’s Report/Financial Secretary’s Report

Included.

David Wellborn was a guest at this meeting representing the Finance Committee. David made a thorough presentation explaining understanding of the budget, expenditures and income, and planning of Epiphany’s budget for our financial future. As part of these explanations, he stressed the need to budget as realistically and usefully as possible. He also suggested that we need to understand/determine the by-laws regarding restricted and unrestricted fund management. Finance made recommendations that need further discussion and consideration.

Pastor’s Report

- 1) Pastor Doug will summarize his conversations with Council members at the Council retreat.
- 2) Pastor Doug will have an introductory meeting with Chantal McKinney.
- 3) Pastor Doug met with Denise White (seminary intern.) He suggested the possibility of Denise as an ad-hoc member of the transition team. He would also like to offer Denise the opportunity to engage in some counseling conversations.

Devotions and Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved: Charlene Wellborn

Second: Gretchen Pfitzner

Motion: Carried

Pastor Kearney closed with a short prayer, the Lord’s Prayer was recited by all, and the meeting was adjourned at 9:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Hood, Recording Secretary

Attachments: Summary of Motions, 2016
Treasurer’s Report