

**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

October 17, 2016 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Leann Pace

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. Cory Phillips led 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 September 19, 2016 minutes:

Moved: Marc Shideler

Second: Karl Florian

Motion was carried

OFFERING

Share Our Ministries:

- Worship – Lew Saphar e-mailed a modified report to Council. The Advent Wednesday meals will continue, but Worship would like Council to coordinate. Scheduled as follows: 11/30 **OPEN**, 12/7 **CHOIR**, 12/14 **COUNCIL**, and 12/21 **OPEN**. Council was told that Connie Queen has accepted the chair position for hospitality, which would help in getting the other 2 Wednesdays sponsored for dinner. Council stated that they are supportive of the approach towards worship length, with a more realistic time of 1 hour, 15 minutes.
- Ministry Structure – requested each group for progress, including positives and negatives. They will meet again at the end of the month for update. We are looking for some plan recommendations by mid-November.
- Youth Director – the group hasn't met collectively, but have set an end-of-November due date for a plan that is defined and finalized (job description, compensation, etc.)
- Facility Maintenance – 1st objective has been accomplished. Have broken down long/short term needs. Preparing for Capital Campaign.

Review of Upcoming Events

- Nominating Committee and Council Elections – The Council vote is October 23, along with Consecration Sunday. Council will encourage all members to consider each candidate. Announcements that day should inform congregation about the process.
- Finance Team Recommendations – The Executive Committee met, and is asking council support of recommendations made at the September council meeting regarding use of restricted funds. Epiphany has received a sizeable monetary gift through Winston-Salem Foundation on behalf a donor/member, specifically for outreach, but with some very specific strings. Further discussion is needed for how to receive this. This also leads to discernment for future funds given in this way.

Motion: Finance requesting permission from Council (ratify Executive Committee request) to move forward to create a policy on acceptance and use of all restricted funds at Epiphany and EECC.

Motion was carried.

Treasurer's Report/Financial Secretary's Report

Included. Epiphany is (\$13,800) YTD, and the EECC is (\$15,300) YTD.

Pastor's Report

The Transition Team is not yet secured. Some of the candidates have declined so we need more names from the Council.

Next month's Council meeting is on November 21, and should include newly elected members of Council for 2017. The meeting will be in the Fellowship Hall.

Devotions and Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved: Jim Pierson

Second: Julianne Golden

Motion: Carried

Pastor Kearney closed with a short prayer, the Lord's Prayer was recited by all, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Hood, Recording Secretary

Attachments: Summary of Motions, 2016
Treasurer's Report