

**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 held a preliminary meeting, including the newly elected members of Council for the 2017 year, for the purpose of the Council officer election. The results were as follows:

President, Julianne Golden; Vice President, Karl Florian; Secretary, Charlene Wellborn; Treasurer, Marc Shideler. Council Members and expiration of Council seats are as follows:

2017
Karl Florian
Santiago Saldana
Cory Phillips
Charlene Wellborn

2018
Julianne Golden
Leann Pace
Chris Schultz
Marc Shideler

2019
Margaret Brock
Matt Meckley
Joe Middleton
Ted Toborg

Congregation Council Meeting Minutes

December 19, 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 Kearney

Guests: Margaret Brock, Matt Meckley, Joe Middleton, Ted Toborg

Devotions and Opening Prayer

Cory Phillips called the meeting to order at 7:10pm, and a call to prayer was spoken in unison. Leann Pace led devotions.

GATHERING

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda:

Moved: Gretchen Pfitzner
Motion was carried

Second: Charlene Wellborn

Reception of Minutes

Motion to approve November 21, 2016 minutes:

Moved: Jim Pierson
Motion was carried

Second: Dave Hinshaw

Correspondence

Thank you cards were sent to the following:

- Bill Flichman for his longtime service as a coordinator for the offering counters.
- Paul Oldland for his longtime service as a coordinator for the offering counters.
- Kathy Knecht, Marty Wylie, Debbie Spurlock and Janice Barnett for covering the church office in Mickey's absence.

OFFERING

Share Our Ministries:

- Endowment – 1) the Committee recently met and approved a grant for Christ's Beloved Community; 2) Scott Armstrong and Dan King were nominated for additional 3-year positions.

Motion: ratify the nomination of Scott Armstrong and Dan King for additional 3-year terms on the Endowment Committee.

Motion Carried (2016-19)

This recommendation will be presented to the congregation for approval at the 2017 annual congregational meeting.

- Ministry Structure – Leann did a good job with her “ministry moment” on Outreach. We are still planning presentations from Discipleship, Management, and Parish Life.
- Youth Director – Julianne supplied a copy of the results of the electronic survey, with an overview, recommendations, and next steps. This includes assembling a job description. A goal of having this position filled is April 1, 2017.
- Facility Maintenance Plan/Improvements – Marc met with Kay Conrad and has information to compile. Need to do more work on organizing a team of 6-10 members before their next meeting. They will also do a feasibility study to determine if/what a Capital Campaign would look like.

Business in Process:

- 2017 Special Offerings Designations – Cory provided a proposed list for review, with designations for offerings at special events/gatherings.

Motion: approve list of Special Offering Designations for 2017 as presented.

Moved: Chris Schultz Second: Santiago Saldana
Motion Carried (2016-20)

Treasurer’s Report/Financial Secretary’s Report

Included. 1) Marc supplied an updated 2017 budget. Funds were reallocated from the on-call Pastor line to management. Pledges are up unexpectedly. 2) EECC currently has a deficit of \$16,300. If that is not covered by 12/31, Epiphany will be obligated to fund the difference. 3) Continuing to look at the Restricted Funds policy trying to address a large donation. There is a possibility of an endowment fund through ELCA. Depending on the set-up, we may be able to have a sizeable continuous benefit from the principal to fund a specific ministry.

Pastor’s Report

- a) Transition Team progress: We will have an event in January, 2017 to talk about Epiphany in a timeline format. There will be a congregational survey in February, to provide a “snapshot” of the life of our congregation in various forms of activity and demographics. We are also planning a Lenten Study. There will be an Epiphany worship on Friday, January 6, with a reception following. Council members for 2017 will be commissioned during worship on January 8. A reception will follow and Cory will coordinate.

Review of Upcoming Events

- Epiphany worship on January 6, with reception to follow.
- Council commissioning at worship on January 8.
- Council Retreat January 21, 2017.
- Annual Congregational Meeting January 29, 2017 after worship.

Action Items:

- Cory Phillips will help coordinate the Epiphany worship reception.

Devotions and Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved: Cory Phillips **Second:** Leann Pace
Motion: Carried

Pastor Kearney said a closing prayer and the group prayed the Lord’s Prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Hood, Recording Secretary

Attachments: Summary of Motions, 2016
Treasurer’s Report