

**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

January 16, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Margaret Brock, Karl Florian, Matt Meckley, Leann Pace, Cory Phillips, Santiago Saldana, Chris Schultz, Marc Shideler, Ted Toborg, Charlene Wellborn, Pastor Kearney

Members Absent: Julianne Golden, Joe Middleton

Devotions and Opening Prayer

Karl Florian called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and a call to prayer was spoken in unison. Charlene Wellborn led devotions.

GATHERING

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda:

Moved: Chris Schultz

Second: Marc Shideler

Motion was carried

Reception of Minutes

Motion to approve December 19, 2016 minutes:

Moved: Charlene Wellborn

Second: Matt Meckley

Motion was carried

Correspondence

Thank you cards were sent to the following:

- Outgoing Council members Dave Hinshaw, David Matthews, Gretchen Pfitzner, and Jim Pierson for their dedication and service to Epiphany during their council tenure.

Karl also distributed sign up lists for various council responsibilities throughout the year i.e. devotions, announcements, council feedback, etc.

OFFERING

Share Our Ministries:

- Management Committee – Structure and responsibilities need to be revised.
- Parish Life – Hockey game sign-up is available for end of the month event.
- EECC – included an update from the chair. Many hours have been spent on a budget to give a very realistic picture of how to run this ministry. Suggested that we should consider regularly having a “presentation” that includes kids/parents.
- Outreach – meeting again now that they have a committee.

Business in Process:

- Budget - included in meeting packet to be submitted to the Congregation for approval at the annual meeting.

Motion: Submit to the Congregation for approval the recommended budget for 2017.

Moved: Santiago Saldana

Second: Leann Pace

Motion Carried (2017-01)

- Worship Committee requested that the upcoming Lenten Meals be delegated/arranged by the Council.
- Ministry Moments – Parish Life 1/22; Discipleship 2/5. For March, our goal is to have committee chairs & members in place. Council liaisons to ministries need to be in place.

- Youth/Family Director – We have a rough copy of job description, but not on track of timeline.
- Facilities Maintenance – In need of funds. Budget cannot accommodate needs. Need to re-think and regroup in approach to achieving a goal and if that involves a Capital Funds Campaign.
- Council Retreat – Pastor Doug passed out an agenda.
- Annual Meeting – 1/29/2017 Pot luck lunch, meeting immediately following. 2 delegates for Synod Assembly June 2 & 3, 2017 need to be nominated. Dave Hinshaw is a possible.
- Fellowship – need to establish an event for February.
- Hospitality – need to clarify responsibilities of this committee. Connie Queen has stepped up but needs clarity.
- Endowment – (Council Action Form attached.)

Motion: Submit for approval of the Congregation the proposed establishment of a Joyce Kohfeldt Endowment for Outreach, with primary emphasis on the Backpack and Ibrahim Food Pantry programs.

Seconded: Santiago Saldana

Motion Carried (2017-02)

Treasurer’s Report/Financial Secretary’s Report

Included. Epiphany finished YTD with a surplus of \$18,836. There were some last minute EOY donations, and pledges were unexpectedly higher than last year. EECC ended the year with a deficit of \$18,300. Recommendation from Finance regarding this deficit is included in the report.

Pastor’s Report

- a) Transition Team update: Pastor Kearney went over upcoming activities. Currently, we need some council members to assist with the 1/22/17 Timeline Event table group. Brock, Florian, Pace, Saldana, Shideler, and Wellborn will assist the Transition Team that day.

Review of Upcoming Events

- Council Retreat 1/21/17, 9:00-12:00, luncheon follows.
- Transition Team “Timeline Event” 1/22/17, following worship with light lunch.
- Annual Congregational Meeting January 29, 2017 after worship.
- US Congregational Survey (Transition Team event) before worship on Feb 5, 2017 with a modified worship service to accommodate the time.

Action Items:

- Look at how the staff of EECC is set up regarding wages and benefits, hours, scheduling, etc.
- Clarify responsibilities of the Hospitality committee.

Devotions and Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved: Ted Toborg

Second: Chris Schultz

Motion: Carried

Pastor Kearney said a closing prayer and the group prayed the Lord’s Prayer. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.

Next Meeting: February 27, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Hood, Recording Secretary

Attachments: Summary of Motions, 2016
Treasurer’s Report