

**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

May 15, 2017 – 6:30 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Joe Middleton, Cory Phillips,

Guest: Bishop Tim Smith

Meeting with Bishop Tim Smith

- Julianne called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm and Bishop Smith opened with prayer.
- Bishop Smith went through the call process and handed out THE CALL PROCESS. This can be found at www.nclutheran.org (resources, for congregations, call process)
- Discussed the congregation conversation scheduled for May 21st at 4:00 pm.

Devotions and Opening Prayer

Julianne called the meeting to order at 7:30pm, and a call to prayer was spoken in unison. Ted Toborg led devotions.

Correspondence

Thank you cards were signed, to be mailed to the following:

- Ann Shideler and her team for providing exam kits to the college students.
- Karl Florian for his work on the rental house study.
- Larry Grush for his work on the rental house study.
- Dan Brock for his work on the rental house study.

GATHERING

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda:

Moved: Margaret Brock

Second: Santiago Saldana

Motion was carried

Reception of Minutes

Motion to approve April 17, 2017 minutes:

Moved: Ted Toborg

Second: Santiago Saldana

Motion was carried

OFFERING

Status key council areas of focus:

- Ministry Structure – No update
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Share Our Ministries:

- Executive Committee – Minutes from May 8, 2017 meeting were passed out.
- Discipleship – Survey was sent out to the congregation about adult Encounter Faith
- Management - Meeting this week or next. Jeanie Saphar would like to have a committee to go over the website when it is designed. Payment for this falls under management under the tech budget. Santiago will talk with her about a date to have this done, preferably before the end of summer. She will be asked to update specific things on the website. Carole Witte has agreed to be chair of Memorial Gardens. The final version of the congregation letter about the Bishop's meeting and the rental houses was passed out. It will be mailed on May 16th.
- Outreach –Leann attended the Interfaith Winston Salem Interfaith Tour

- a) Parish Life – Luther Fest is set for October 28th. Still looking for a couple of people who can help coordinate it. Looking for someone to plan/coordinate adult events each month. Pastor Doug suggested the possibility of having a beer/brat/movie night with the documentary “Luther and the Reformation”. Time and place to be determined.
- Worship – Epiphany will have communion at the rail the first Sunday of each month beginning June 4th. We will begin having youth lectors. The announcements have been moved to before the prelude. Wording will be added to the end of the announcements suggesting members use the prelude time to prepare for worship.
- EECC – 1 parent dropped off the committee and will be replaced in the fall. Have full enrollment including children with speech/language, medical and EC needs. The WFU Italian Club hosted a car wash and donated \$490 which was used for an enrichment activity. Pre-K celebration will be May 19th. CPR/1st Aid training will be June 10th.

Other:

- Julianne requested that the Management Committee discuss formulation of the Task Force that will evaluate options for the rental properties.
- Julianne will review the process detailed in our constitution for forming a call committee with the Synod. She will also begin the process for developing the task force for the writing the MSP.

Pastor’s Report

- b) Pastor Doug will be looking at the confirmation program in the next couple of weeks-who we have and the best way to proceed.
- c) Synod assembly is June 2-3.
- d) Suggested thinking about Council having a ¾ day retreat to plan for the year.
- e) There are 6-8 people interested in membership. These names will be brought to council. Janet Blank has agreed to chair the new member sponsor program.
- f) Will be on vacation June 12-17. Executive Committee may meet earlier than planned instead of during this time.

Treasurer’s Report/Financial Secretary’s Report

See attached.

Review of Upcoming Events

- 5/21 – EF Together and end of year celebration
- 5/21 – 4:00 pm Congregation conversation with Bishop Smith –
- 6/4 – Senior Sunday

Pastor Kearney said a closing prayer and the group prayed the Lord’s Prayer.

Devotions and Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved: Chris Schultz

Second: Leann Pace

Motion: Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Next Meeting: June 19, 2017

Devotions: Chris Schultz

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlene Wellborn, Secretary

Attachments: Summary of Motions, 2017
Treasurer’s Report