

**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

June 19, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Karl Florian, Julianne Golden, Matt Meckley, Joe Middleton, Cory Phillips, Santiago Saldana, Chris Schultz, Marc Shideler, Ted Toborg, Charlene Wellborn, Pastor Kearney

Members Absent: Margaret Brock, Leann Pace

Guest: Jackie Pierson

Devotions and Opening Prayer

Julianne called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, and a call to prayer was spoken in unison. Chris Schultz led devotions.

Correspondence

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

- Bishop Tim Smith, sympathy at the death of his father
- Schuyler Darstein, Gene Deal, Scott & Kelly Lichtenhan, Dan Meckley, Glenn Rabb, Ardel Meisinger, & Charlene & David Wellborn for their help with work on the rental house
- Lillian Flichman for her long-term leadership as the chairperson for Congregational Care Committee
- Dave Hinshaw & Leann Pace for their attendance at the Synod Assembly

GATHERING

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda:

Moved: Chris Schultz

Second: Matt Meckley

Motion was carried

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve May 15, 2017 minutes:

Moved: Karl Florian

Second: Chris Schultz

Motion was carried

OFFERING

Status key council areas of focus:

- EECC – Jackie and Charlene have taken a hard look into the history and documentation of EECC, and also the financial management. Overall, their recommendation is to continue EECC as a ministry of the church. There are very few Christian-based childcare facilities left in the Winston-Salem area. A large Baptist facility downtown just announced that they are closing in May 2018. Approximately 150 children will be affected by this closure. Additional licensing would be necessary if we were to expand EECC. At this time, the parents are happy, and statements from Lisa and parents were provided.

Key items they would like to see action on:

- 1) The Council needs to decide whether EECC is a ministry of the church, or a stand-alone business (service) to the community; 2) ELC needs to support and encourage; 3) would ultimately like to see a true "melding" of ministry with church and EECC.

Share Our Ministries:

- Executive Committee --
 - a) (Per Santiago) The Ministry Site Profile is about 2 weeks away from submission of a recommended draft to Council for review; still needs a little more information. They have collated information provided by the Bishop from his last visit.
 - b) Julianne stated the new Call Committee members for Council approval, and how the Executive Committee arrived at this slate. She also explained how the congregational meeting for approval, scheduled for 6/25, will progress. The slate will be shared with the congregation via the weekly Friday email prior to the meeting, and will be included in the bulletin on 6/25.
 - c) We currently do not have a policy on same-gender weddings. If there was a request, Council would have the authority to make a determination. (Some council members stated their view that we should address before a need arises. Discussion tabled until retreat.)
 - d) Julianne shared that Pr. Doug suggested Council have a working, Saturday retreat, similar to 2016, wherein the Council discusses priority tasks/projects. It was agreed to schedule a retreat for Saturday, October 7, 2017 from 9:00am-3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall at church.
- Discipleship – A task force met about Adult Encounter Faith; VBS is on track at this time; Stewardship is still in discussion.
- Management – We need to update the parking lot handicapped signs; Carpet needs replacement in hallway and Pastor's office; Website still needs redesign down the road. Santiago currently has access.
- Property – Pensby house rented at \$1,300/month. Move-in will be weekend of 6/23. Rent will be bi-weekly, and the second deposit will be in after concluding additional work.
- Parish Life – Santiago and Lauren Saldana have volunteered to co-chair LutherFest with Kelly and Scott Lichtenhan. They are in discussion about initial meetings and actions. A discussion ensued about having 5th Sunday brunches continue. It was decided to keep 7/30, and scratch 10/29 as we are planning LutherFest on 10/28. The 5th Sunday brunches will be evaluated on a date-by-date basis contingent on other fellowship events surrounding the timing.
- Columbarium – Carol Witte is chairperson and is up to speed with policies.
- Finance, Outreach, Worship - No updates at this time.
- Strategic Planning - Discuss at October retreat.

Treasurer's Report/Financial Secretary's Report

See attached. Both ELC and EECC finished the month with a surplus. No loan payment in May. Rental houses are in \$4,000 deficit. Slight downward trend in giving.

Pastor's Report

- a) Pastor Doug has an upcoming meeting with confirmation students.
- b) Adult Educations studies – hope to include gender issue subject in fall class.
- c) Planning an evening Bible Study this fall.

Review of Upcoming Events

- 6/25 – Special Congregational Meeting to present Call Committee nominations for approval
- 7/23-27 – Vacation Bible School
- 7/30 – 5th Sunday Brunch (Women of the ELCA hosting)

Reflections on Meeting; Review Action Items/Responsibilities

- Karl to check with Scott Lichtenhan on rental house
- Santiago continue to follow up with details on LutherFest
- Charlene will speak to Gene Deal
- Cory will continue to follow-up with Committee Chairs
- Julianne will speak to Dave Hinshaw about parliamentarian at 6/25 meeting

Julianne led the group as we prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Devotions and Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved: Charlene Wellborn

Second: Chris Schultz

Motion: Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08pm.

Next Meeting: July 17, 2017

Devotions: Margaret Brock

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Hood, Recording Secretary

Attachments: Summary of Motions, 2017
Treasurer's Report