

**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

July 17, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Margaret Brock, Karl Florian, Julianne Golden, Joe Middleton, Cory Phillips, Santiago Saldana, Chris Schultz, Marc Shideler, Ted Toborg, Charlene Wellborn

Members Absent: Matt Meckley, Leann Pace, Pastor Kearney

Guest: Jim Henricks

Devotions and Opening Prayer

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

OFFERINGS

Ministry Site Profile – Santiago went over some points and made some small revisions per discussion. Decided to allow comments (specifically Part III) on on-line document within a week's time and Santiago will make final revisions. The revised document will be sent out to Council for their final approval.

Call Committee Update – Jim Henricks provided information about the upcoming Call Committee training. He thanked the Council on behalf of the Call Committee for their trust and confidence in them and this process. He shared that the training will be Friday evening, 9/22 & Saturday 9/23 all day. (It was moved back as many persons already had summer vacations plans in place.) On a personal note, he also thanked the Council and the congregation for all of the support given to James during his youth and seminary years, culminating in James' recent ordination.

GATHERING

Correspondence

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

- The newly appointed Call Committee for their upcoming dedication and commitment to the Pastoral call process.

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda:

Moved: Chris Schultz

Second: Margaret Brock

Motion was carried

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve May 8, 2017 minutes:

Moved: Charlene Wellborn

Second: Chris Schultz

Motion was carried

Motion to approve June 19, 2017 minutes:

Moved: Marc Shideler

Second: Karl Florian

Motion was carried

Motion to approve June 25, 2017 Special Congregational Meeting:

Moved: Charlene Wellborn

Second: Margaret Brock

Motion was carried

OFFERINGS (cont'd)

Share Our Ministries (Ministry Team and Committee Updates:)

- Executive Committee –
 - a) Executive Committee has empowered the Epiphany Quilters to determine yearly which high school graduates will be gifted quilts.
 - b) Sign-up sheets were passed around to fill vacancies for announcements, after-worship questions, etc.
 - c) New council elections will be coming up in October and to keep this on our radar. We will need to inform the congregation about the process and elections.
- Discipleship – VBS begins July 23, and includes ages 3 through rising 5th graders, as well as adults.
- Management – a) No recent meetings; b) Pennington renters have notified us that they are not willing to sign a lease. Trying to find a possible new renter; c) air conditioning in the hallway and offices has quit. Getting estimates for repair or replacement, but we are at least 3 weeks away from a fix. Costs are estimated to be \$23,280, with an additional \$8,000 in the fall. We will need a special congregational meeting for this expenditure and would like to plan for 7/30 after worship. We will notify congregation through e-mail, postcard mailing, and the weekly bulletin.
- Parish Life – There is concern that we have only very few chairs for approximately 7 ministries. Need to discuss with Laura Spain & Carolyn Wiley. Time and Talent information will be updated, and added/revised on the display in Narthex. Potentially update them again in December, and solidify for January, 2018. Also, our congregation by-laws need updating and hopefully present to the congregation at the next annual meeting.
- EECC – The Committee has no scheduled meeting at this time; however, the committee chair and EECC director will meet on 8/7 to review the budget. Discussion followed regarding the report that was presented to the Council at the June meeting. Key points were: 1) How do we define EECC (ministry of the congregation or not?) and how does that designation affect the budget, i.e., determine if we keep Lisa's salary/benefits in church or EECC budget. 2) Marc suggested putting all 7 of the report recommendations on Council agenda for consideration, to approve or deny each one on its own merit, make motions, and record votes. 3) Discussion was tabled until next Council meeting. Executive Committee will discuss recommendations for next steps during their August 14 meeting and report to Council at August Council meeting.
- Columbarium, Outreach, Worship - no updates at this time.

Treasurer's Report/Financial Secretary's Report

See attached. ELC has a \$4,300 surplus in June, and both ELC and EECC have had an YTD surplus. Gene Deal will be keeping track of rental house expenses.

Pastor's Report

- We have 2 funerals planned for Saturday July 22. A service for Rick Thrasher will be at 10:00am and for Bob Stenberg at 2:00pm.

Review of Upcoming Events

- See agenda for list.

Reflections on Meeting; Review Action Items/Responsibilities

- EECC discussion on 8/2017 Council meeting agenda
- Discuss Committee Chairs at 8/2017 meeting – Cory
- Ministry Site Profile input – all, within one week of this meeting
- Postcards for July 30 Special Congregational Meeting – Julianne

Charlene said a closing prayer and Julianne led as we prayed the Lord's Prayer.

Devotions and Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn:

Moved: Charlene Wellborn

Second: Ted Toborg

Motion: Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm.

Next Meeting: August 21, 2017

Respectfully Submitted,
Shelley Hood, Recording Secretary

Attachments: Summary of Motions, 2017
Treasurer's Report