

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

September 18, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

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

Members Absent: Pastor Doug Kearney

Devotions and Opening Prayer

Julianne called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm, a call to prayer was spoken in unison and Matt Meckley led devotions.

GATHERING

Shelley Hood is resigning as Recording Secretary for Council. She has done this job for 4 years and would like to devote her time to other things. She would like for October to be her last meeting but will stay on until the end of the year if needed.

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

- The MSP committee
- Kay Conrad for her work on Pay it Forward.

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

Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve agenda:

Moved: Marc Shideler
Motion was carried

Second: Margaret Brock

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve revised 7/30/2017 minutes:

Moved: Chris Schultz
Motion was carried

Second: Santiago Saldana

Motion to approve 8/14/17 minutes:

Moved: Karl Florian
Motion was carried

Second: Joe Middleton

The temperature inside the sanctuary on Sunday was discussed. It seemed to vary depending on where you were. Karl will look into this.

Pastor's Report - see attached

Council voted to approve Ryan and Laura Arens and Sue and Michael Schwamb. They will be received into membership on October 22nd. Janet Blank is working with Pastor Doug on helping to coordinate the shepherd program for new members.

The agenda for the October 7th planning workshop was presented.

The confirmation process was presented. All will be confirmed on Reformation, 2018.

OFFERINGS

- Call Committee Update – The Call Committee will be installed on September 24th and will be trained September 29th and 30th. They have already received suggestions of names for possible candidates.

Share Our Ministries (Ministry Team and Committee Updates:)

- Executive Committee –
 - a) Karl Florian and Pastor Doug are continuing to work on updates of the Parish Manual. Karl has sent it to the Executive Committee for review.
 - b) Council Elections are coming up. The nominating committee will be meeting this week.

- **Treasurer's Report, Endowment & Finance**

The church finished August, 2017 with a deficit of \$16,111.46 which when combined with the previous month's numbers leaves the church surplus at \$5,694.44 for 2017. Member giving continues to lag behind budget, now standing at \$23,223.60. Some expenses for August included building maintenance (air conditioning, replacing a urinal), VBS, Property tax on the rental houses, and 3 supply Pastors. EECC had a surplus in August resulting in a surplus of \$35,775.06 through 8 months. Budget requests are out and some have begun to come in. The budget summit will be held November 19th. Committee chairs, council liaisons, and the finance committee are asked to attend.

Marc also reminded us that the Synod-sponsored Leadership class will be meeting on Thursdays in the Youth room. It runs September 21st-November 16th.

- **Discipleship** – The Pay It Forward campaign has received \$19,557.20 in pledges and contributions.
- **Management** – The Management Committee held an emergency meeting about the renters and decided to leave the rent amount as earlier discussed. Scott Lichtenhan has talked to the renters, who agreed to this, and a 10 month lease will be signed.
The MSP has been submitted and a copy has been forwarded to the Call committee chair. Copies will be available for the congregation to read.
A TV will be installed in the lobby. We will need to purchase one and not use the existing one as it is used. Chris Schultz will look into the cost of this. Discussion was held about who will manage the information that will be presented on the screen. Santiago said will be automatic and Mickey can do it from a power point.
- Outreach – Campus Ministry is up and running. We had many visitors from college in church yesterday.
- Parish Life – People/groups to provide Advent dinners have been scheduled along with the 5th Sunday brunch. Connie Queen will work on the Lent suppers. The Ministry Team list in being updated. There are 3 groups (OWLS, Steven Ministry, Young Adults) that are inactive at this time. There is no chair for new members sponsors. The LutherFest was discussed. An announcement will be made Sunday and food tickets will begin to be sold. The selling of beer was discussed. Council voted on whether to allow beer in the fellowship hall (10 for, 1 against). Council is recommending that the committee sell beer at cost.
- Worship – There is a concern about the board that is used for various sign ups causing a backup of people. Margaret will look for somewhere to relocate it.
- EECC – The committee continues to work on their 2018 budget
- Columbarium – no update
- Other Offerings – Cory asked that committee and ministry teams send any updates to him.
Matt Meckley resigned from his term on council due to family responsibilities. Julianne offered support and prayers for Matt and his family, on behalf of Council. Karl will follow-up with Jim Pierson to determine who was the alternate from the 2017 elections so that Julianne can call that person regarding fulfilling Matt's term on council.

Review of Upcoming Events

- See agenda for list.

Reflections on Meeting; Review Action Items/Responsibilities

Julianne ended the meeting with prayer and all prayed The Lord's Prayer

Devotions and Adjournment – 9:00 pm

Next Meeting: October 16, 2017

Devotions: Santiago

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlene Wellborn, Secretary

Attachments: Summary of Motions, 2017
Treasurer's Report
Pastor's Report