

**St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Council Meeting | November 15, 2020 at 12:30PM**

<b>Class of 2020</b>	<b>Class of 2021</b>	<b>Class of 2022</b>	<b>Youth Reps</b>
Chris Bernard	Ivan Black	Stephanie Jones	Alex Burnett
Tripp Brunson	Sandy Dawkins	Craig McFarland	Jack Hayes
Ralph Haggard	Steve Fowler	Brian Paeth	
Brant Taylor	Paulette Shealy	Mike Brittingham	
Christy Wenzel	Mary Elizabeth Windham	Evelyn Temple	

**Executive Committee:**

President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
Brant Taylor	Tripp Brunson	Stephanie Jones	Mary Keisler

Pastors: The Rev. Dr. Patrick W. Riddle, The Rev. Jason Antley, The Rev. Dr. Dennis Bolton

Staff: Shannon Burnett, Tonya Reynolds, Beth Haggard, Bailey Parker

Absent: Tripp Brunson, Beth Haggard, Stephanie Jones, Evelyn Temple, Jack Hayes

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 12:35 pm by Pastor Jason.

**Devotion: How have you used your talents in the last month to show God's love?**

**Consent Agenda**

- Mary discussed our financial situation at this time.

**Staff Reports**

- a. Pastor Pat
- b. Pastor Jason
- c. Pastor Dennis
- d. Shannon-Family Life Report
- e. Beth-Preschool Director
- f. Mary-Financial Report

**Approval of the Consent Agenda**

Motion was made by Steve Fowler to approve the consent agenda; Ivan Black seconded the motion and the council members unanimously approved the consent agenda.

**Discussion Agenda**

• **Old Business**

1. Covid-19 Advisory Board Update: Pastor Jason reported the next meeting is Monday, Nov. 16. 2020 at 1:30 pm. Items to discuss include:
  - i. Looking at the proposed Christmas Eve schedule
  - ii. Moving the 11:00 service to the sanctuary with singing beginning Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>. It appears more people are interested in being back in the sanctuary than in the gym. We will continue to offer the 9:45 service in the gym.
  - iii. Communion changes

It was decided by the council to email out any changes the Covid-19 Advisory Board recommends for their approval.

- **New Business**

1. Shannon will send the SignUpGenius link out on Monday, Nov. 16, 2020 to have members sign up for Christmas Eve services. Services will be 11am (Sanctuary), 1pm (Gym), 3pm (Sanctuary-family friendly), 5pm (Gym), and 7pm (Sanctuary). 80 people will be allowed to sign up for the sanctuary services and 120 people for the gym services.
2. Dominion Energy: Brant explained the program and what lights still need to be replaced. The project will cost \$20,163.07. Dominion Energy will pay \$12,000.00 and our cost will be \$8,163.07 to have the rest of the church updated. Mike Brittingham motioned to approve the contract; Steve Fowler 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion and council members unanimously approved.
3. Investment Cards: Pastor Jason announced we have anonymous donors, one will give \$10,000 to the general fund and one will give \$10,000 building fund if we receive 150 investment cards back. The investment cards will be mailed out to the congregation with their financial statements the beginning of December. We will also be emailing out investment cards to everyone. Estate planning will be listed on the investment card this year. Mary asked that all council members participate.
4. Leaders in Generosity Dinner and Strategic Plan: Pastor Jason reported the dinner was held to thank our generosity leaders and gauge their interest in our strategic plan. Steve Fowler stated he enjoyed the dinner, the information was presented well, and he left with a good idea of what is to come for our church. It was decided the Strategic Plan needs to be discussed in a separate meeting. Pastor Jason will contact Mike Ward and see when he is available to lead the meeting.

**Council Member of the Month November:** Stephanie Jones

**Next Meeting:** December 20, 2020 at 12:30 pm

Ivan Black motioned to adjourn the meeting; Mike Brittingham seconded and council members unanimously approved.

**The meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 2:05PM.**

Respectfully submitted by Tonya Reynolds on November 16, 2020