

**St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church (SSLC)
Council Meeting | May 23, 2021 at 6:00PM**

Class of 2021	Class of 2022	Class of 2023	Youth Reps
Ivan Black	Mike Brittingham	Mike Burgess	Abby Burnett
Sandy Dawkins	Stephanie Jones	Michael Jebaily	Carlee Tworzyanski
Steve Fowler	Craig McFarland	Brian Lackore	
Paulette Shealy	Brian Paeth	Jessica Maxheimer	
Mary Elizabeth Windham	Evelyn Temple	Allison Van Cleef	

Executive Committee:

President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
Mike Brittingham	Steve Fowler	Allison Van Cleef	Mary Keisler

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

Staff: Shannon Burnett, Tonya Reynolds

Absent: Beth Haggard, Stephanie Jones, Brian Lackore, Bailey Slice, Paulette Shealy

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:07pm by Mike Brittingham

Dwelling in the Word: Pastor Jason

Consent Agenda: April Minutes and Called Meeting

Reports:

- a. Pastor Pat
- b. Pastor Jason
- c. Pastor Dennis
- d. Shannon – Director of Family Life
- e. Beth - Preschool Director
- f. Bailey – Director of Music
- g. Mary – Finance

Approval of the Consent Agenda

A motion was made by Steve Fowler to approve the consent agenda. Mike Burgess seconded the motion. The council members unanimously approved the consent agenda.

Discussion Agenda

- Mary Keisler gave an update on the Freedom to Imagine campaign. The congregational dinner on May 16th was well attended and a great event for all. Pledges matter. Please turn in your cards and encourage others to do as well. Pastor Jason thanked campaign participants, organizers, and staff; it has been a lot of work but worth it. We are excited to have Laura Dicker Hendrickson to return to SSLC and preach on our last campaign Sunday. A love offering will be collected for her.

- Pastor Jason summarized Chapters 5 and 6 from *Governance and Ministry* by Dan Hotchkiss which focus on the job of the Board to include duties, size, composition and how to have more productive meetings.
- Mary Keisler gave an update on the sealing and striping of the parking lots. The front circle, large parking lot and back lot by the playground will be completed by the end of the week. Work has begun on the social hall bathroom renovations.
- Mike Brittingham brought forth a letter from the managing partners of the Navy Yard requesting a meeting. A lengthy discussion followed where all members of council asked questions, presented congregation comments and concerns, and discussed what a partnership might look like moving forward. Mike Burgess made a motion to deny any conversation which was later amended by Mike Brittingham to defer the conversation to a later date to allow SSLC to gather information for a productive conversation. Craig McFarland seconded the motion and the council members unanimously approved.
 - Michael Jebaily made a motion to engage a PR firm. Steve Fowler seconded the motion. The council members unanimously approved.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 6:00pm

Mike Brittingham motioned to adjourn the meeting; Allison Van Cleef seconded and the council members unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 8:20pm

Respectfully submitted by Allison Van Cleef on June 8, 2021