

**St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting | June 16, 2021 at 6PM**

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, The Rev. Dr. Dennis Bolton
 Staff: Shannon Burnett, Tonya Reynolds, Beth Haggard, Bailey Parker
 Absent: Brian Paeth, Evelyn Temple, Brian Lackore, Mike Burgess, Michael Jebaily, Allison Van Cleef, Beth Haggard, Bailey Parker

Call to Order:

After dinner, the meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Mike Brittingham.

Devotion: Pastor Jason

Consent Agenda: May Minutes

Staff Reports

- a. Pastor Pat
- b. Pastor Jason noted the approval of new members by baptism, JP Wright and by affirmation of baptism, Jana and Doug Curry
- c. Pastor Dennis
- d. Shannon-Family Life Report
- e. Beth-Preschool Director
- f. Bailey-Music Director

Approval of the Consent Agenda

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

• **Old Business**

1. Mary Keisler gave an update on the Freedom to Imagine campaign. As of 6-15-21, 118 families (34%) have pledged a total of \$1,004,015.93. A total of \$124,119.63 has been collected already. On 6-16-21 a payment of \$376,394.78 was made towards the principal making our current loan amount \$1,147,000.
2. Pastor Jason summarized Chapters 7 and 8 from *Governance and Ministry* by Dan Hotchkiss. These chapters focus on the size of a church and it's governing style and how to make governance changes.
3. Mike Brittingham gave an update on the Navy Yard Biergarten & Restaurant. Mike shared a letter received 6-16-21 from Gavin Smith, one of the managing partners. After extensive discussion, Mary Elizabeth Windham made the motion to uphold SSLC protests. Steve Fowler seconded the motion. The council members unanimously approved.

- **New Business**

1. Pastor Pat read a letter that was mailed to the congregation on June 16, 2021 announcing his retirement. His last Sunday will be August 8, 2021. Mike Brittingham thanked Pastor Pat for his 22 years of service. Bishop Aebischer of the ELCA SC Synod will be at the next meeting to discuss our next steps in filling Pastor Pat's position.

Next Meeting: Sunday, July 18, 2021

Ivan Black motioned to adjourn the meeting. Steve Fowler seconded the motion. The council members unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 8:15PM.

Respectfully submitted by Tonya Reynolds on June 17, 2021