

**St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church (SSLC)  
Council Meeting | July 18, 2021 at 12:30PM**

<b>Class of 2021</b>	<b>Class of 2022</b>	<b>Class of 2023</b>	<b>Youth Reps</b>
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. Jason Antley

Guest: Bishop Ginny Aebischer

Staff: Shannon Burnett, Tonya Reynolds

Absent: The Rev. Dr. Patrick W. Riddle, Beth Haggard, Stephanie Jones, Brian Lackore, Bailey Slice, Craig McFarland, Brian Paeth, Mike Burgess, Carlee Tworzyanski

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:30pm by Mike Brittingham

**Dwelling in the Word:** Pastor Jason

**Special Discussion:** Bishop Aebischer of the ELCA SC Synod led a discussion on the pastoral call process options available to St Stephen's to fill Pastor Pat's position. An ad hoc committee should be formed from within the council to conduct interviews, make recommendations and communicate with the council and congregation. After a discussion, a motion was made by Steve Fowler to move forward with the interview process of Pastor Jason to fill the role. Michael Jebaily seconded the motion. The council members unanimously approved.

**Consent Agenda:** June Minutes

**Reports:**

- a. Pastor Pat
- b. Pastor Jason
- c. Pastor Dennis
- d. Shannon – Director of Family Life
- e. Beth - Preschool Director (no report for July)
- 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. Ivan Black seconded the motion. The council members unanimously approved the consent agenda.

## **Discussion Agenda**

### **Old Business**

- Pastor Jason gave an update on the Freedom to Imagine Campaign. As of July 13, 2021 \$1,037,688.19 has been pledged. The council discussed updating members that the campaign is still ongoing and celebrating the commitments to date.
- Pastor Jason summarized chapters 9 and 10 from *Governance and Ministry* by Dan Hotchkiss. These chapters explore governance changes throughout a three year implementation and the purpose of creating policy to establish the role of church leaders, officers and committees.
- Mike Brittingham had no new updates on the Navy Yard Biergarten & Restaurant. The Navy Yard recently built a fence across the back of the building.

### **New Business**

- Tonya led a discussion on upcoming Debt Retirement meals. The first will be a chicken bog on August 28 hosted by the Lutheran Men. The church council will host the second on September 19.
- Pastor Pat's Retirement Party will be held on August 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-5:00pm. Remarks will begin at 4:00.

**Next Meeting:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 at 12:30pm

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 2:18pm**

Respectfully submitted by Allison Van Cleef on August 4, 2021