

**St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church (SSLC)**  
**Council Meeting | February 19, 2023, at 12:30PM**

<b>Class of 2023</b>	<b>Class of 2024</b>	<b>Class of 2025</b>	<b>Youth Reps</b>
Mike Burgess	Cathy Mathias	Christie Addy	Lexie Taylor
Michael Jebaily	Gregg Mills	Lisa Catalanotto	Bryce Windham
Brian Lackore	Sheridan Perry	Deon Fink	
Jessica Maxheimer	Melissa Rawl	Chad Geary	
Allison Van Cleef	Eric Wessinger	Myra Strock	

**Executive Committee:**

<b>President</b>	<b>Vice-President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
Michael Jebaily	Gregg Mills	Allison Van Cleef	Mary Keisler

Pastor: The Rev. Jason Antley, The Rev. Ralph Hill

Staff: Shannon Burnett, Kimberly Peterson, Tonya Reynolds, Susan Wilson

Absent: Brian Lackore, Jessica Maxheimer, Cathy Mathias, Sheridan Perry

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 12:30pm by Michael Jebaily.

**Devotion/Prayer:** Pastor Jason Antley

**Election Of Council Officers:** Pastor Jason Antley

- Michael Jebaily was nominated as President. Melissa Rawl made a motion to approve the nomination. Deon Fink seconded the motion. The council members unanimously approved the motion.
- Gregg Mills was nominated as Vice President. Melissa Rawl made a motion to approve the nomination. Christie Addy seconded the motion. The council members unanimously approved the motion.
- Allison Van Cleef was nominated as Secretary. Lisa Catalanotto made a motion to approve the nomination. Myra Strock seconded the motion. The council members unanimously approved the motion.
- Mary Keisler was nominated as Treasurer. Gregg Mills made a motion to approve the nomination. Allison Van Cleef seconded the motion. The council members unanimously approved the motion.

**Consent Agenda:** January Meeting Minutes

**Reports:**

- a. Pastor Jason Antley
- b. Pastor Ralph Hill
- c. Shannon Burnett – Director of Family Life
- d. Kimberly Peterson – Preschool Director
- e. Susan Wilson – Director of Music/Organist
- f. Tonya Reynolds – Parish Administrator
- g. Ivan Black – No January Invoice or Report
- h. Mary Keisler – Treasurer/Finance

## **Approval of the Consent Agenda**

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

## **Discussion Agenda**

### **Old Business**

- Update on Policy Committee – Pastor Jason discussed the purpose of this committee with new council members. They are ready to begin work on the governing structure of SSLC.
- Council Retreat – Pastor Jason informed council of a dinner on Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm for council members and staff. Retreat discussions will be held Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 3pm. The council will reassess and discuss core values, the strategic plan and how council functions, as well as other planning topics.

### **New Business**

- Worship & Music (W&M) Council Representative – Pastor Jason passed along a request from the W&M Committee for a Council representative. Melissa Rawl volunteered for the position.
- Worship & Music Recommendation – Pastor Jason presented three proposals to replace the advent candelabra.
  - Of the three, the Worship & Music Committee made a motion to purchase a candelabra similar and more sturdy which holds the same candles. Eric Wessinger seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
  - May Keisler made a motion to pay for this **out of the emergency reserve**. Melissa Rawl seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- Debt Retirement Meals Moving Forward – Pastor Jason discussed how we would like to continue Debt Retirement Meals but without the debt we would like to define what the fundraising will support. He asked council members to think on it and discuss at the March meeting.
- Memorials Moving Forward – Pastor Jason also discussed previous memorials were used to pay off debt unless they were specifically requested for a purpose. Melissa Rawl made a motion for memorials with no defined purpose go to the building maintenance fund. Eric Wessinger seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- Financial Support for the Living Last Supper – Pastor Jason requested \$1,500 of the emergency reserve be used to fund this production. Since this is the first year, costumes and a table are being made requiring some upfront cost. Lisa Catalanotto made a motion to use \$1,500 of the emergency fund. Mike Burgess seconded the motion. Council members unanimously approved.
- Strategic Plan – Pastor Jason gave some background on Mike Ward's assistance in developing the Mission, Vision and Four Core Goals. Now that SSLC is out of debt and some goals have been accomplished, council will reassess during the retreat.
- Building Maintenance Fund – Pastor Jason shared that this was created to gather funds for maintenance items that could not be paid earlier because of the debt. This fund was created so SSLC does not use the emergency fund with the many upcoming needs.
- Maintenance List for Building Needs – Pastor Jason has a list that we will review during the retreat.

**Next Meeting:** Saturday, March 11, 2023 at 8:00am

Mike Burgess made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Eric Wessinger seconded the motion and the council members unanimously approved.

**The meeting adjourned with The Lord's Prayer at 1:30pm**

Respectfully submitted by Allison Van Cleef on March 6, 2023