

ST. STEPHEN'S EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

Church Council Meeting

June 14, 2020

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

Executive Committee:

President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
Brant Taylor	Tripp Brunson	Karen Spilker	Mary Keisler

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

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

Absent: Tripp Brunson, Sandy Dawkins, Steve Fowler, Christy Wenzel, Alex Burnett, Jack Hayes, Bailey Parker

The meeting was called to order by Brant Taylor at 1:08 pm.

Devotion: Pastor Jason lead a Living in the Word devotion focused on Romans 5: 1-8.

Evelyn Temple made a motion to approve the May minutes and Ralph Haggard seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Staff Reports:

Pastor Pat's report as submitted

Pastor Jason's report as submitted

Pastor Dennis' report as submitted

Shannon Burnett's report as submitted

Shannon noted that she is still working to finalize plans for VBS and plans to present the program virtually with Cooper Reynolds' assistance.

Pastor Pat will have a class for adults on Wednesday evenings in July. The class will take place in the gym with social spacing.

Beth Haggard's report as submitted

Beth indicated the teachers are meeting online on Tuesdays, and students are still being enrolled for the fall. The school district plans are still unknown.

Bailey Parker—No Report

Mary Keisler's report as submitted

Mary noted that income is up from this time last year, but expenses have increased. Mary is still waiting for the final approval of renegotiation of the loan. There is no Narthex Report.

Committee Reports: No Reports

Old Business:

Special thanks was given to all involved in getting the online service process coordinated and running smoothly. Services in the gym are becoming more familiar, and staff are working to get improved microphones to produce a good quality sound for streaming purposes.

Pastor Jason, Bailey, and Matt have been recording hymns to post online for the congregation to listen to and/or sing along with.

The Covid-19 Task Force continues to meet periodically to discuss any changes that might benefit the congregation and St. Stephen's during the pandemic.

The sanctuary will be made available to families for funerals and weddings. The sanctuary can accommodate up to 75 people who will be required to maintain social distance.

Pastor Jason reported that Mike Ward has forwarded information that was compiled after interviewing a number of council members. Those interviewed were positive about the church's ministries and staff. He recommends the addition of another staff person or perhaps two more staff people to address all the identified needs. Mike Ward also recommended the retirement of the debt. His suggestion is to begin a campaign in 2021, and suggested that we engage the services of Mike and his associate, Evan Moilan. Pastor Jason will work with Mike to clarify specifically the services and work products that would result from this association. The focus may involve shifting the governing structure of the church from a family-centered to a more corporate structure.

New Business:

The Council discussed a review of the Preschool Charter. Every 2 years, a new advisory board is selected. It was decided that the Preschool Advisory Board will consist of:

One of the Pastors of SSLC

Director of the Preschool Ministry

Parish Administrator of SSLC

One Representative from the church council

One employee of Lexington School District One

One parent of a child enrolled in SSLC Preschool

Two members of the congregation, preferably with a degree or an occupation in a related area

Evelyn Temple will be the representative on the Preschool Advisory Board representing the council.

Pastor Jason reported that Leadership for Faithful Innovation will have a zoom event on June 27. Regular activities have been on hold due to recent events.

Council Person of the Month: Paulette Shealy will be the Council Person for July

Next meeting will be July 19, 2020 at 6:00 pm, facilitated via Zoom.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Ivan Black and seconded by Ralph Haggard. The meeting was adjourned with The Lord's Prayer.

Amendment:

A vote was taken by email on June 30, 2020 to poll the Council members regarding a Covid-19 Advisory Board recommendation to hold only one Sunday service at 10 am due to current attendance numbers. Additionally, it was recommended that the wearing of masks continue to be strongly recommended. The Council voted unanimously to approve these changes.

Respectfully submitted July 5, 2020 by Karen Spilker