

**St. Stephen's Evangelical Lutheran Church
Council Meeting | October 18, 2020 at 12PM**

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

Executive Committee:

President	Vice-President	Secretary	Treasurer
Brant Taylor	Tripp Brunson	Stephanie Jones	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: Tripp Brunson, Beth Haggard, Craig McFarland, Steve Fowler, Alex Burnett, Jack Hayes

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by Pastor Jason on Sunday, Oct. 18, 2020.

Devotion: Dwelling in the Word

Pastor Jason welcome the council meeting attendees and began with the devotion with a reading and discussion of Matthew 22: 15-22

Consent Agenda

Review and Minutes from September's Meeting

- Ralph noted one change in the Sept. 2020 council meeting minutes under the staff report section for Beth Haggard. Change was corrected by Pastor Jason.

Staff Reports

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

Approval of the Consent Agenda

Brant – request for approval of consent agenda. Motion was made by Ivan; Paulette seconded the motion and the council members unanimously approved the consent agenda.

Discussion Agenda

- **Old Business**
 - a. Covid-19 Advisory Board Update - Pastor Jason
 - Meeting to take place Monday, Oct. 19 at 1 pm. The primary focus of the meeting is to discussion mitigation efforts and continued discussion of the transition to the three worship services that will begin Sunday, Oct. 25.

- **New Business**

- a. Official Welcome for Mike Brittingham!

- Pastors Pat and Jason, as well as Brant, officially welcomed Mike to the council and thanked him for his service.

- b. Hiring of a new organist – Bailey

- A search committee will be formed to identify potential candidates and then bring recommendations to the council in the future. Given the small pool of eligible organists and pianists, this may take some time to find the right candidate.
- Bailey encouraged council members to share any ideas or recommendations that they may have as part of the church organist search moving forward.

- c. No meeting with Mike Ward on Oct. 27th – Brant Taylor

- Mike will not be holding a meeting on the 27th.

Council Member of the Month November: Brian Paeth

Next Meeting: November 15, 2020 at 12:30 pm

Announcements: Prior to the end of the meetings, Mary asked that we continue to review the finance report and pay attention to expenses, etc. as we move toward the end of the year. Mary also encouraged council members to check out the updated outdoor playground. She thanked the Reynolds family for their work in placing new mulch in the outdoor area. She also thanked Brant for helping obtain the mulch at cost for the benefit of the preschool and other young church members.

The meeting adjourned with Lord's Prayer at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Stephanie Jones on Oct. 18, 2020