

## 2021-2023, Emanuel's Council Nominees (Updated: 12/8/2020)

### Brief Introductions

1. What's my name and what do I or did I do as my career?
2. Why do I feel encouraged and called to serve on the Council?
3. What gifts, passions, and dreams do I bring to Council?
4. What is one interesting fact about me others may not know?

### Melissa Barbre

1. My name is Melissa Barbre and I was a certified personal trainer for many years. I was also a personal care attendant for Brett for nearly 30 years.
2. Why do I feel encouraged and called? Because of my previous lifestyle, I was not able to commit to much outside the home. Due to recent changes in my life, doors are slowly opening for me. I feel called as a natural next step of my faith journey. I only want to seek God more and more, and this seems like the way He is calling me to go. Whenever I've asked what else I can do, God is quick to reply.
3. I have been blessed beyond measure by the workings of Emanuel's and just the way life has gone. Gifts I've received? By nature, I describe myself as having patience and tenacity, and by life experiences, I have a greater ability to listen. Time management is not necessarily one of my strong suits. I'd rather get the job done right. (This may actually be a stumbling block in some situations, but time is man-made.)
1. As far as dreams I bring, I'd like to work (I know it sounds a bit lofty) towards changing the world by changing the tiny corner I actually touch, through service to God.
4. I spent some of my very formative years living in Kabul, Afghanistan, before the Russians invaded in 1979.

### Sarah Kennedy

1. My name is Sarah Kennedy and I have been an 8th grade science teacher and department lead for the last 5 years at AJ Briesemeister Middle School. Within my 12 years of serving in the education field, I have taught a variety of high school science classes, have coached volleyball and tennis at all levels, have been a substitute teacher, and served on a multitude of committees, teams and task forces.
2. Emanuel's is a wonderful church with a fantastic congregation and staff. I feel that my skills and background can help the Council continue the work that has already been started, as well as work toward the future and fulfilling our visions. I have prayed about it and feel at this time, serving on the Council is where I am being called to serve. I am excited to work with a group of people that want great things for this church.
3. I enjoy being part of a team that is working toward common goals. When presented with a project I am passionate about, I go all in. Serving the community I live and work in has always been a passion of mine. I would like for our church to continue creating new avenues for the community to see how great Emanuel's is and the great things happening here. One of my dreams is that this church is able to serve my family's spiritual, social, and educational needs as my home church served mine. I want my kids and husband to always walk into Emanuel's and feel comfort and community.
4. I was an extra on an episode of Pawn Stars.

Kai Seidenberger

From Pastor Marcus: Kai is a Junior at Seguin High School. He has been an assisting minister and a reader in worship for many years, is a dedicated athlete (go #7!) and stellar student, all while setting the bar high for a life lived in faith and centered on Jesus Christ.