

Atonement Council Minutes 02/22/2024 630pm

Council Attendees (9/9)

Brad Anderson	Angie Brickson	Curtis Klaassen
Tina Boutelle	Nathan Choate	Jeremy Otto
Lyn Bowers	Dave James	Dave Stelzer

Other Attendees

Pastor Zac	Pastor Jordan
Mike Daley	Pat Bjuland
Ros Thorpe	Neil Pfeiffer

January Minutes Review: Curtis moves, Brad 2nd, approved all.

Team Reports will be presented slightly different. Looking at council members to report on their respective teams:

Pastor Reports (PZ)

- Lent has started. This Lent will include a deep dive into Mark. Worship is “storytelling”
- First midweek Lent Service started 2/14.
- First Lent Bible study started 2/14 noon. Noon Wednesdays Bible study repeats Sunday 5pm.
- Good Faith Network – workshop for Clergy held. Ros recognized.

Adult Education Team + Catering (Angie)

- Interesting sessions e.g., “Christian Nationalism” upcoming.
- Catering – new contributors. Need to consider socialization post services e.g., Lent services.
- Drew is helping with Café.

KFAM/YFAM (Jeremy)

- Last month VBS was planning to go back to week-long (vs. weekend). Still seeking volunteers, will be looking at e.g., camp counselors.
- Good sign-up response for summer trips/camps, etc.
- New families’ youth attendance seems strong.

Outreach (Lynn/Ros)

- March - “Giving the Basics” barrels in lobby or personal care items to be dropped off
- March 3 - Youth will be packing lunches for MLM
- March 23 – Harvesters for 2 hours, lobby
- April 27 – Volunteers will go to Heart-to-heart international, Lenexa.

Personal (Curtis)

- Monthly meetings,
- e.g., included effective raise-dates for nursery staff
- Organized staff Christmas lunch.

Property Team

- HVAC issue arose impacting Nursery issue 3-5K
- Will is doing several internal repairs, minimizing external needs.
- No updates on Roof issue (leaks, etc.) Two bids (~\$300K+)

Stewardship (Pat/Keith)

- Focusing on Caring for Creation
- Keith – providing education next two Sunday
- April 16 – hosting Caring for Creation conference hosting. (National Faith & Climate)

Worship Life (Dave/PZ)

- April 20 – next meeting (haven't met for a while)
- Seeking date (April 24?) for Organ fundraiser concert
 - postponing until resolution on roof requirements.
 - (Organ is currently missing notes, but.. roof could fall.)

Staff Reports Approved (Jeremy moves, DaveS seconds, approved all.)

Treasurer's Report – Mike Daley/Pastor Zac:

January 2023

- The deficit was \$54,000 which was \$20,000 worse than budget
- Giving was \$44,000 worse than budget
- Expenses were 24,000 better than budget due to:
 - \$10,000 lower salaries and benefits due to...
 - Lower property costs of \$2,000
 - Youth \$1,500 better due to timing
 - Worship \$1,000 better due to timing
 - Office better \$1,000 due to timing
 - Misc better \$4,000, primary due to timing of staff training/conferences

Balance Sheet

- Cash balances are \$150,000 in unrestricted cash and \$237,000 in restricted cash, total of \$387k.
- Advanced giving balance is \$51,000, mortgage balance has one more payment of 35,248.
 - Giving in January 2024 of \$84,000 was lower than January 2023 of \$113,000.

Staff Reports Approved (Brad moves, Nathan seconds, approved all.)

Associate Pastor Reports

- Mental health first aid held with Clergy.
- Grief support group proceeding.
- home-bound for Lent ashes successful.

Spring Congregational Forum

- Likely April 13 6pm/14 noon.

Nathan Council Resignation, New Role

- Due to taking on Communications Director staff position starts March 4.
- Nathan presented “The First 100” initial priorities/plans.
- Initial – conversations, esp., driving people back to Web Page.

Niel Pfeiffer – new council member (replacing Nathan)

- ~6 years with Atonement.
- Neil will be elected to new council this May. (since Nathan didn’t complete half of his term.)
- Motion to accept Nathan’s resignation, and approve Neil to replace a position: Jeremy moves, Angie seconds, approve all.

March Meetings

- Executive 3/21, Council (Tuesday) 3/26

Future Topics

- Synod Assembly weekend June 7/8. Four delegates represent ALC.
- Lobby improvements
- Welcome Team may present to council in April.

Closing Prayer (PJ)

Adjourn – 7:54 pm