

Atonement Council Minutes 7/20/2023 630pm

Attending - 9/9 council

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

Attending - other

Pastor Zac Sturm
Ros, Jim Thorpe
Pat Bjuland

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1. Devotions, Prayer: Pr. Zac
 2. June minutes review
 - a. Curtis moves, Angie 2nd, approved all.
 3. June Staff reports review
 - a. Brad moves, Jeremy 2nd, approved all
 - b. Generally, will receive earlier – usually preapproved by exec team.
 4. Finances – Mike Daley:
 - a. Summary:

For June, we had a deficit of \$2,000 which was \$10,000 better than budget. Giving was \$1,000 better than budget. Expenses were \$9,000 better than budget primarily due to timing of KFam and YFam expenses of \$1,500, lower worship \$2,000, lower repairs \$4,000 and lower salaries/benefits \$2,000.

The year-to-date deficit is \$98,000 which is behind budget by \$31,000 but which improved \$10,000 compared to last month. Giving is lower than budget by \$40,000 and expenses now are \$10,000 better than budget.
 - b. Detail:
 - i. Cash balances are down compared to last month and total \$193,000 unrestricted cash and \$210,000 restricted cash.
 - ii. Advanced giving of \$102,000 more than covers the giving shortfall compared to budget.
 - iii. Giving in June 2023 of \$113,000 compared to giving in June 2022 of \$100,000. Year-to-date through 2023 is higher 9.7% compared to 2022.
 - c. Final thought

We are now halfway through 2023, a year we expected to be a transitional one financially speaking. Overall, our financial position remains very stable, better than we had imagined starting the year. There is much to be thankful for.

5. 2023/2024 council dates/times

4th Thursday

Starting 6:30, targeting 8:00 adjourn.

(Exceptions for Thanksgiving, Christmas)

6. Associate Pastor updates (PZ)

- a. Call committee Neil Pfeiffer, Shana Stelzer, Janelle Porter, Jim Peine, Olivia Trentaude, Kevin Shannon, and PZ. Mission Site profile.
- b. Will likely interview Jordon as 1st call (right out of seminary) – only interviews 1 church at a time AND receiving church receives only 1 candidate.
- c. Currently assigned to home synod Jordon assigned to SD synod. Being released to our synod – tentatively approved. Will confirm July 25, via motion.
- d. THEN.. Synod will give her paperwork for our committee to interview. At least 2 interviews.
- e. Call committee will decide or not to nominate to council (“we feel this candidate will fit, would like congregation to consider). Possibly August council meeting.
- f. If call committee approves, then.. Council will approve as a candidate to be presented to congregation for approval (may be shorter than typical, since.. We all know Jordon).

7. RIC (PZ)

- a. 2nd meeting held, next meeting late July
- b. Steve Ruschill, Michelle, et all.
- c. Plan (dates, goals) still under development. 3 prong approach:
 - i. Sept/Oct Listening Sessions with respect to diversity, etc. Survey’s – online etc.
 - ii. Oct/Nov Bible Study approach – ground in scripture, over 2 days.
 - iii. Dec – outside objective speakers maybe?
 - iv. Spring – congregational discussions.
- d. Tina: No liaison for this committee, a rep will present during council meetings.

8. Liaison Roles

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| a. Caring Ministries | Brad |
| b. W&M | DaveJ |
| c. K-FAM | Jeremy |
| d. Outreach | Lyn |
| e. Property | DaveS |
| f. Personnel | Curtis |
| g. Stewardship | Pat |
| h. Adult Education | Angie |
| i. Catering | Angie |
| j. Adult Ed | Angie |
| k. Communications | Nathan |

9. Board + PZ – need to prioritize future goals in terms of \$\$, for Fall congregational communications.

10. Y-FAM

a. Personnel need approval to replace Grace.

i. Brad motion, Curtis 2nd. Approved all

11. New member Class, 10-15 new members pending.

12. Adjourned 8:07pm