

ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MINUTES – MAY 23, 2023

Present: Pastor Zac, Reverend Jordan, Kathy Vannoy, Brad Anderson, Scott Fisher, Tina Boutelle, Curtis Klaassen, Keith Neuman, Ashley Swan, Mike Daley, Ros Thorpe, Jim Thorpe, Kaye Dalbec, Pat Bjuland, Bean

- Pastor Z opened with devotions in the chapel
- April Minutes reviewed
 - Ashley motions, Scott seconds, minutes approved.
- April Staff Reports reviewed
 - Brad motions to approve reports, Curtis seconds, staff reports approved.

REPORTS

➤ **Treasurer's Report: April 2023**

Summary

▪ **Financial Summary for April 2023:**

- April giving was \$24,000 better than budget while expenses were \$4,000 worse. The deficit for April was only \$2,000.
- YTD April deficit is \$85,000 which is behind budget by \$38,000. (Budgeted \$47k loss).
- Giving is lower than budget by \$33,000, however, we have a significant amount of advanced giving (\$130k) which I think will cover this shortfall with time.
- Expenses are only \$5,000 higher

Main difference in expenses is an unplanned expense to repair the fire panel for \$10k.

▪ **Good news:**

- Year-to-date giving is higher 9%, or \$37k, compared to YTD 2022.
- Stewardship response is noteworthy and thank you to everyone who has continued to give, and in increase their giving faithfully.
- We are proactively addressing campus needs with the campus improvements budget – so far, we've replaced LED lights, performed maintenance on the office bathrooms and sunshine room and there are more projects planned.
- Our cash balances are \$450k so we're within the healthy range of reserves on hand to cover 3-6 months of expenses.

▪ **Balance Sheet:**

- Cash balances are up to ~\$233,000 unrestricted cash and \$215,000 restricted cash.
- Total cash balances of ~\$450k
- Recall goal of having 3-6 months expenses - \$385-700k so we're within that range.
- Advanced giving of \$130,000 covers the current year-to-date giving shortfall.

NEW BUSINESS

Call Process – Transition Team

Team is making good progress on the Ministry Site Profile (MSP), continuing updating the gifts that Atonement is looking for in a new associate pastor. Looking at the gift of Cheri's role, plus additional gifts in social ministry. Team is still expecting completion in the next couple of weeks.

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NEW BUSINESS (CONT'D)

RIC Update

The RIC committee has been finalized with 4 leaders - Steve Ruschill, Dennis Nelson, Laura Kamienski and Stephanie Christensen. A council liaison will be assigned to this team before the fall. The team will be facilitators and guide the conversations through the process using the distributed 9 guidelines, collect feedback and disseminate next steps. Team should begin meeting in late June.

Atonement Foundation

Curtis reported that 4 members of the Council team attended the Foundation meeting. Focused on increasing the giving to the fund, including estate planning and legacy giving. More to come over the coming months as team continues to solidify messaging.

Personnel

Pat reported that there still has been no interest in the Café position. Sunday café is covered through members, with Will ordering supplies as needed. Small groups will need to request access to the kitchen through Will as well.

New Members

Council members are reaching out to new members to welcome them to Atonement, offering support if they have questions or need information.

2023-24 Council Roles

Current Council needs to be thinking about liaison roles for the new council year. Will also need to fill the Executive Team positions – President, Vice President and Secretary. Each council members top 3 choices need to be completed in the next week.

Vicar Jordan

Jordan read a prepared statement to the Council that will also be mailed to the congregation, regarding herself and her future.

Opportunities to Engage

VBS is coming up between services in June. Boo has the volunteers needed to but would love to see more congregants engaging.

Closed with Lord's Prayer.

NEXT MEETINGS:

New Council Member Orientation – June 12th, 2023 in the Gathering Place

Executive Team – June 20th, 2023 at 6:00pm in Room 108

Full Council – June 27th, 2023 at 7:00pm in the Gathering Place

Respectfully submitted, Tina Boutelle

