

Council Meeting Minutes
Atonement Lutheran Church
June 9, 2008

Those present at 7:00 p.m.: Pastor Tom Jenkins, President Cindy Hanson, Helen Campeau, Virginia Cahow, Bob Kinney, Bryan Kleen, and Andrea Quanbeck.

Additional attendees from 7:45 p.m. on for AT&T cell phone presentation: Greg Hanson, Bruce Jahnke, Chris Cagle, Tom Sawyer, and Ken Nielsen from AT&T.

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by Council President Cindy Hanson.
2. Opening prayer/devotions: Cindy Hanson
3. Around the table—personal or committee items
 - a. Charitable Giving update (per Cindy Hanson): no questions for Council.
 - b. No Worship Committee update
 - c. Outreach Committee update (per Virginia Cahow):
 - Current members are Virginia Cahow and Bonnie Anderson; a third individual has expressed interest.
 - Question: Has the greeter responsibility been transferred to Worship Committee?
Action: Virginia Cahow will speak with Carol Hoiby re the status of greeter responsibility.
 - Questions were raised regarding training of greeters and the status of existing Visitors' pamphlet.
 - Virginia Cahow will serve as liaison to Outreach Committee
 - d. Education/Youth committees update:
 - Updated youth policy was turned in. Suggestion was made to contact Outreach Committee to play a role in contacting those youth defined as "no longer active." Education/youth policy will be returned to Education/Youth Committee with recommended changes
 - 13 youth are going to Camp Vermilion from July 20 to July 25, 2008.
 - Youth checkbook: Bob Kinney recommended that the handling of the Youth checkbook be modified so that the Church Treasurer has access to checkbook and there is transparency in the youth budget. Bob will talk to Royce about finding out how other congregations have handled this.
 - e. No Finance Committee update
 - f. No Stewardship Committee update
4. Previous Minutes Review: Bob Kinney made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Virginia Cahow seconded the motion; the motion passed. Minutes accepted as written.
5. Council summer schedule: Council will meet at 7:00 p.m. on July 14th and August 11th.

6. "Renew Congregation Mission" conference is scheduled October 9-12 in Green Lake.
7. Virginia Cahow was welcomed to Council as the new Council member.
8. Ken Nielsen's AT&T Cell Tower presentation was moved up in the agenda. Ken Nielsen of AT&T presented information and fielded questions regarding the construction of an AT&T cell phone tower on Atonement Lutheran Church property. After discussion, Council decided to schedule a Congregational Meeting for July 13, 2008 at 11:15 a.m. to allow the congregation to ask questions and vote on whether the Council should pursue negotiations with AT&T. Before the July 13th meeting, Council will decide whether Council will give any kind of recommendation at the July 13th meeting.
9. Pastor Tom's report
 - a. Midweek worship had 25 attending (Sunday worship had 71) and was a success.
 - b. Comments on stewardship and evangelism.
 - c. From August 3-9, Pastor Tom will be on vacation.
 - d. Question on Isaiah training in August.
 - e. For Continuing Education, there is a daylong "Prepare and Enrich" seminar.
 - f. Keep October 9-12 dates on calendar for Green Lake conference on common vision for congregation.
10. Faith Community Church:
 - a. Council needs to revisit Faith Community Church's contract with Atonement. An annual review of contract would be good. Contract review will be added as a future Council meeting agenda item.
 - b. There was discussion regarding the need for FCC to complete paperwork for Request for Space so there is no scheduling conflict.
11. Picnic and cantata were seen as good community-building.
12. Committee openings: There are still committee openings, including chairs of Education and Stewardship Committees.
13. Virginia Cahow made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bob Kinney seconded the motion. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. with prayer.

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Quanbeck, Council Secretary